

September 17, 2012

The Board of School Trustees of the Vincennes Community School Corporation met for their regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2012, in the Board Room of the Administrative Center. Those present were President Bryan Thais, Vice President Lynne Bobe, Secretary Patrick Hutchison, Members Aaron Bauer and Melissa Turner, and Superintendent Greg Parsley.

President Bryan Thais led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Curriculum Director Barry Stone recognized Lincoln High School principal Steve Combs who introduced English teachers; Steve Toy, Jacqueline Klueh, Carly Tibbs, and Kacey Strange. The teachers and some of their students gave a presentation on how students use their iPads daily in the classrooms. They now have access to their curriculum, assignments, and materials from the Internet on their iPad whether they are in the classroom or at home.

Mr. Stone announced that all the schools now have their own Facebook pages. Tecumseh Harrison and Riley have had pages for a couple of years, but all the schools are now up and going. Besides comments, pictures can be posted to show the community the exciting things that are going on in our schools.

Vigo Principal Kelley Crowley announced that Christi Jarvis was chosen as one of the *Faculty Members of the Month*. Christi is the school social worker at Vigo Elementary School. Christi serves as a liaison between the families and outside agencies. She also leads a committee that plans activities throughout the year such as Red Ribbon Week, Unity Day, and No Name Calling week.

Christi was also responsible for a grant from the Knox County Community Foundation for Vigo to implement the Peaceful Playground program. Kelley stated that many great things happening at Vigo would not take place to the same degree without Christi's leadership.

Lincoln High School principal Steve Combs announced that the Lincoln *Faculty Member of the Month* is LHS mathematics teacher Gary Case. Mr. Combs sadly announced that Mr. Case would be retiring in December of this year.

Besides being an excellent teacher, Gary has also been very active in many extracurricular activities with his students such as the Academic Team, Spell Bowl Team, and the Jeopardy Club.

Mr. Combs expressed his disappointment that his freshman son would not have Mr. Case as his mathematics teacher. He said the legacy Mr. Case will leave behind is that so many of his former students have gone on to be very successful in their careers and that former students know they can still call Mr. Case for help on a mathematics problem.

Mr. Case began his teaching career with VCSC in 1981 and also served as the Math Department Chair. Mr. Case is known for his excellence in education and will be missed by both students and staff.

Mr. Combs wished Gary and his wife Carolyn the best in the future.

Mr. Case said he has had the honor and privilege of working with some of Lincoln's very best and he appreciated his time here and the opportunity given him and said "it's been great".

Superintendent Parsley presented the 2013 Budget, which was properly advertised and a public hearing was conducted on August 20, 2012.

By unanimous vote, the board approved Greg Parsley's request for adoption of the 2013 Budget and Resolution. The total budget amounts to \$28,562,958.00, consisting of the following amounts and tax levies: \$17,712,221.00 for the General Fund, \$4,569,492.00 for Debt Service with a tax levy of \$.9583, \$239,129.00 for Retirement Severance with a tax levy of \$.0425, Transportation Fund of \$1,484,065.00 with a tax levy of \$.2119, and Rainy Day fund of \$1,155,353.

By unanimous vote, the board approved Greg Parsley's request for adoption and resolution of the 2013 - 2015 Capital Projects Plan in the amount of \$3,068,698.00 with a tax levy of \$4743.

By unanimous vote, the board approved Greg Parsley's request for adoption of the 2013-2024 Bus Replacement Plan in the amount of \$334,000.00 with a levy of \$.0557.

By unanimous vote, the board approved Greg Parsley's request for the following Consent Agenda items:

- A. Minutes of August 20, 2012 meeting
- B. Claims of 17,366 – 17,539
- C. Financial Statements
- D. Personnel

Retirements:

Gary Case
LHS Mathematics Teacher
(Effective December 21, 2012)

Resignations:

Paul Blair	Technology Facilitator
Michelle Bloebaum	Tecumseh-Harrison Teacher
Marilyn Watson	Tecumseh-Harrison Title I Aide
Linda Jones	Tecumseh-Harrison Day Care Aide
Mitch Breidenbaugh	LHS Asst. Boys Tennis Coach
Gary Case	LHS Head Academic Bowl Coach
Katie McClung	LHS Asst. Boys/Girls Swim Coach
Sarah Kaiser	Franklin Breakfast Supervisor (1/2)

Recommendations:

Abigail Setser	LHS Part-time Mathematics Teacher
Jamie Jenkins	Vigo/Clark Speech/Language Pathologist
Valerie Ellsworth	Franklin Part-time Kindergarten Teacher
Ashlee Guerrettaz	Tecumseh-Harrison Part-time Special Education Teacher
Sabrina King	LHS Student Homebound Instructor
Megan Cox	CMS Special Education Aide
Mark Crowley	Tecumseh-Harrison Classroom Aide
Mahogany Barnhardt	Tecumseh-Harrison Day Care Aide
Brandon Pfoff	LHS Head Baseball Coach
Janis Hert	LHS Girls Basketball 1 st Assistant
Carly Tibbs	LHS Asst. Boys Tennis Coach
Heather Boger	LHS Girls Softball 2 nd Assistant Coach
Mitch Breidenbaugh	CMS Head Boys Track Coach
Suzanne Swain	LHS Vocational Department Chairperson
Jason King	VCSC Audio/Visual Coordinator
Gary Case	LHS Academic Coach Assistant
Chaz Hendrix	LHS Safety Controller (A.M.)
Donna Kramer	LHS Safety Controller (A.M.)

Sabrina King	CMS Drama Assistant
Christina Lange	Franklin Breakfast Supervisor (1/2)
Aaron Cardinal, D.D.S.	VCSC Dental Consultant
Kristin Brandenburg	Tecumseh-Harrison Classroom Aide (Pending Security Check)
Jonathan Lange	LHS Assistant Boys Swim Coach

Transfers:

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Leaves:

Nancy Gress	Riley School Nurse/VCSC Head Nurse Medical leave from 8/23 to 9/17 or 9/24, 2012
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Non-cert Agreements and Administrative Contracts:

Pay raises will be in effect for all employees for the 2012-13 school year and moving forward. This will be retroactive.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0-2 Y or E</u>	<u>3-5 Y of E</u>	<u>6+ Y of E</u>
Secretary	\$8.50	\$10.00	2%
Aides	\$8.50	\$10.00	2%
Social Workers	\$32,606	\$34,106	2%
Nurses	\$21,893	\$22,643	2%

All other VCSC positions (includes cafeteria workers, administrators, SRO, etc.) two (2) %

E. Donations

A *Take Charge of Education* donation from Target to Clark Middle School in the amount of \$80.16 will be used for supplies.

F. Field Trip Requests

- 1st Sergeant Henning will take the JROTC members on a field trip to Henderson County High School, in Henderson, Kentucky on Saturday, October 27, 2012, to participate in Color Guard, Drill Team, and IDR Knock-Out.
- Jana Wirth will take her 1st grade class on a field trip to the Knox County Public Library on September 28, 2012.
- Stephanie VanMeter, Heather Hilsip, and Kiley Koenig will take their kindergarten students to the Fort Knox Fire Station on October 1, 2012.
- The LHS Show Choir singers will participate in the Indy Holiday Festival at the Greenwood Park Mall on December 6, 2012.

G. Fundraiser Requests

1. Elementary art teacher Jennifer Kiel was granted permission to conduct "Art to Remember" fundraisers for Franklin and Riley Elementary Schools from September 18-30, 2012. Proceeds will be used for extra art room materials.
2. The Secret Alice Club at Lincoln High School will have a fundraiser from September 18, to October 18, for *Mr. Combs* to

- Grow His Hair.* The proceeds will be used to purchase items for needy LHS students.
3. The LHS girls basketball team will have a *Free Throw Fundraiser* from October 15 to November 5, 2012. Funds will be used to help pay for practice gear, shoes, etc.
 4. The Gridiron Gang will be selling To Catch A Cure t-shirts from September 18, through October 12, with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society.
 5. JAG will have homecoming face painting on September 21, with proceeds being used for service projects.
 6. German/Sister Cities Club will be selling Spirit items from September 18, through October 8, to help with costs for their exchange in June 2013.
 7. RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) will be selling root beer floats to kick off the year.

H. Use of Facilities

1. Cub Scout Pack #291 was granted permission to use the gym at Tecumseh-Harrison Elementary School every Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for their pack meetings commencing September 19, 2012.
2. Kids Hope was granted permission to use the Vigo Elementary School gym for Kids Hope Family Night on September 25, 2012 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
3. Omega Man Parent Night to use the Vigo Elementary School gym on October 11, 2012 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for a Bullying Prevention program.
4. Lisa Holscher to use the LHS parking lot and lobby restrooms on October 27, 2012 from 6:00 to 11:00 a.m. for a 5K Benefit Run for Jill Workman Cooper.
5. The Knox County Public Library to use Adams Coliseum on November 3, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for an International Games Day.
6. Tumble-N-Twist to use Alice Arena on November 4, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. for an AAU Indiana Cheerleading Meet.

Greg Parsley reported on the 2012-2013 ADM count. The projected enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year was 2656. The actual count on September 14, was 2709, which is an increase of 53 students.

We receive approximately \$5,500 for each 1st through 12th grade student. Kindergarten students are counted as half. We had a large increase of 20 students in kindergarten this which will be very beneficial next year.

This is the first year that the State of Indiana will hold two count days. The second day will most likely occur in February.

Greg Parsley reported that he and a group made up of Dan Singleton and Tim Kelley from Sodexo and VCSC representatives Steve Combs, Jerry Booe, Madonna Williams, and Debbie Groves met with Energizing Indiana, a group that provides free energy assessments.

Energizing Indiana is a united effort by the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC), participating utilities, and consumer organizations to offer comprehensive energy efficiency programs that bring savings to communities across the state. Energizing Indiana provides education and tools needed to improve efficiency and conserve energy.

The free audit was conducted at Lincoln High School with several inefficiencies noted, especially with regard to lighting, heating, and cooling of the building.

Energizing Indiana provides numerous rebates to promoting energy efficiency. In addition, Duke Energy has met with VCSC representatives to promote the rebates.

Several areas were mentioned where improvements can be made and Mr. Parsley has budgeted funds in the Capital Projects Plan for some of these improvements and more will be budgeted in future budgets.

It was recommended that VCSC consider the employment of an energy savings contract provider to help monitor this and gain a better handle on the utilities as it pertains not only to LHS, but to other VCSC buildings as well.

Energizing Indiana will only provide one free audit per year, but other buildings could be audited in the future.

Richard Rutherford reported on the Climate Survey which has been created by a committee made up of board member Lynne Bobe, Greg Parsley, and Sandy Hatton of Good Samaritan Hospital, to gather the feelings, opinions, etc. of VCSC parents. The survey will be given to elementary parents on October 15, at the time of parent/teacher conferences and will be sent home with CMS and LHS students on October 19. Tabulations should be completed within two weeks after receiving the completed surveys.

The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to approve a contract with the American Red Cross Old Northwest Territory Chapter to utilize VCSC properties in the event of an emergency. This includes housing displaced people, emergency relief centers, etc.

The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to gift Adams Coliseum to the Vincennes Education Foundation (VEF) for the purpose of the VEF being able to work with the architectural firm of Myszak & Palmer as they make application for tax credits to turn the former VCSC Administration Building into an apartment complex for the downtown Vincennes area. In order to make application, Myszak & Palmer will need site control of all of the downtown properties (includes Adams Coliseum) so that they can make application.

Myszak & Palmer will make application in November of 2012, with the awarding of tax credits in late February of 2013. Provided they are successful, a closing on the VCSC properties will take place in mid to late October 2013, with construction/renovation starting shortly thereafter.

As part of the agreement and provided Myszak & Palmer are successful, will be the renovation of Adams Coliseum. Nearly \$2,000,000 will be provided for this endeavor. The VEF will be responsible for the property at this time, including the rental of the facility, in addition to the facility being used as a community center.

The VCSC will continue to pay the utilities and the upkeep of the facility, as this will not be formally turned over to the VEF until renovations are 100% complete, in addition to the VEF having the funds to maintain the property.

Mr. Parsley will work with the corporation's attorney to be sure that the transfer of the property is legal, in addition to protecting the corporation's interests should Myszak & Palmer not be successful in landing of the tax credits.

The attorneys will begin drafting the necessary documents so that the gifting can take place. The attorneys will also provide the legal counsel to the VEF

at no cost as they understand that at the present, the primary focus of the VEF is simply to generate funds for scholarships.

By unanimous vote, the Board approved a request to spend \$979.13 from the CMS Contingency Fund to buy a safe in the amount of \$277.75, combination locks for 26 lockers at a cost of \$405.98, and a camera for Yearbook in the amount of \$295.40.

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's request for Madonna Williams to run a second claims docket for September to close out all state and federal grants.

LHS principal Steve Combs requested permission to purchase 10 iPads from the LHS Student Activities Account in the amount of \$3,790.00. The Board unanimously approved the request.

Greg Parsley recognized VCSC employee Debbie Groves who along with Coleen Bennett, assisted Mary Ann Bible, his administrative assistant, in an emergency health situation on September 10. The quick and caring action of these employees was essential as Mrs. Bible suffered a ruptured abdominal aneurism. She was life lined to St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville for emergency surgery, where she not only came through successful surgery, but also returned to her home this past weekend.

Aaron Bauer and Melissa Turner congratulated Christi Jarvis and Gary Case for being chosen faculty members of the month.

Melissa Turner thanked Steve Toy and his department for their curriculum presentation.

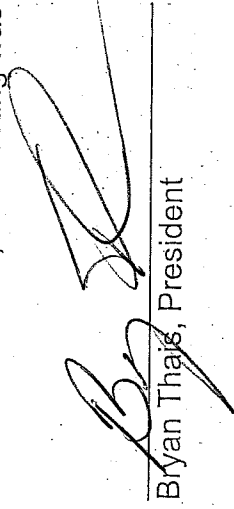
Board members reminded the audience of LHS Homecoming which will be Friday, September 21.

Lynne Bobe thanked Steve Combs for his willingness to participate in the *Mr. Combs Grow Your Hair* fundraiser.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Patrick Hutchison, Secretary



Bryan Thais, President