

August 22, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Vincennes Community School Corporation was held on Monday evening, August 22, 2016, in the Board Room of the VCSC Administration Center. Those present were President Karla Smith, Vice President Barb Toole, Secretary Lynne Bobe, Treasurer Aaron Bauer and Superintendent Greg Parsley. Board Member Pat Hutchison was absent.

Mrs. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. She then asked if anyone wished to address the board with questions and/or concerns. There being none the meeting continued.

Chris Roberts, Project Manager with Garmong Construction, gave an update on the *Elementary Renovation Projects*. He reported they are finishing up the inside of Riley Elementary, with painting being done now and should be completed within the next two weeks. He stated window installation would then begin.

Mr. Roberts stated window installation is in process at Vigo Elementary, to be completed mid-September, as will the bus loop construction off 15th Street. They will begin roofing the third week of September.

Regarding Tecumseh-Harrison Elementary, Mr. Roberts stated they were in the process of running the utilities – sewer and water - along Eberwine Street, but are waiting for Duke Energy to vacate area of gas lines. He reported the windows are currently being installed, with completion at the end of September. He stated they would begin roofing in mid-September.

Mr. Roberts stated window installation at Franklin Elementary should be complete in mid-September. He stated site work is continuing and they plan to start paving during Fall Break, and roofing would begin the first week of October on the “newer” building. He assured Mr. Bauer the main building structure is intact.

By unanimous 4-0 vote, after proper Motion and Second, the board approved Mr. Parsley’s recommendation for the following Consent Agenda items:

- A. Minutes of July 25, 2016 Meeting
- B. Claims 26581 – 26919
- C. Financial Statements
- D. Personnel

Resignations:

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| Nikki J. Monroe | CMS Special Ed Teacher – eff 8/19/16 |
| Kendra B. Jones | Tec-Harrison Title 1 Acad Spec – eff 7/2/16 |
| Mindy L. Jenkins | Vigo Title 1 Aide – eff 7/27/16 |
| Lisa L. Higgins | Franklin KCSEC Life Skills Aide – eff 8/2/16 |
| Taylor N. Wieling | Vigo Grade 4 Classroom Aide – eff 7/29/16 |
| Shakaja “KK” Gersbacher | Franklin Gr 1 Classroom Aide – eff 8/19/16 |
| Tim Hutchison | CMS AM Safety Coordinator – eff 7/28/16 |
| Mollie Ewing | CMS Grade 6 Volleyball Coach – eff 8/8/16 |

Transfers:

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| Rosemarie Woolard | LHS KCSEC Life Skills Aide to Franklin KCSEC Life Skills Aide at 20% and General Fund Aide at 80%, Full Time – eff 8/4/16 |
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Tanya Stoll's Community Service Class at LHS would like to conduct a "Tug of War" fundraiser around Homecoming time. Teams would pay an entry fee to compete against each other for a chance to go against the fire and/or police department. Proceeds would be used for upcoming needs brought to the class.

Tanya Stoll's Community Service Class at LHS would like to conduct a "Puppy Chow Sales" on dates to be determined. Proceeds would be used for upcoming needs for school and community.

Holly Morrison's Life Skills class at LHS would like to conduct a "Pop Around the Clock" Fundraiser from Monday, September 12th, through Friday, September 23, 2016. Students will sell the flavored popcorn and all proceeds will be used to support their Community-Based Instruction Program by buying supplies, i.e. arts/ crafts, cooking, etc., for classroom activities.

Tanya Stoll's Community Service Class at LHS would like to conduct a "50/50 Raffle" Tuesday, September 20th, through Friday, September 23, 2016. All proceeds will be used to make Teacher/Faculty Appreciation Baskets/Gifts.

LHS Dance Team would like to hold a "Homecoming Dance" on Saturday, September 24, 2016. Proceeds from the ticket sales will be used toward competition expenses and costumes.

G. Use of Facilities Requests

Franklin Elementary Cub Scout Pack 270 is requesting to use the Gymnasium and Cafeteria at Franklin Elementary every Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. commencing August 30, 2016 through May 23, 2017 to hold their meetings.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There were no Discussion Items for this meeting.

DECISION ITEMS:

By unanimous 4-0 vote, after proper Motion and Second, the board approved Mr. Parsley's request to advertise the 2017 Budget. Funds will be advertised as follows:

| <u>FUND</u> | <u>BUDGET ESTIMATE</u> | <u>MAXIMUM EST. FUNDS</u> | <u>TAX RATE</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| General | \$19,950,567 | | |
| Debt Service | \$ 4,721,205 | \$ 4,995,578 | 0.7993 |
| Retirement/Severance | \$ 234,672 | \$ 349,413 | 0.0559 |
| Capital Projects | \$ 3,277,111 | \$ 4,759,448 | 0.7615 |
| Transportation | \$ 1,593,790 | \$ 2,163,478 | 0.3462 |
| Bus Replacement | \$ 555,000 | \$ 615,044 | 0.0984 |
| Rainy Day | \$ 2,500,000 | | |
| TOTALS | \$32,832,345 | \$12,882,961 | 2.0613 |

As a comparison, last year we advertised as follows for the 2016 Budget:

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| | \$30,704,686 | \$11,537,765 | 2.0065 |
| FINAL TOTAL TAX RATE | | | 1.2843 |

In addition, the 2017 Budget was worked with an Assessed Valuation (AV) of an estimated \$625,000,000. The DLGF will certify this and likely a higher number will come in February 2017. The higher the AV equals a lower tax rate. Following is a listing of previous AVs:

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>ASSESSED VALUATION</u> |
|-------------|---|
| 2009-10 | \$555,090,522 |
| 2010-11 | \$555,090,522 |
| 2011-12 | \$656,105,741 |
| 2012-13 | \$708,819,349 |
| 2013-14 | \$652,651,245 |
| 2014-15 | \$699,255,484 |
| 2015-16 | \$710,473,723 |
| 2016-17 | \$625,000,000 (Amount 2017 Budget worked) |

As a point of illustration of Assessed Valuation and Tax Rate, the following is provided:

| <u>FUND</u> | <u>525M AV</u> | <u>575M AV</u> | <u>675M AV</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Debt Fund | 0.953 | 0.8702 | 0.7412 |
| Pension Debt | 0.0665 | 0.0607 | 0.0517 |
| Capital Projects Fund | 0.9065 | 0.9065 | 0.7051 |
| Transportation | 0.412 | 0.412 | 0.3205 |
| Bus Replacement | 0.1171 | 0.1171 | 0.0911 |
| TOTAL TAX RATE | 2.4551 | 2.3665 | 1.9096 |

As the 2017 Tax Rate is being advertised at an exorbitantly high number, the following indicates what a more realistic tax rate or schedule will likely look like:

REALISTIC TAX RATE FOR FUNDS

| <u>FUND</u> | <u>TAX RATE</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Debt Fund | 0.8000 |
| Pension Fund | Neutralized |
| Capital Projects Fund | 0.27 |
| Transportation Fund | 0.165 |
| Bus Replacement Fund | 0.0185 |
| TOTAL | 1.2535 |

By unanimous 4-0 vote, after proper Motion and Second, the board approved Assistant Principal Josh Thompson's request to again offer an *Alternative to Expulsion Program (ATE)* at Lincoln High School for the 2016-2017 school year. This program allows for certain students who have met required criteria to complete course work in the alternative setting through Alice Academy software in lieu of expulsion. It allows students to continue to earn their high school diploma but outside what is considered a traditional school day. The program would be held on Monday evenings from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., beginning on September 12th, with Alice Academy teacher Kim Prout conducting the program. He will be paid via time cards and at his regular hourly rate.

By a unanimous 4-0 vote, upon proper Motion and Second, the board approved Mr. Parsley's request to submit the VCSC Title III Grant Application through the Southern Indiana Education Center (SIEC) consortium in the amount of \$1,925.04 for our English Language Learners population.

By unanimous 4-0 vote, after proper Motion and Second, the board approved Mr. Parsley's recommendation to continue with the KCARC and VCSC Preschool Transportation Agreement for the 2016-2017 school year. VCSC will again pay \$1,600 per special needs child ages three to five. This annual agreement of \$1,600 per child has remained the same for the last three years.

By unanimous 4-0 vote, upon proper Motion and Second, the board approved Mr. Parsley's recommendation for the following *Tax Neutrality Resolution*:

TAX NEUTRALITY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, IC20-5-4-1.7 requires the School Corporation to reduce the levy for one or more of its funds in 2017 by an amount equal to the levy for debt service on its Taxable General obligation Pension bonds of 2004; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Vincennes Community School Corporation that the maximum levy for the Transportation Fund for the year 2017 be reduced by the amount of the levy for its Severance / Pension Debt Service Fund allowable to the Taxable General Obligation Pension Bonds of 2004.

Passed and adopted this 22nd day of August, 2016

President, Karla A. Smith

Vice President, Barbara L. Toole

Secretary, Lynne M. Bobe

Member, Patrick P. Hutchison

Member, Aaron M. Bauer

All board members welcomed Briana Alford and all the other new staff members to VCSC. Mr. Bauer reported the AV was up, which will look good for our budget, and with enrollment numbers up we are looking forward to an exciting school year.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Toole reported their favorite past time now is driving around and looking at all the work that is being done on the elementary schools. They commended staff and administrators for their assistance in some of the glitches that have occurred and that it is good to see such enthusiasm out in the community.

Mrs. Smith reported that just today during their tour of the buildings she, Mrs. Bobe and Mr. Parsley were met by a gentleman driving around who wanted to extend his thanks to VCSC for the investment we are making in keeping the neighborhood schools and increasing values in the neighborhood with all the renovations. This shows that not only the VCSC staff but the community as a whole are very excited about the renovations and are showing their interest by "touring" around the buildings.

Everyone is looking forward to an exciting 2016-2017 school year.

There being no further business, and with a unanimous 4-0 vote, upon proper Motion and Second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Karla A. Smith, President

Lynne M. Bobe, Secretary