

September 16, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Vincennes Community School Corporation was held at 7:01 p.m. Monday, September 16, 2013, in the Board Room of the Administration Center. Those present were President Lynne Bobe, Vice President Aaron Bauer, Secretary Pat Hutchison, Members Karla Smith and Barb Toole, and Superintendent Greg Parsley.

Lynne Bobe led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Principal Steve Combs of Lincoln High School announced that his certified employee of the month is second year Spanish Teacher Kaitlyn LeGout. Kaitlyn is teaching all four levels of Spanish and is known for teaching conversational Spanish to the teachers in the elementary schools. She is a class sponsor and a cheer coach. She has tremendous enthusiasm and brings a great deal of knowledge to the Foreign Language Department. She was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to illness.

Principal Kelley Crowley of Vigo Elementary School announced that the non-certified employee of the month from her building is School Nurse Sara Schutz. Kelley stated Sara started her career with VCSC while still in high school by serving as a day care aide at Franklin Elementary, and continuing while she earned her degree. Sara joined Vigo when the prior nurse retired. Kelley stated Sara has a very vivacious personality and is very meticulous when it comes to her desk, her room, her closet, her drawers, her restrooms and her paperwork. She is calm and cool in a crisis when dealing with the students. She is a team player, always helping out when and where she can and is missed any time she is away from the building. Kelley said one of the traits she admires is her great sense of humor.

Sara thanked everyone for this honor and also introduced members of her family in attendance.

Greg Parsley stated we have not previously recognized a Corporation Staff Member of the Month, but when you look at all the things Food Service Director Mike Szady has done for the corporation he is to be commended. Just this past summer he was instrumental in the summer food service program we had at the elementary schools. His involvement in KETA and now with Kelley Crowley and Vigo Elementary School and their outdoor garden project speaks well of his involvement with VCSC that has been tremendous.

Although these are only the recent activities Mike has been involved in, there is much more he has been involved with and we are very appreciative of all he has done and is doing right now.

Mike thanked everyone and stated that Sodexo appreciates the partnership with VCSC and for being treated as part of the corporation

By unanimous vote the approved Greg Parsley's recommendation for the following Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Minutes of August 19, 2013 Meeting
- B. Claims 19713 – 19872
- C. Financial Statements
- D. Personnel

Resignations:

Eric Mikiska
Chelsea Qualls

LHS Math/Science Teacher – Eff 9/20/13
Riley Day Care Aide – Eff 9/13/13

Jackie Cochran
Haley Lancaster
Gretchen Bruner
Jeanne Heiden
Carly Tibbs
Cindy Pagan
David M. Hill

Bus Aide – Eff 9/11/13
LHS Spring Musical Director – ½
LHS Spring Musical Director – ½
CMS Yearbook Sponsor
LHS Student Council Sponsor – 100%
Franklin Breakfast Supervisor
CMS 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

Transfers:

Kelly Shults
Zach Lane

Tec-Harrison Title 1 Aide from Riley Classroom Aide
CMS 7th Grade to 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

Recommendations:

John “Gabe” Skinner
Jean D. Campbell
Angela “Angie” D. Fisher
Sandra “Sandy” Lea Noble
Heather “Nikki” Oakley
Dimitra Latrice Nelson
Haidee B. Corona
Jordan Ann Wilson
N. Danielle “Dani” Hunckler
Kennedy Ann Rivera
Erika Shepard
Carly Tibbs
Shea Duke
Jama Lange
Jon David Litherland
Gretchen Bruner
Wendy Smith
Chris Clements
Kyela Jones
Matthew Houchin
Megan Eck
Tyler Kyle Smith
Teresa “Terry” B. Cupp
Kamrick E. Holding
Susan K. Short
Susan Sewell
Brandi Brown
Jill Ballinger

Franklin Gr 4 Teacher from Part-time to Full-time
LHS iTac/Transition Aide
Franklin Kindergarten Aide
Riley Grade 3 Classroom Aide
Franklin Title 1 Reading Lab Aide
Tec-Harrison Day Care Aide
Tec-Harrison Day Care Aide
Tec-Harrison Day Care Aide
Riley Day Care Aide
Riley Day Care Aide – Paid by Special Ed Grant
LHS Project XL (Excel) Sponsor
LHS Student Council Sponsor – 1/3%
LHS Student Council Sponsor – 1/3%
LHS Student Council Sponsor – 1/3%
LHS Junior Class Concessionaire
LHS Spring Musical Director – 100%
CMS Yearbook Sponsor
Franklin Breakfast Supervisor
LHS After School Detention Monitor
CMS 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
CMS 6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach Volunteer
LHS Volunteer Choir Choreographer
LHS Volunteer Choir Choreographer
LHS Volunteer Band Drum Line Staff Member
\$250 Stipend for Speech Support 2012-13 yr-Pd by Grant
\$500 Stipend for Speech Support 2012-13 yr-Pd by Grant
\$700 Stipend for Speech Support 2012-13 yr-Pd by Grant
\$368 Stipend for 2013 Summer Volleyball Conditioning

Leaves:

Andrea Turner

Franklin Grade 3 Teacher – Maternity Leave from
9/30 through 11/24/13

Molly Battles

Franklin Grade 2 Teacher – Maternity Leave from
10/23 through 11/17/13

Susan Short

Speech/Language Pathologist – Medical Leave from
10/7/13 for 6 to 12 weeks

Brandi Brown

Speech/Language Pathologist – Maternity Leave from
3/10 through 5/2/14

All other Leave Requests were approved as submitted.

Mr. Parsley pointed out to the board that among the list of resignations was that of LHS Science Teacher Erik Mikiska. He stated that Eric had just received new three-year orders transferring him

to the Indianapolis area. Greg stated Eric was a great addition to the LHS staff and would be greatly missed.

E. Administrative & Non-Certified Contracts

The following administrative contracts were renewed:

Ms. Kelley Crowley	2013-14 and 2014-15 School Years
Mrs. Susan Marchino	2013-14 and 2014 -15 School Year
Mr. Steve Combs	2014-15 School Year
Mr. Dave Hill	2014-15 School Year

It should be noted that Jono Connor, Melissa Pancake and Jeff Hein are all under contract through the 2014-15 school year. Mr. Richard Rutherford and Mr. Ryan Clark are under contract through the end of this school year.

Building administrators (includes principals, assistant principals and Dean's) and central office administrators (superintendent, curriculum director, business manager, as well as the two curriculum coaches, technology coordinator, and middle school and high school counselors, were given a 3.1% increase to reflect what certified staff received.

Also included with the administrative raises is that of Mrs. Sandra Lange. The Board of Directors to the Knox County Special Education Cooperative has approved a 3.5% increase to the director's position. This is as a result of the VCSC being the LEA for the KCSEC. The Board of Directors, which consists of the superintendents from the three county public schools, agreed to this at their last Board meeting.

The transportation director received an increase in her stipend from \$15,300 to \$18,500. The director will also be given the option of moving her health insurance to a high deductible plan (HSA) with VCSC making the maximum IRS contribution. This would be a cost to the VCSC of \$300 if she were to choose to do this.

A 2% raise was given to all of our non-certified staff. This includes the JROTC instructors, the School Resource Officer, and the Alice Academy teacher.

Increase in pay from \$23,580 to \$26,000 for Mrs. Tammy Cox, accounts payable and VCSC sub caller, was also approved.

The secretary's position at Riley Elementary School will go from a seven (7) hour position to that of seven and half (7 ½) to be consistent with the other secretarial positions in the buildings. This position has been different for some time, yet the office at Riley is open as long during the school day as that of the other buildings.

Also, Greg has worked with Sodexo from both the Food Service and Custodial/Grounds/Maintenance areas to ensure that our Sodexo employees will also receive a two (2) percent increase.

In addition, the following Merit Pay Systems for Building Administrators was approved:

A. All School's

1. Completion of Personal Goals Provided to the Superintendent (Stipend) [\$250]
2. Attendance Rate at or above 95% (Stipend) [\$500]
3. Positive Change in Letter Grade (Stipend) [\$1,000]
4. Highly Effective Evaluation (Stipend) [\$1,000]

B. Elementary/Middle Schools (ISTEP+)

1. Anything 3% correlated as an increase in mathematics and/or Language Arts: each or total of (Stipend) [\$500 each or a maximum of \$1,000]

C. High School (ECA)

1. Anything 3% correlated as an increase in mathematics and/or Language Arts: each or total of (Stipend) [\$500 each or a maximum of \$1,000]
2. Graduation Rate Increase by 2%+ [\$500]

D. Assistant Principal's and Dean's will also benefit with the exception of the Completion of Personal Goals and the Highly Effective Evaluation at half the incentive of the lead building administrator.

E. Curriculum Coaches also apply to the incentive pay structure and benefit in the following manner:

1. Increase overall of 3% increase in ISTEP+/ECA [\$750]
2. I-READ at 90% or above overall for the VCSC [\$250] (K-5 Curriculum Coach)
3. Graduation Rate at 85% or above [\$250] (6-12 Curriculum Coach)

The following is an updated pay schedule and cost projection

Building	Position	2012-13 Max Incent.	2013-2014 Max Incent.
LHS	Principal	\$6,500.00	\$4,250.00
LHS	Ass't Princ.	\$4,000.00	\$1,500.00
LHS	Dean	\$4,000.00	\$1,500.00
CMS	Principal	\$5,500.00	\$3,750.00
CMS	Ass't Princ.	\$3,000.00	\$1,250.00
CMS	Dean		\$1,250.00
Elem.	CC		\$1,000.00
MS/HS	CC		\$1,000.00
Riley	Principal	\$5,500.00	\$3,750.00
Franklin	Principal	\$5,500.00	\$3,750.00
Tecumseh	Principal	\$5,500.00	\$3,750.00
Vigo	Principal	<u>\$5,500.00</u>	<u>\$3,750.00</u>
TOTAL that could be paid out:		\$45,000.00	\$30,500.00

F. Donations

Ray Chattin	\$200.00	Treated lumber for construction of
Chattin Brothers Hardwoods		vegetable bins at Vigo Elementary

G. Field Trip Requests

1SG Henning requests permission to take JROTC students to Henderson County High School, Henderson, Kentucky, on Saturday, October 26, 2013, for a *Drill and Color Guard* performance.

Jason King requests permission to take LHS Jazz Band to Kings Island in Mason, Ohio from Friday, April 25 through Sunday, April 27, 2014 to perform in a *Jazz Competition* and to visit Kings Island Park.

H. Fundraiser Requests

Ashley Fish and CMS Cheerleaders request permission to conduct a *Yankee Candle Fundraiser* from Monday, September 9 through Monday, September 23, 2013 to raise funds to purchase new uniforms.

Carly Tibbs and LHS Student Council request permission to conduct "*Go Big Green*" *Bracelet Sales* from Tuesday, September 17 through Thursday, October 17, 2013. Proceeds will be used to help pay for homecoming as well as other IASC functions throughout the year.

Carly Tibbs and LHS Student Council request permission to conduct "*Hat Day*" on Friday, September 20, 2013. Proceeds will be used to pay for homecoming expenses.

Kaitlyn LeGout and Jama Lange and the LHS Junior Class of 2015 request permission to sell *Homecoming T-Shirts* in September and October 2013, when shirts arrive. Proceeds will be used for building homecoming float.

I. Use of Facilities Requests

Girl Scouts of America request permission to use the Riley Elementary Gymnasium every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for *Scout Meetings*.

LHS Dance Team request permission to use Adams Coliseum on Saturday, October 5, 2013, from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m., for a *High School Student Dance*.

Greg Parsley opened a Public Hearing to outline the bid process for the five downtown parking/surface lots, which VCSC owns. Our attorney, Andrew Porter, has had all five of the tracks appraised by two separate certified independent appraisers – Mr. Ben Hopkins and Mr. Jeff Laskey. The lots VCSC is prepared to sell at the present and their appraised value is as follow:

	Address	Hopkins Appraisal	Laskey Appraisal
Tract #1	235 N. 5 th Street	\$22,000	\$21,000
Tract #2	511 Buntin Street	\$8,000	\$7,000
Tract #3	504 Perry Street	\$18,000	\$16,000
Tract #4	411 N. 5 th Street	\$12,000	\$11,000
Tract #5	421 N. 5 th Street	\$33,000	\$33,000

Provided there are no objections, VCSC will begin the process of publicly listing the properties with the *Vincennes Sun Commercial*. Bids will begin being received on September 26, 2013 and the bids will close at 4:15 p.m. on October 9, 2013.

The bid opening will also take place on October 9, 2013 at 4:15 p.m. Bids will be receipted in and actual bid opening will take place at the VCSC Administration Building at 1712 S. Quail Run Road.

Successful bids will be awarded at the October 21, 2013 Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln High School.

VCSC reserves the right to reject all bids and retain all properties should the VCSC not be happy with the bids. The VCSC also reserves the right to award the winning bid to the best bidder.

There being no comments or objections the Public Hearing was then closed.

Andy Myszak of Myszak + Palmer Architects gave an update on their downtown project, Clark's Crossing, which includes the former Clark Middle School, former Administration Building and Adams Coliseum. Andy has been working with the Indianapolis firm of Flaherty and Collins, who have partnered with him for the project.

Andy reported they are on schedule and everything is moving forward and they are going through their "due diligence" process right now. He stated they have on board their equity investor, who is Alliance Capital of Woodland Hills, California, and J.P. Morgan Chase will be the lender for the bridge/construction loan.

Andy stated there will be 47 units in the housing project and they have gone to the state Historical Board with reference to the windows and will proceed with their requirements to obtain historic tax credits. They are also obtaining rental tax credits, Indiana Housing Home Funds, and Indiana Housing Development Loan Funds.

Andy reported they are going through state and national levels on historical review and have received local historical review approval. Last week a variance was received from the fire marshal so the facility can be a fully sprinklered fire suppression system. By doing this they will be able to keep all the wooden doors and transoms throughout the building.

The former Administration building will also be very energy efficient, and will be on target to receive the National Association of Home Builders Green Built Silver designation. The residents, therefore, will have very low utility bills.

Andy stated they are currently working through the construction documents and getting them finalized. They are also getting prices on various items and putting those together. He advised he has been working with Mr. Parsley on scheduling the demolition of the former Clark Middle School, looking at lease agreements on the parking/surface lots, including the one for Adams Coliseum. They are looking at an October or November closing date, with construction starting late November or early December. They will be working on the former Administration building and Adams Coliseum at the same time.

When asked what was going to happen to the tunnel, Andy advised that it would be closed off and filled in under Sixth Street. It is primarily a security concern.

When asked to briefly explain revised plans for the Coliseum, Andy stated in speaking with the state historic preservationist they have to keep the current steel windows. What they are proposing is to clean, scrape, and paint the windows, put in new glass panes and interior storm windows for energy efficiency.

They are planning to redo the roof, add air-conditioning, take off suspended tile over the basketball court, and spraying the trusses. They are also looking at a warming kitchen to be placed on the 7th Street side with ranges, dishwashers, sinks, and cabinetry for use by those wanting to use the facility. The seating would remain the same.

Andy stated they have approximately \$1½ million dollars to upgrade the facility and they will take that as far as they can. This fund is separate from the residency fund so they would not be able to take from the renovation fund for the residency project.

Andy also stated that VCSC would enter into a guaranteed construction contract with Flaherty and Collins in the demolition of the old Clark Middle School and VCSC would not be held liable for any cost overruns.

Andy reported that they have agreed to open up the three properties for two hours after the Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 4th. The community will be urged to come out and take one last look at these properties.

Andy assured board members that everything was going well and from a financial standpoint no problems have surfaced and he sees no issues arising.

Jeff Qualkinbush, attorney with Barnes and Thornburgh gave a presentation regarding the successful 2013 QZAB application and several items relating to the upcoming projects at Lincoln High School. He stated we were approved for a \$2M Academy Bond and this would be used for the HVAC and lighting projects at the school. Once these bonds are issued, the holder would receive a tax credit on their federal income tax.

Jeff advised we need board approval of issuance of general obligation bonds to finance the remaining cost of the LHS project.

Jeff stated these would be either no interest or low interest bonds. Since they would be issued for a short financing, the hope is that an investor would obtain these bonds at no interest. This would allow the HVAC to be done in 2014 and the other projects in 2015.

Jeff further explained that the QZAB would pay off in six years in 2019, the general obligation bonds would pay off in five years in 2018 and the 2014 corporation bonds has the shortest payoff of four years and would pay off mid-2014. The first lease rental payment in June 2014 is only an interest payment of approximately \$3,000 for a trustee payment

Jeff went through the process that needs to be completed and what the board would need to approve. One of the items is the amendment to the current lease of the LHS building. Jeff stated this would be the fifth amendment since 1985. He stated there had been some restructuring and refinancing of the original transaction. Those bonds are scheduled for payoff in 2016. The new bonds would then come on and be paid off in 2019. As repayment of these bonds would not begin until the old ones are paid off there would be no tax impact to residents. The bonds would be issued in 2013 and 2014 six months prior to when proceeds needed.

Any funds remaining in the LHS Building Corporation would be used to pay off the shareholders, costs associated with the dissolution of the corporation, and be used for the renovations and upgrades at the high school over a two-year span, with some done in the summer of 2014 and the remaining in summer of 2015.

Jeff has also been working with the LHS Building Corporation so as to gauge their interest in continuing as a group after the high school is paid off in January 2016. They have indicated they did not want to stay on past the completion of the current bond issuance. The high school building corporation members will get together to make a determination and will advise Jeff. If an assignment were to take place, it would be done before the issuance of the bonds.

Mr. Parsley stated he has had brief, informal discussions with members of the CMS Building Corporation in possibly transferring/assigning it to them and they are amenable to doing that.

Jeff's concern is that the members of the LHS Building Corporation are spread throughout the country, with one deceased member, while the CMS Building Corporation is comprised of local members with kids in our system, and they would be readily available. That means the bonds would be issued under one umbrella organization and we would not have to look elsewhere for another building corporation. In addition, the LHS Building Corporation must meet annually, but since they are under different rules, the CSM Building Corporation does not need to, but believes they would be more involved with needs of VCSC.

As to the monies currently left in the LHS Building Corporation account, they would transfer over to the new building corporation indenture. The corporation would then be able to access those funds for the projects coming up and would reduce the amount of funds needed, thereby passing the savings on to the taxing community.

One of the items needing approval by board is the one-time payment for the 2013 bond issue of \$1,863,000. Prior to that there will be an approximate \$90,000 payment for 2017 and 2018 one-time payment on the zero interest bond.

For the 2014 and 2015 projects, there would be payments of \$1,034,000 and \$1,025,000. As VCSC will be doing a guaranteed savings contract, no architect would be needed, thus saving VCSC any additional costs.

Once the lease amendment is approved, we would publish a notice of a public hearing on the lease amendment and then at the October 21st Board Meeting the community could speak towards these two projects, confirm the lease and then move forward with the first financing by the end of this year.

Jeff stated the next resolution is since this will be involving public work projects we need a Common Construction Wage Committee. The Board appoints two members to that committee, the county commissioners would appoint a third member, and the state notifies the AFL-CIO and the Associated Builders and Contractors Agency and they make the final two appointments. That meeting will be some time in October on a date set by the Department of Labor. This committee sets the minimum rates that can be paid for certain category of workers on these projects.

Greg Parsley then requested that the Board approve the Lease Amendment and to make two appointments to the Common Construction Wage Board. He stated that the Knox County Commissioners just this evening appointed Jeff Cunningham to the committee. As to the VCSC's Board appointments, he believes Board Secretary Pat Hutchison was appointed to the committee in January 2013, but asked that he be reappointed. He also asked that Jerry Booe be appointed as well, as Mr. Booe has historically been the VCSC representative to the Common Wage Board.

By unanimous vote the board approved Mr. Parsley's request to approve the Lease Amendment and to appoint Pat Hutchison and Jerry Booe to the Common Wage Board.

Steve Combs requested board approval to sign an agreement with RainTree Consulting to provide drug screening at Lincoln High School and Clark Middle School for the 2013-2014 school year. He advised that three companies had been asked to submit bids, but one declined. The RainTree proposal was \$1.00 higher than the second one, which is out of Indianapolis, but felt we would be able to have more flexibility with the local company on dates and times for the screenings. Costs would be paid from student activity fees or athletic funds. Determination of who is to be tested would be a double blind random selection.

By unanimous vote the board approved Steve Combs' request to sign an agreement with RainTree Consulting, a local company, to process the drug screening at Lincoln High School and Clark Middle School for the 2013-2014 school year. Our attorney, Andrew Porter, has reviewed the document and given his approval.

By unanimous vote the board approved Sandra Lange's request to approve an agreement with Sunbelt Staffing to provide a speech/language pathologist for Vigo Elementary School, Clark Middle School, and the parochial schools. Sunbelt is a global company out of Florida but provides services in Indiana. The VCSC and KCSEC were unsuccessful in locating an individual to provide speech services. Sunbelt has an individual from Terre Haute with whom they will provide to VCSC at a rate of \$77 an hour, plus travel mileage. This individual will work 30 hours per week. The Special Education Grant will cover the expenses.

By unanimous vote the board approved Barry Stone's request to submit the Title II Planning Allocation Grant Application in the amount of \$194,448, which is \$10,000 or more less than we have received in the past. This grant covers all VCSC schools, as well as Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village, Flaget Elementary School and Rivet Junior/Senior High School. The grant will provide funds for professional development, the middle and high school curriculum coach and class size reduction. Funds will be available for use late in the 2013-2014 school year.

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's request for Resolution for ISTA Insurance Trust Settlement in the gross amount of \$14M. This settlement pertains to the now defunct ISTA Insurance Trust lawsuit dating back to 2009. A total of 27 school corporations were impacted by the defunct trust, which went broke because of poor management and bad investments due to the actions of financial managers that were hired by ISTA or the Indiana State Teacher's Association.

At this point the Indiana Secretary of State's Office asked that specifics of the actual settlement not be made public, but wants to gauge the interest of the 27 corporations and if they would be supportive of the settlement. The settlement offer will not come close to the full amount that was lost in the defunct Trust. Should one school corporation decide not to agree to the settlement the Secretary of State's Office will move towards that of an already established court date that is slated for October and the matter would be decided before a judge.

By unanimous vote the board approved Mr. Parsley's request to adopt the VCSC 2014 Budget. Funds include: General Fund, Debt Service, Pension Bond, Capital Projects, Transportation, Bus Replacement and Rainy Day Fund. The budget was advertised in the *Vincennes Sun Commercial* and a Public Hearing held on August 19, 2013 with no objections being presented.

The budget stands as follows:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>BUDGET ESTIMATE</u>	<u>MAX EST FUNDS</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>
General Fund	\$17,761,357.00		
Debt Service Fund	\$ 4,590,062.00	\$3,802,095.00	0.6559
Retirement/Sev Fund	\$ 235,274.00	\$ 285,651.00	0.0571
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 2,826,806.00	\$2,904,284.00	0.4303
Transportation Fund	\$ 1,498,965.00	\$1,358,703.00	0.2013
Bus Replacement Fund	\$ 460,000.00	\$ 460,000.00	0.0681
Rainy Day Fund	\$ 1,260,353.00		
TOTALS	\$28,632,817.00	\$8,810,733.00	1.4127

Greg stated that the Capital Projects Fund is being advertised extremely high, but will more than likely be cut and come in somewhere in the neighborhood of .2100 or .2200 tax rate. We had to get the total up to satisfy Department of Local Government Finance. The Capital Projects Fund is for three years and the Bus Replacement Plan will carry us out to 2025.

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's request for the following items totaling \$7,961.60 to be paid from the CSM Contingency Fund. This will leave a balance in excess of \$50,000.

Baum Gartens	\$ 267.30	Vertical Access Card Holders
AME	\$ 50.00	Power Cord
KRS	\$ 234.00	Floor Fan
Office Connection	\$ 246.39	Special Ed Classroom Table
Chops Percussion	\$ 3,506.00	Xylophone for Band Room
VEI	\$ 689.50	Portable Two-Way Radio
Central Rest. Prod.	\$ 907.86	Green 6-Compartment Lunch Trays
PCM-G	\$ 580.00	Document Camera for PLTW
Lee Company	\$ 760.55	Free Standing Marker Board for PLTW
Hufcor	\$ 720.00	Volleyball Nets

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's request to run a second claims document for the month of September. This is due to several federal grants closing on September 30th and we need to have exhausted the funds and vendors paid.

Leigh Anne Eck, 4th Grade Teacher at Franklin Elementary School, and on the behalf of the Franklin 4th graders, their parents, and her family as well, wanted to thank the board for approving Gabe Skinner from a part-time teacher to a full-time teacher. She stated they would continue do their best.

Barb Toole wanted to thank everyone for all their hard work getting things going this year and urged everyone to continue with their endeavors to get good things accomplished.

All board members congratulated the employees of the month and the added corporation employee of the month, thanking Mike Szady for all he does for the corporation. They wished Eric Mikiska well in his future. They also appreciated the interesting update on Clark's Crossing.

Greg Parsley wanted everyone to know that VCSC is moving forward on the authorization to hire for the position of ELL Director. We welcome the new workforce to the Vincennes area with the planned December opening of Farbest Foods. Conversations have taken place with them and with Work Force One in anticipation of this opening.

Greg reported Friday was "count day" and the ADM (Average Daily Membership) showed us with an increase of 61 students in the elementary. We did experience a drop in high school students due to the large graduating class last year, but we have a smaller freshman class, as well as smaller sixth grade class at the middle school.

Greg also stated that with the lifting of the embargo tomorrow, he will be able to share some very exciting news as it pertains to our ISTEP+ scores from the spring testing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Lynne Bobe, President

Pat Hutchison, Secretary