

November 19, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Vincennes Community School Corporation was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 19, 2012, in the Board Room of the Vincennes Community School Corporation Administrative Center. Those present were President Bryan Thais, Vice President Lynne Bobe, Secretary Pat Hutchison, Members Aaron Bauer and Melissa Turner, Superintendent Greg Parsley and Director of Curriculum Barry Stone.

Grade 5 students from Riley Elementary led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Barry Stone introduced Andrew Malone, Grade 5 Teacher at Riley Elementary School, for the Curriculum Focus/Spotlight. Andrew's students explained what they did as elementary students for "College Go Week". They had guest speakers come in and explain what campus life was like for their favorite college and one of the speakers was School Board Secretary Pat Hutchison. They also researched enrollment, tuition, and other information about a chosen school. They were shown just how important their ISTEP+ and other test scores are for college. Students giving the presentation were Aspen Jones, Jacob Haggard, Kylee Adams, Fatima Ayala, and Jaleigh LaBrec.

Greg Parsley introduced Debbie Charles, who is the new General Manager for Buildings and Grounds, taking over from Dan Singleton. Debbie announced that the Maintenance/Custodial/Grounds *Employee of the Month* is Cyrilla Williams, the Head Custodian at Vigo Elementary School. Cyrilla has been with us for about a year and a half, starting at Tecumseh-Harrison Elementary and then moving over to Vigo in January 2012. She is a very hard worker, organized and a great communicator. She strives her best to please everyone at the school.

Mr. Parsley advised that we would continue with our Employee of the Month next month as most of our principals are in Indianapolis at a principals' conference today and tomorrow.

By unanimous vote the board approved Mr. Parsley's request for the following Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes of October 15, 2012 Meeting
- B. Claims 17727 – 17961
- C. Financial Statements
- D. Personnel

Resignations:

Krista Robinson	LHS Earth/Space Science Teacher – Eff 12/20/12
Elizabeth Yoder	LHS Social Studies Teacher – Eff 11/12/12
Gary Case	LHS Math Department Chairperson – Eff 12/20/12
Krista Robinson	LHS Boys Head Cross Country Coach & LHS Girls Assistant Track Coach
Eric Mikiska	LHS Boys Assistant Soccer Coach

Recommendations:

Star Riker	Temporary Speech/Language Pathologist Teacher of Record, at \$40.00 per hour
Lindsey Hennon	Tec-Harrison Kdgn/Grade 1 Aide
Mike Hidde	LHS Math Department Chair – Eff 1/2/13
Taylor Nash	LHS Volleyball 2 nd Assistant Coach – Eff Fall 2012
Doris Fellows	LHS General Athletics – Winter
Karen Query	LHS General Athletics – Winter
Casey Kotter	LHS General Athletics – Winter
Mary Beth Gavney	LHS General Athletics – Winter
Sara Schutz	LHS General Athletics – Winter
Kenny Yochum	LHS General Athletics – Winter – Boys Basketball
Kenny Yochum	LHS General Athletics – Winter – Girls Basketball
Ralph Connor	LHS General Athletics – Winter
Nancy Hendrixson	LHS General Athletics – Winter
Karen Livers	LHS General Athletics – Winter

Leaves:

Andrea Hess	CMS Math Teacher requests Maternity Leave from December 18, 2012 through February 18, 2013. She will return Tuesday, February 19, 2013.
Deborah Freeman	Vigo Cafeteria Aide requests medical leave from October 11, 2012 until further notice

All other Leave Requests were approved as submitted.

E. Donations

1. Beth Lindsey, Clark Middle School Social Worker, reports they have received a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the local Rotary Club for the CMS Student Services Department. The money will be distributed as follows: \$300 to the Secret Alice Fund; \$100 to the CMS Reward Program; and \$100 for Character Education Materials.
2. Kimberly Breitweiser, Lincoln High School Project Lead the Way teacher, has been awarded a donation of \$1500 from Peabody Energy. This money will be used to allow the Principles of Engineering class to complete a Christmas Light/Christmas Village project.
3. Kimberly Breitweiser, Lincoln High School Project Lead the Way teacher, has been awarded a donation of \$400 from Vincennes University's College of Technology. This money will be used to purchase two SeaPerch ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) units for the Robotics Club so they can send two teams to the regional competition in February.

F. Field Trip Requests

1. The Twin Rivers Career & Technical Education Area is requesting a field trip in mid-December 2012 or early January 2013 for the Daviess, Knox, and Martin Counties Health Science Program to go to Columbus, Ohio. This would involve two Lincoln High School students. One teacher (RN) and one aide (LPN) will be provided. Students will view the Body Worlds exhibit at the Center of Science and Industry and will learn about the anatomy of physiology of the human body. Students would be responsible for any costs not covered by the student activity fund.

G. Fundraiser Requests

1. Amy Lane and LHS National Art Honor Society requests permission to sell ornaments and handmade art items during the month of December 2012. They would have a table set up in the hallway during boys and girls home basketball games. Proceeds would be used to fund field trips and to help purchase graduation cords.
2. Amy Lane and LHS National Art Honor Society requests permission to sell ornaments and handmade art items Monday, December 3 through Friday, December 21, 2012 at the Northwest Territory Art Gallery to help raise monies to fund field trips.
3. CMS Sponsors Kristy Dice and Katie Mikiska and the Student Council request permission to sell Christmas Candy Grams December 12-19, 2012. Proceeds would be used to fund items for the student council.
4. CMS Sponsors Kristy Dice and Katie Mikiska and the Student Council request permission to conduct Concession Stand Sales at a school dance to be held on December 13, 2012. Proceeds would be used to fund items for student council.
5. LHS Sponsors Tanya Stoll and Joanne Bahr and the RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) Club request permission to conduct a "Change War" for three to five days to be determined after Board approval. Proceeds will be donated to the victims of Hurricane Sandy.
6. LHS Sponsors Tanya Stoll and Joanne Bahr and the RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) Club request permission to sell "Peel to Save" Cards for three weeks to be determined after Board approval. Proceeds will be donated to a worthy cause to be determined at the time the fundraiser ends.
7. Karen Query, Donna Kramer and LHS Sister Cities Club requests permission to conduct a Mardi Gras Dance on Friday, February 8, 2013. Proceeds would be used to pay for exchange program with Wasserburg, Germany.
8. Vigo Elementary PTO requests permission to conduct a Spring Carnival on Thursday, May 9, 2013. Proceeds would be used for playground improvements, including a pavilion and garden area where kindergarten playground used to stand.

H. Use of Facilities Requests

1. Franklin Elementary Title 1 requests use of the Franklin Elementary Gymnasium on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for a *Title 1 Family Night*.
2. Vigo PTO requests permission to use Vigo Elementary gymnasium, playground (weather permitting), halls and some classrooms on Thursday, May 9, 2013, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a *PTO Spring Carnival*.

There were no Discussion Items for this meeting.

By unanimous vote the board approved Barry Stone's request to submit the High Ability Grant Application in the amount of \$36,133.00 for the 2012-2013 school year. While the majority of the grant money is used for payment to the High Ability Coordinator and facilitators, they would use part of the money for Kindles at the elementary level and some for novels and books for grades K-8. They would get books for the high school if funds permit.

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's request to use \$20,044.70 from the Clark Middle School Contingency Fund for the following items.

KRS	2 Scrubbers for building	\$ 5,750.00
GEM Chemical Co.	Nobles Speedgleam & Burnisher	6,339.67
* OptiMa, Inc. &	White Boards &	5,290.00
K & J Magnetics	Magnets for white boards	
Flinn Scientific	Science materials	1,545.23
Scholastic Book Club	20 Books for Lang Arts classes	119.80
Bank of New York	Annual Administration Fee	1,000.00

* Ryan Clark will do some comparison-shopping and may go with different company if found cheaper.

Greg reported there still is in excess of \$190,000 in the fund. He stated he would probably put an expiration date of December 2013 for these funds to be used. He advised that they will be sure the Science and Band Departments are well covered, as those are the two high-ticket departments.

Greg reported all outstanding bills have been paid by Schmidt & Associates. He stated there has been some landscaping work done here lately, as Jason Flynn wanted to wait until the fall to get a lot of stuff in. The pavers are in and the fire department ladder truck is able to set out the arms on the access road from Main Street.

Greg also reported that Lincoln High School would be paid off in December 2015. When asked by Mr. Bauer if there was any money left in their contingency fund, Greg advised it was a very minute amount. Mr. Bauer thought there was several thousand dollars left in the account. Greg will check with David Culp of the holding corporation to get an update.

Some Youth Leadership of Knox County students attended the meeting and a representative explained that one of their assignments was to attend a school board meeting before January. He explained one of their projects is called "Down with Depression". Students from local schools will attend a meeting on March 8, 2013, where Chris Bowers, a speaker from Indianapolis, will talk to them about frustration and positive ways to address depression. They will have a 30-minute presentation after the speaker to give facts and to discuss what you can do to help someone you know that may have depression. Hopefully this will help lower depression rates in this area and to prevent suicide.

Another project a couple of the students will be working on in January and February is care packages for children that are admitted to the hospital.

Board members congratulated Cyrilla Williams on being named the Employee of the Month from the Maintenance/Custodial/Grounds Department. They thanked the students and Mr. Malone from Riley Elementary School on their presentation, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, safe travels, and to remember what all we need to be thankful for.

Mr. Thais thanked the Rotary Club, Peabody Energy and Vincennes University's College of Technology for their donations this month to Clark Middle School and Lincoln High School.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Bryan Thais, President

Pat Hutchison, Secretary