



## Board Minutes November 18, 2019

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**REGULAR MEETING:** Jac-Cen-Del Elementary Library – 6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- Those present were Jim Westerman, Jason Wagner, Jason Smith, Stephen Huntington, Travis Neal, Fred Unsicker, Trent Whaley, Ryan Middleton, Nancy Means, staff, students, and patrons.

Motion: Jason Wagner  
Second: Jason Smith  
Vote: 5 for

**REPORTS:**

- Frederik Terhorst, Shai Schmeltz and Wesley Edwards presented an update on the coffee shop partnership with The Upper Room. They discussed the project and what they have learned so far about starting a business. The project is part of their introduction to business class and has had great participation and enthusiasm.
- Mr. Unsicker, high school principal, presented several upcoming dates at the high school. He also discussed the update to the greenhouse project and the partnership with SCC to rebuild it. To close his presentation, he discussed problem based learning activities currently taking place at the high school.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- The board approved the minutes of the October 21, 2019 regular meeting.

Motion: Travis Neal  
Second: Jason Wagner  
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the payroll and other claims for November 2019.

Motion: Jason Wagner  
Second: Jason Smith  
Vote: 5 For

## **ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

- The board approved the hire of RaChelle Davidson as cook assistant in the high school cafeteria effective immediately.

Motion: Travis Neal  
Second: Jason Wagner  
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the maternity leave request for Stephanie Volz from approximately February 12, 2020 to March 27, 2020.

Motion: Jason Wagner  
Second: Steve Huntington  
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the 2020-2021 school calendar as presented.

Motion: Jason Smith  
Second: Steve Huntington  
Vote: 5 For

## **DISCUSSION**

- First reading of the following Neola Policies were presented to the board for review:
  - Volume 31, Number 1
  - Volume 31, Number 2
  - Volume 32, Number 1

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- Mr. Middleton explained that plans are currently being made by Spanish teacher, Mr. Shupperd, for a trip to Spain in 2021.
- The December board meeting will be held at the Southeastern Career Center. Mr. Middleton felt it was important to give the board the opportunity to tour and become familiar with all the wonderful programs and opportunities available to our students at this facility. The board will take a tour of the facilities and be provided a meal prior to the start of the meeting.
- Mr. Middleton explained the corporation would be closed on November 19 in support of Red for Ed. He commented the day is an opportunity for everyone to gather in support of education.
- Mr. Middleton explained that our current student information system, Information Now, was recently bought out by Power School and will no longer be supported. The state is piloting a new ED-FI system which will require all schools be compliant. Plans are currently being reviewed for alternatives to our current system.
- Congratulations went out to Mrs. Stacy Gray and the high school art students who worked from September through the end of October for the Paint the Plow program with the Indiana Department of Transportation. Their design was chosen as the winner and the plow will be used to plow snow here in Ripley County this winter.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Board President, Jim Westerman commented on his excitement for all the new and positive changes taking place at the school buildings.

## **PATRON COMMENTS**

- Stacy Gray thanked the corporation for their support of the teachers and Red for Ed. She also wanted to thank the corporation, on behalf of the union, for such a successful bargaining process. She commented that the team never experienced such great respect and comradery through the whole process with the administration team. Mrs. Gray continued to comment on how the entire corporation has a totally different atmosphere this year and she has never been more excited to be in the district as a teacher. She continued to say she hasn't been this excited to be a teacher since her first year in education.
- Mrs. Amanda Hoff wanted the board to know how the whole feel of the district has changed and is apparent this year. She commented the teachers have a new enthusiasm for their jobs.

## **NEXT MEETING**

- The next regular meeting of the Jac-Cen-Del School Board of Trustees will be held at the Southeaster Career Center on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: Jason Wagner  
Second: Jason Smith  
Vote: 5 For

