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Regular Board Meeting Minutes December 18, 2023 - Elementary Library 6:00 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER

- There were no additions. Those present were Debra Roberts, James Gayheart, Tiffany Foster, Michael Davis, Daniel Horn, Samuel Melton, Nancy Means, staff and patrons.

Motion: Tiffany Foster
Second: Daniel Horn
Vote: 5 For

RECOGNITION OF D.I.C.E. CHALLENGE TEAM

Mrs. Stacy Gray reported on the success of the first D.I.C.E. (Dreams, Ingenuity, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship) team and recognized the students. Genesis: Pathways to Success, in partnership with the Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce hosted this first annual event, a regional business planning competition for high school students. The goal of the challenge was to inspire young people to learn about entrepreneurship and see small business creation and ownership as a viable career path. The JCD team consisted of Emma Gober, Sophia Sullivan, and Aveyanna Williams. Each team member spoke about their project and explained their business. The team placed first for their presentation of Gogh Bloom, a flower garden and bouquet enterprises that they are proactively running for the school. They received \$3,000 to further expand their business acumen and a \$1,500 scholarship from Ivy Tech Community College.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mrs. Dee Budd reported the following information:

- Four more teachers finished their Orton-Gillingham training. Melinda Carter, Courtney Hughes, Kayla Bowling, and Leslie Hicks. All K-3, special education, and Title teachers are now trained.
- Megan Wessel completed the STEM Certification program through the state.
- The following teachers recently received Reynold's Grants:
 - Mark Meyer received \$1,692 for PE equipment
 - LeAnn Fox received \$2,500 for musical instruments
 - Megan Wessel received \$2,500 for new library books
 - Lisa Horn received \$1,000 for the Eagle Reader Program
 - Kristin Denni received \$677 for materials for her morning bins

4. The afternoon of Friday, December 1, everyone “dropped what they were doing” and decorated the building for the holiday season. Christmas music was played over the PA and Mr. Hughes and Mrs. Budd put on their elf hats and passed out candy canes.
5. JCDE is part of the Attend and Engage Policy (AEP). Other area schools participating in this are South Ripley and Milan. This policy states that after a student threshold of 75% unexcused absences are reached, a referral is made through Court Services. Last year at this time, we had 28 referral letters go out. Right now, we are only at 2. At the last AEP meeting, South Ripley was at 28 and Milan was at 41. Mr. Hughes has made it a high priority to get kids to school by making phone calls daily to check in on students and to make sure parents/guardians are communicating with the school about absences
6. JCDE has taken some steps with curriculum alignment. Teachers have focused in on 4-5 power standards in math and reading. These are the most foundational standards. Math is the main focus for the first semester. At the end of the semester, every grade level will give the same assessment over these “Math Power Standards.” Our goal is for 100% of our students to master these standards. If there are some that do not, they will be able to work on them during remediation until we make sure they do. Eventually, all grade levels will have assessments for reading as well. We don’t forget about all of the other standards, we just zone in on a few that help to build the foundations.
7. NWEA testing started on December 4. All grades K-6 took reading and math. We are looking at growth, strengths, and weaknesses. We will be using this data to help with our “Response to Intervention Group,” so we can give students the extra support they may need.
8. There has been some great things going on in the Maker Space Lab. Mrs. Wessel has been providing a plethora of engaging activities that force kids to use those problem-solving and critical thinking skills. We have added two 3D printers to the STEM lab. In fifth grade they begin the planning and designing process of a 3D product. In sixth grade, they will be carrying out the design into an actual product. We are very excited to see the thoughts and designs that come to life.
9. Mrs. Budd has been attending a New Principal’s Cohort through the Wilson Center. There have been 2 in person meetings and 1 virtual will be held in February. This has been a very beneficial experience.
10. The JCDE PTO once again organized the Santa’s Secret Shop. We want to thank the volunteers that organized and helped our students shop. This has always been an event that makes a big difference for our students and families.
11. Christmas concert performances for Pre-K through grade 2 will be December 19, 2023. Mrs. Fox always does a phenomenal job with our students and pushes them to do their best and shine!
12. JCDE has the angel tree again this year. The number of sponsors and donations was overwhelming and we were able to service about 154 kids in our community. A huge thanks to everyone who helps make this successful.

PATRONS COMMENTS

- Mrs. Gray thanked the Reynolds Foundation for the grant she received. She will be purchasing literary book benches for the schools.

Mr. Blackwell thanked the Reynolds Foundation for the grant he received. The money will go towards instrument repair for the band.

Mrs. Horn reported that the students will be celebrating "Christmas Around the World" this week. They will be celebrating with food, music and crafts from other countries.

Mrs. Horn also gave an update on the "Eagle Reader Program." This program allows the children to read books and earn athletic cards.

ACTION ITEMS

- The board approved the minutes of the November 20, 2023 regular board meeting.

Motion: Tiffany Foster
Second: Daniel Horn
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the minutes of the November 27, 2023 special meeting.

Motion: Michael Davis
Second: Tiffany Foster
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the minutes of the December 14, 2023 executive session.

Motion: Daniel Horn
Second: Tiffany Foster
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved payroll and other claims for December 2023.

Motion: James Gayheart
Second: Michael Davis
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the Rainy-Day Resolution as presented, to pay architectural fees.

Motion: Daniel Horn
Second: James Gayheart
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved to authorize the Corporation Treasurer and/or the Superintendent to pay claims for the invoices through the calendar year 2023, which have not been received as of this date, and authorize the Corporation Treasurer and/or the Superintendent to transfer appropriations within each fund to balance all accounts. The Corporation Treasurer will bring the claims for 2023 transfer of appropriations and encumbrances to the board in January 2024 for their approval.

Motion: Tiffany Foster
Second: Michael Davis
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved pay increases for support staff and administration as presented.

Motion: Daniel Horn
Second: Michael Davis
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the 2024-2025 school calendar as presented.

Motion: Michael Davis
Second: James Gayheart
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved to change all 260-day employees to receive 12 paid holidays.

Motion: Daniel Horn
Second: Michael Davis
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the hire of Betty Snyder as bus route driver retroactive to December 4, 2023.

Motion: Tiffany Foster
Second: Daniel Horn
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the hire of Donald "Tim" Springer as bus route driver pending the completion of his skills test at Baylor Trucking.

Motion: Daniel Horn
Second: Michael Davis
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the hire of the following students to work in maintenance on a part-time basis: Bailey Scoggins, Dustin Boyd, Berkley Williams, and Raelynn Kieffer. Pay will be \$11.50 per hour and there are no benefits attached to these part-time positions.

Motion: Tiffany Foster
Second: Daniel Horn
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the hire of William Carroll as junior high golf coach per Master Contract agreed upon stipend.

Motion: Michael Davis
Second: James Gayheart
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the hire of Brady Johnson as junior high baseball coach per Master Contract agreed upon stipend.

Motion: Tiffany Foster
Second: Michael Davis
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the hire of Steven Huff as JV baseball coach per Master Contract agreed upon stipend.

Motion: Daniel Horn
Second: Tiffany Foster
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the hire of Anthony Moorman and Cindy Allen as co-coaches for junior high softball per Master Contract agreed upon stipend, to be split equally.

Motion: Tiffany Foster
 Second: Daniel Horn
 Vote: 5 For

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Jane Ann Vankirk turned in her intent to retire at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
- OBC / Children Outreach Committee generously donated \$2,241.75 to pay off all student lunch accounts and pay for an additional meal for each student.
- Glenn and Diane Bohman donated \$500 to the F.F.A.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Light repairs on softball field have begun. The repairs are expected to take about a week to complete.
- Mr. Melton is hoping to get the bidding process started by the next board meeting for building projects to be completed.
- Mr. Melton recognized Mr. Blackwell, band and choir for their outstanding Christmas performance.
- The boys' and girls' basketball teams are getting set to play in the Ripley County Tourney. Girls tournament schedule begins on January 2, 2024 at Jac-Cen-Del and the boys begin on January 3, 2024 at Batesville.

BOARD COMMENTS

- No comments were made

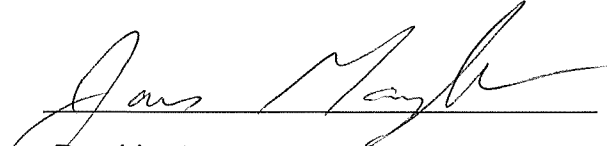
NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Jac-Cen-Del School Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Jac-Cen-Del Elementary library. This is the second Monday of the month in order to approve the reorganization of the board.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Tiffany Foster
 Second: Daniel Horn
 Vote: 5 For

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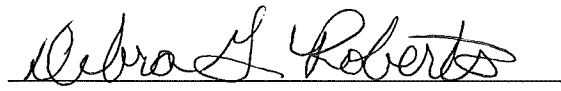


President

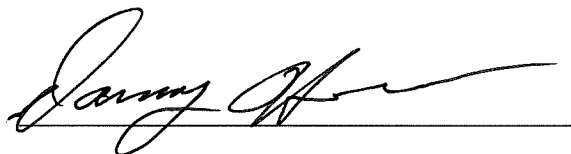


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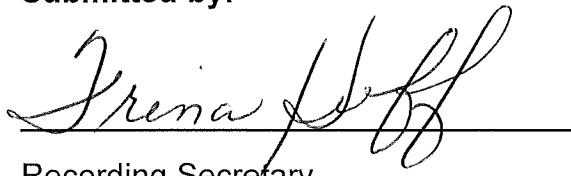


Member



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Submitted by:



Recording Secretary