

May 19, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Vincennes Community School Corporation was held on Monday, May 19, 2014, at 7:01 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Center. Those present were President Aaron Bauer, Vice President Pat Hutchison, Secretary Karla Smith, Members Lynne Bobe and Barbara Toole, and Superintendent Greg Parsley.

Aaron Bauer led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Barry Stone, Curriculum Director, advised that Edmentum, the software company we use our digital tools with for curriculum, has given us their “*Rock Star Award*”. This award recognizes outstanding schools and their inventive and effective uses of the full range of Edmentum learning solutions. With this award program they acknowledge deserving schools around the country that have made a significant difference in helping learners of all ages and needs succeed by using Edmentum’s online learning solutions.

However, Barry reported that Edmentum typically honors 10-12 schools per year for their efforts, but for the first time ever VCSC has been awarded a “*District Rock Star Award*”. They presented each building principal and the District Office with a Certificate and banner at the last Administrators’ meeting. In addition, we will be featured in their publication under “*Success Story*”.

Suzanne Corrona, K-5 Curriculum Coach, presented the yearly winners of the Accelerated Reader Awards to the following:

Jenna Gardner	Grade 4	Franklin Elementary	461.5 Points
Austin Tislow	Grade 5	Riley Elementary	361.9 Points *
Isabella Meier	Grade 5	Tec-Harrison Elementary	458.8 Points
Sierra Rasico	Grade 5	Vigo Elementary	300.4 Points
Jordan Soderling	Grade 8	Clark Middle School	618.0 Points **

* This is Austin’s second year in a row in winning this award

** This is Jordan’s sixth year in a row in winning this award

In addition, the *Nonte Reading Award* was presented to Jordan Soderling, which is his third year in a row of winning this award. Jordan’s name will be added to the perpetual plaque in the Administration Center Lobby. The *Nonte Reading Award* is named after Mr. Thomas F. Nonte, former teacher, principal, curriculum director and superintendent of VCSC. It was Mr. Nonte who was instrumental in starting the AR program and more so in honoring the talents of our young people for whom have a love and passion of reading.

Vigo Elementary School Principal Kelley Crowley, who is the IASP (Indiana Association of School Principals) President of District 11, which encompasses Southwestern Indiana, announced that Steve Combs has been selected as the District 11 Secondary Schools Principal of the Year. In addition, Susan Marchino has been selected as the District 11 Elementary Principal of the Year. These two principals will vie for the Indiana State Principals of the Year at their Fall meeting.

Mike Szady gave a presentation on the 4th *Annual Future Chefs Competition* recently held in the VCSC. Elementary school students learned about the importance of healthy eating while

honing their culinary skills in cooperation with education partner and Quality of Life service provider Sodexo. This was the 3rd year VCSC participated and is part of Sodexo's commitment to bolster communities by promoting well-being in support of achievement. It was created to get students to begin thinking about making healthy food choices in life while also encouraging them to get active and creative in the kitchen.

Thirteen elementary school students submitted healthy sandwich recipes and the seven best were selected to participate in the district-wide finals event. Finalists prepared and presented their creations to a panel of local chefs and dignitaries before being assessed on criteria including originality, taste, presentation, kid-friendliness and use of healthy ingredients.

The seven finalists and winners were:

Gold Medal	Jaxon Hunt, 3 rd Grade Vigo Elementary
Silver Medal	Aeryial Anderson, 4 th Grade Tecumseh-Harrison Elementary
Bronze Medal	Andrew Brown, 5 th Grade Riley Elementary

Honorable Mentions:

Ava Blochner, 3 rd Grade Tecumseh-Harrison Elementary
Brooklyn McLaughlin, 5 th Grade Vigo Elementary
Kyleigh Napier, 5 th Grade Franklin Elementary
Brianna Pinnick, 5 th Grade Franklin Elementary

Mr. Szady then shared information on the VCSC *Summer Meal Program*, where all children/students up to 18 years of age – regardless of where they live, what school they attend, etc. – can partake in a free warm meal during the summer days/months.

This program will take place at Clark Middle School, Riley Elementary, Tecumseh-Harrison Elementary, Vigo Elementary Schools, and the Washington Christian Center. Hours at the three elementary sites and WCC will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and at Clark Middle School from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. In addition to lunch, the Clark Middle School site will also feature breakfast from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. All children will eat free, but adults may partake in the program at a \$2.00 charge for their meal. The program begins on Monday, June 2nd, and will end on Friday, August 1st. The program will not operate on July 4th.

Mr. Szady advised they have expanded marketing of the program, with radio, TV, newspaper and other media coverage including flyers distributed around the community to encourage participation in the program.

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's recommendation of the following Consent Agenda items:

- A. Minutes of April 21, 2014 Meeting
- B. Claims 21250 – 21443
- C. Financial Statements
- D. Personnel

Retirements:

MarvaLee Tresslar	Franklin Grade 2 Teacher
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Resignations:

Cindy Stoelting	Tecumseh-Harrison Secretary – eff 6/2/14
Madison Bailey	VCSC Speech Pathologist Asst – eff 5/23/14
Suellen Nodine	Vigo KCSEC Multi-Category Aide – eff 5/23/14

Lacy Hill	Franklin Multi-Category Aide – eff 5/23/14
Haidee Corona	Tec-Harrison Day Care Aide – eff 1/17/14
Dimitra Nelson	Tec-Harrison Day Care Aide – eff 3/10/14
Andrew Wargel	Tec-Harrison Day Care Aide – eff 4/15/14
Kaitlyn LeGout	LHS Co-Cheer Coach – eff 5/23/14
Caleh Miller	CMS 6 th Grade Volleyball Coach – eff 5/23/14
Derrick Daniels	LHS Girls Asst. Soccer Coach – eff 5/8/14

Transfers:

NOTE: These positions are all effective beginning the 2014-2015 school year

Gretchen Bruner	Elementary Music Teacher to CMS/LHS Music/ Drama Teacher
Amy Mattison	Vigo Grade 1 Teacher to Vigo Kdgn Teacher
Christina Lange	Franklin Kdgn Teacher to Grade 2 Teacher
Holly Hampsch	Franklin Kdgn Teacher to Grade 2 Teacher
Morgan Whitson	Involuntary Transfer from Full-time Franklin Special Ed Teacher to Full-time 50/50 Split Special Ed Teacher between Franklin and Riley
Ashlee O'Dell	Tec-Harrison Special Ed Teacher from Part-time to Full-time Special Ed Teacher
Holly Bane	LHS Head Cheer Coach – From Co-Coach

Recommendations:

Kayla Lynn Talley	Vigo Classroom Aide – eff 5/12/14 replace B. Boyer
Abigail Setser	LHS Summer School Teacher – Algebra *
Levi Salters	LHS Summer School Teacher – Algebra *
Dakota Adcox	LHS Summer School Teacher – English *
Kim Prout	LHS Summer School Teacher – Credit Recovery *
Chad Tolliver	LHS Summer School Teacher – Physical Ed *
Matt Collins	LHS Summer School Teacher – Physical Ed *
Tod Held	LHS Summer School Teacher – Physical Ed *

* **NOTE:** Actual Enrollment numbers determine number of teachers

Susan Marchino	IREAD Summer School Administrator
Amber Soderling	IREAD Summer School Teacher
Amy Utt	IREAD Summer School Teacher
Amanda Orchard	KCSEC Functional Skills Summer School Teacher
Kaleigh Raney	KCSEC Functional Skills Summer School Assistant
Susan Sewell	Speech Pathologist Summer School Teacher
Stacey Foster	CMS 6 th Grade Volleyball Coach – replace C. Miller
Bill Brower	LHS Girls Varsity Soccer Coach – replace A. Goodwin
Erica Causey	LHS Girls Asst. Soccer Coach – replace D. Daniels

NOTE: The following positions are effective beginning the 2014-2015 School Year:

Erin Marie Stinson	VCSC Speech Language Pathologist
Kaitlyn LeGout	LHS Volunteer Cheer Coach

Leaves:

Melissa Schroeder	Tec-Harrison Grade 5 Teacher requests Personal Leave for the 2014-2015 School Year
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All other Leave Requests were approved as submitted.

Also approved under the Consent Agenda was Mr. Parsley's recommendation to hire Shirley Stangle for the new position of VCSC Daycare Coordinator. With expectations of principals and their day-to-day activities and requirements, it is becoming difficult for our elementary principals to manage their after school daycare programs. The program is 100% self-funded and there is a generous supply of funds available. Mrs. Stangle has served as the after school daycare

coordinator for Franklin Elementary for several years and is by far our strongest and this includes the necessary paperwork required for the program. In addition, the job that she does with programming is a model that needs to be taken to our other schools.

At present, Mrs. Stangle is paid \$10.65 an hour for four (4) hours per day. The recommendation approved taking her to a five and $\frac{3}{4}$ hour ($5\frac{3}{4}$) hours per day at a salary of \$11,000 for the school year. In addition to this, a daycare coordinator's stipend will be paid to her of \$4,000. Total paid out to Mrs. Stangle will be \$15,000.

Mrs. Stangle will be in charge of hiring for all the daycares, programming, financial reports, beginning of the year reporting, evaluations, etc. Mrs. Stangle will report to Ms. Kelley Crowley, who is our administrator-in-charge of the after school daycare program.

Also approved under the Consent Agenda was the following Administrative Contracts for the 2014-2015 school year:

Moving two of our present 11-month contract principals to that of 12-month employees. This includes Steve Combs, LHS Principal, and Ryan Clark, CMS Principal.

Mr. Combs would be paid an annual salary of \$86,905 and Mr. Clark will be paid a salary of \$83,335. Both will be entitled to the benefits of the 12-month employees, which include 20 vacation days. The rest of their benefits/benefit package remains unchanged. These changes will go into effect on July 1, 2014 and end on June 30, 2015.

In addition, Susan Marchino will move from that of a 196-day employee to that of a 201-day employee. This will place all four of our elementary principals on the same contract as it pertains to the number of days worked. Mrs. Marchino will be paid a salary of \$67,000. The rest of her contract remains intact, and more so, status quo. This change will be effective beginning on July 23, 2014.

Mr. Parsley recognized MarvaLee Tresslar and her 37 years of teaching in the VCSC. He also recognized Music Teacher Gretchen Bruner, who will be taking over a new job created for the Fine Arts Departments at Clark Middle and Lincoln High Schools. She will be the director of all musical presentations for these schools.

E. Donations

Squirrels, LLC (Jessica Chevalier)	\$150.00	Advertising Partner – <i>eLearning Conference</i>
Edmentum (Carl Lienhart)	\$150.00	Advertising Partner – <i>eLearning Conference</i>
School Reach (K. Jones)	\$150.00	Advertising Partner – <i>eLearning Conference</i>
Clark Academic Boosters	\$100.00	For CMS Scholarship Fund to purchase a laptop for a former CMS student who is an LHS graduating senior.
“Culturatti Kids”	Unknown	Donating approximately 20 used, but good books and some T-Shirts to VCSC via LHS Library. Organization works through retail fundraisers, and in this case our local WalMart, to donate items to school libraries. Items will be distributed throughout corporation.

F. Fundraiser Requests

LHS Volleyball Parent Booster Group requests permission to send out *Alumni & Friends Letter* June 26 through July 20, 2014, requesting donations to assist with Volleyball program expenses. Proceeds would be used to assist in purchasing equipment and meals for team.

LHS Volleyball Parent Booster Group requests permission to conduct a *Car Wash* on July 26, 2014. Proceeds will be used to assist in purchasing equipment and meals for the team.

LHS Girls Tennis Team requests permission to conduct *Blanket Sales* during the month of September 2014. Proceeds will be used to purchase tennis gear for players.

LHS Volleyball Team requests permission to conduct a *Playing for a Purpose* on September 22, 2014. All proceeds will go to Good Samaritan Hospital Cancer Account to assist cancer patients.

G. Use of Facilities Request

Duke Energy requests permission to use Board Room and two Conference Rooms in the VCSC Administration Building on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 20 and 21, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to conduct a *Duke Energy and Knox County Bond Meeting*.

LHS Dance Team requests permission to use Gymnasium at Riley Elementary School from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. on Monday through Thursday, June 2 through August 6, 2014 to practice for upcoming season.

LHS Dance Team requests permission to use Gymnasium at Lincoln High School on Friday, November 7, 2014 from 5:30 to 11:30 p.m. for a *Harlem Wizards Basketball Game*.

WIN Energy REMC requests permission to use LHS Ader Auditorium and Cafeteria on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to conduct an *Annual Meeting of Members*.

Greg Parsley opened a Public Hearing on the *Annual Performance Report*. This report is required by law and was published on April 20, 2014 in the *Vincennes Sun Commercial*. The APR looks at the corporation as a whole, in addition to the different school buildings with regard to enrollment, teacher salary, standardized test scores, graduation rate, expenses, etc. A comparison is provided as the APR examines three years at a time, or at least with what data is available to provide a comparison.

There being no questions or comments from those present, the Public Hearing was closed.

Discussion Items:

Barry Stone reported that we had submitted our yearly *Graduation Qualifying Exam Grant* application to the Indiana Department of Education in the amount of \$25,082.46. This grant is for staffing/programming remediation purposes for those students who need or require extra help with End of Course Assessment standardized tests for Algebra I and English 10 at Lincoln High School.

Barry Stone reported that we had submitted our yearly *Remediation and Preventive Remediation Program Grant* application to the Indiana Department of Education in the amount of \$13,841.10, of which VCSC will receive \$9,227.40 and VCSC provides a 50% match of

\$4,613.70 to meet the \$13,841.10 amount. These funds are to go towards that of programming, staffing, resources, etc. for those students who need and desire extra remediation as a result of ISTEP+ testing results. This includes programming throughout the school day, in addition to before and after school.

Barry Stone advised that VCSC had been successful in obtaining a grant for an *E-Learning Conference* this summer. This grant of \$16,000 will be used for \$7,500 for some well-known Keynote Speakers (coming from California and Virginia), \$3,000 for Spotlight Speakers, \$2,500 for Snagit Program for attendees, \$2,000 for supplies, printing, signage, and \$1,000 for travel. The Conference will be held at Clark Middle School on July 15 and 16, 2014. These E-Learning conferences are held throughout the state and Vincennes was chosen as one of the regional sites. As part of the program, Mrs. Glenda Ritz, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Indiana, will be the featured keynote speaker. She chose four sites to visit and ours is one of them. We will be able to share with her what our schools are doing and to show her our schools.

Over 100 VCSC employees have already registered and many more are expected to attend from outside the VCSC. The conference is free for VCSC employees, and there is a \$30 registration fee required for those outside of VCSC. Over 70 different breakout workshops are to be offered, in addition numerous technology suppliers and sponsors will be on hand.

Joe Keller, CMS/LHS Curriculum Coach gave some background on the conference, which he had never heard of until he was in his current position. He said this is the second year of the program to promote technology for teachers, administrators, students, etc. throughout the state of Indiana.

Workshops have been geared for specific areas of need: administrators, elementary, middle school, high school, and special education teachers, and technology employees. Workshops are two hours in length so teachers can learn about the technology they currently are using and how better they can utilize it in their curriculum/classroom.

These workshops are being held at 19 sites throughout the state and Vincennes was selected to hold a conference, which we have named *eWonderland*. All attendees will receive over 14 hours of Professional Growth Points at no cost. (Teachers must have a total of 90 PGPs to renew their licenses.) All attendees will receive a free copy of "Snagit", a screenshot program that captures video display and audio output. It is valued at over \$30.00. Lunch will be provided to all attendees. It is sure to be a successful learning experience providing educators with many beneficial technology tools to "empower the 21st Century".

Decision Items:

By unanimous vote the board approved Steve Combs request to assess a \$10 fee for LHS summer school to cover costs of materials, supplies, equipment, etc. for those in attendance. Summer School teaching recommendations were made in the "Personnel" section under the Consent Items, which will be based on enrollment.

By unanimous vote the board approved the 2014-2015 Textbook Rental Charges as recommended by Barry Stone.

Mr. Stone explained that the Textbook Adoption Cycles are gone and are no longer in use by Indiana Department of Education. Our goal of transferring from textbooks to technology is to be

accomplished within the next three to five years with the purchase of Netbooks/and or Chromebooks to reach a 1 to 1 technology environment.

With that in mind, Mr. Stone recommended we add devices at Grades 4 & 5, which would bring us to devices for all K-5 students. As we eliminate the use of textbooks and go to devices, the rental charge will level off over time. Therefore, the Textbook Rental Charges for K-5 is recommended as follows:

Grade Kdgn	\$114.49	Grade 3	\$130.04
Grade 1	\$135.48	Grade 4	\$134.27
Grade 2	\$124.47	Grade 5	\$134.62

Mr. Stone also recommended that we begin the 1:1 movement of devices for Clark Middle School. We will begin with 250 Chromebooks in 2014 for the English/Language Arts classrooms. Year Two would be the addition of 180 Chromebooks for Math Classrooms, and Year Three would be the addition of 175 Chromebooks to reach the 1:1 device environment.

Based on that the recommended Basic Textbook Rental Charges for Clark Middle School for 2014-2015 would be the following:

Grade 6	\$160.10	Grade 8	\$132.27
Grade 7	\$144.09		

Students taking any of the electives (Choir, Band, Music, FACS, PLTW, Art II, or Health) would also be charged a Textbook Rental Fee based on textbooks or materials required for those classes.

For Lincoln High School the recommended Textbook Rental Charge will only change with the devices used and the addition of drama courses. Freshmen will be getting Chromebooks with a solid case instead of iPads. The cost of this will go from \$94.26 per year to \$86.92 per year, which includes management, device, case, and needed apps. Additions of materials and fees for certain classes and items would also be assessed.

By unanimous vote the board approved Mr. Parsley's recommendation to partner with SIEC (Southern Indiana Education Center) to hold a summer school program to provide educational opportunities to Migrant Students at Clark Middle School. These children will be coming into the Vincennes area with their parents as they work in different capacities of the agriculture industry in Knox County. SIEC has been awarded a significant grant with which to provide this programming throughout the summer.

VCSC is one of three sites for the SIEC grant. Other Migrant Schools will include that of a mobile classroom in the Oaktown area, in addition to the utilization of classrooms in the Washington Community School Corporation. Previously, Princeton was also awarded a site, however, this site is going to move into the Vincennes operation.

Teachers who have the classification of Spanish and/or ELL (English Learning Language) are eligible to teach in the program at \$50 per hour. They have been chosen and will be paid by SIEC. They will also pay a stipend to have an "Administrator on Site", which will be Ryan Clark.

VCSC will receive \$18,000 from SIEC for the use of our building (CMS), in addition to other costs incurred. The program will run eight (8) hours per day from June 2 through August 1, 2014. Students will be offered breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack through the partnership

with Mike Szady and Sodexo. Money will also be provided for transportation of these students, possibly in contract with SIEC and our transportation contractors, P.W.Mischler and Randy Armes.

It is anticipated that 45 to 50 students will be offered programming for the Migrant School this summer.

All board members congratulated VCSC on the Edmentum *District Rock Star Award*, stating it's good that we have the technology for all the students, but equally fantastic is that we know how to use the technology to educate our students.

They all congratulated the AR Award winners, noting that in his VCSC reading career Jordan has won the award the past six years and he has read a total of 1,489 books, amassed a total of 6,726 points, and read an outstanding 47,915,011 words during that time.

The board also congratulated the two *Principals of the Year* from our corporation, noting their outstanding accomplishments. They thanked and congratulated the "Future Chefs" for their accomplishments and all are waiting to see what awaits them in the hall.

They acknowledged and thanked Gretchen Bruner for all the work she is and will be doing and congratulated her on the wonderful "80's Show" recently performed. They are looking for great things from her in the future.

All are very excited about the upcoming AliceE Learning *eWonderland Conference* to take place in July. If possible some board members may try to attend some of the activities.

Everyone was reminded that LHS graduation will take place this Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. with a small class of 166 graduates.

Mr. Parsley advised everyone that there is some work being done at Inman Field, including removal of the track, new locker room facilities for the Alices, tuckpointing of the existing Fieldhouse (will be that of the visitor's locker room), new fencing, and possible new pressbox. The work is in large part being done thanks to the approval of the 2014 Capital Projects Fund in which monies were receipted into the fund to help with the athletic facilities. Cost overruns will come from the Rainy Day Fund. It is far more cost advantageous for the VCSC to look at upgrades at Inman as opposed to constructing a new facility at the high school. This is especially considering that the DLGF (Department of Local Government and Finance) did approve some monies to be receipted into the 2014 budget for the purpose of athletic upgrades.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Aaron M. Bauer, President

Karla A. Smith, Secretary