

EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Edinburgh, Indiana

March 9, 2009

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on this date at the Administration Building, 202 S. Keeley Street, Edinburgh, IN 46124 with Cathy Hamm presiding. All members were present.

Also attending were Richard Arkanoff, Jackie Crawhorn, Rebecca Morrison, Stephanie Parmer, Elliott Parmer, Michaela Moulder, Mike Moulder, Tina Moulder, Michael Moulder, Kevin Rockey, Josh Edwards and Brooke Phillips.

Everyone present was led in prayer by Mr. Streeval and the Pledge of Allegiance by Mrs. Hamm.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition of Middle School Students of the Month

Mr. Edwards recognized the Middle School Students of the Month: Elliott Parmer for 6th grade, Michaela Moulder for 7th grade, and Onnalee Oliver for 8th grade. Mr. Edwards stated all three students are very serious academically and are always willing to help others. Mr. Edwards thanked the parents for their involvement and support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Hamm invited public comments regarding agenda items. There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the February 9, 2009 Meeting
2. Claims for Payment: Claims #8051 – #8149 and payroll dates of 2/13/09 and 2/27/09
3. Personnel: The resignation of Ryan Leffel as East Side Technology Technician effective 2/13/09, and the resignation of Larry Misner as Bus Driver effective the end of the school day on 2/20/09.
4. 2009 Summer School Dates: High School Summer School dates of July 6 through July 31, 2009 for a total of 20 days, 4 hours per day.
5. Date for Snow Make-Up Day: The last student day will be June 1, 2009 and the last teacher day will be June 2, 2009.
6. 2009 Driver's Education Fees: \$330 for students living in the district and \$360 for students living out of the district.
7. Donation: \$25 from Kathy Watts for East Side Student Activities to be used for field trips.

Mr. Streeval moved and Mrs. Taulman seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of two additional last-minute personnel issues: Rhonda Murray as volunteer statistician and

“Team Mom” for the girl’s Varsity Softball team, and Lauren Russell as the temporary 6th grade teacher to cover for a medical leave. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Johnson County Leadership Academy Participation

Mr. Arkanoff recommended approval for the participation of Holly Pease in Johnson County Leadership Academy if selected. Mrs. Pease has completed the application process and is awaiting approval. Mr. Streeval moved and Mrs. Weddle seconded a motion to approve the participation and payment of fees for Johnson County Leadership Academy participation for Holly Pease if selected. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Second Reading of Policy 8.9, Investment Policy

Mr. Arkanoff presented Policy 8.9, Investment Policy, for second reading. It has been recommended by the State Board of Accounts that the school have an Investment Policy. The policy is brief and outlines our current practices. Mr. Arkanoff stated the policy will be brought back in April for final approval.

B. Discussion of 2009-2010 Corporation Calendar

Mr. Arkanoff stated after sharing phone and internet survey information with the Board and meeting with the Discussion Team, it was decided to go with Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation’s calendar so that our C4 students will not miss as many days. BCSC will not formally approve their calendar until their April meeting, and Mr. Arkanoff stated he is not comfortable making a recommendation until theirs is solidified. There were a couple of concerns, including Christmas Break starting so early, but Mr. Arkanoff stated the Board seemed to agree that they would rather go with BCSC’s calendar to have less absences at C4. Mrs. Hamm stated BCSC’s calendar has two snow days in April, but asked if Martin Luther King, Jr. Day or President’s Day could also be used for snow days if needed. Mr. Arkanoff stated there are two additional days at the end of the school year that can be used for snow days, and he feels it is best to go with BCSC’s calendar as closely as possible. Mrs. Hamm stated it looks like a good calendar overall. Mr. Streeval stated this still has an early Spring Break, which will start on March 15th. Mr. Arkanoff stated according to the phone and internet survey information, that was one of the things the community was not in favor of. The community also felt Martin Luther King, Jr. Day should be used as a snow day. Mrs. Hamm stated she did not like the early Spring Break, but Mrs. Taulman brought it to the Board’s attention that the goal is attendance, and in order to keep C4 students from missing extra days we need to go with BCSC’s calendar as closely as possible. Mr. Arkanoff stated once BCSC’s calendar is approved he will get a copy to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Rockey recognized the Show Choir with “Lancer Pride” for doing well at State competition, and stated Brandon Dayton received a perfect score. The Show Choir will make a presentation at the April Board meeting. Mr. Rockey recognized Ginger Kahl and FCCLA, as well as BPA, with “Lancer Pride”. Both groups competed successfully over the weekend. Mr. Rockey stated Ryan Harrison, a past graduate, is in the building working with Mr. Derrico. Ryan is currently working on his medical degree and has chosen to help teach in Mr. Derrico’s Biology class to receive credits towards his degree. Ryan is a really neat kid. Mr. Rockey stated one of the Board and Corporation Goals was to increase extra-curricular participation. During the recent Boy’s Basketball Sectionals there was a lot of student

involvement as well as an increase in school spirit. Mr. Rockey commended Mr. Jordan, the fans and community for all of their positive participation. Mr. Rockey stated the Academic Team is currently preparing for meets and stated he would get a copy of their schedule to the Board. The Academic Team Conference will be held at Indian Creek this year and there is an upcoming meet with Brown County.

Mrs. Phillips recognized the East Side Parent Association group with “Lancer Pride”. The Parent Association recently held a movie night and it was very organized. Even with the Sectional ballgames going on, nearly a quarter of our students attended the event. Mrs. Phillips commended Billie Scrogam who played a major role in organizing the event. Mrs. Phillips stated East Side recently held their annual Fund Raiser, which just happened to be going on during ISTEP testing. The students did a great job and one of the Kindergarten classes raised the most money. Mrs. Phillips stated as a reward, the winning class will get to scoop ice cream over her head and add sprinkles in order to make her into an ice cream sundae. Mrs. Phillips stated the students worked hard and the funds raised will be used for field trips.

Mr. Edwards stated the Middle School’s goal has been to focus on attendance during ISTEP testing. Mr. Edwards commended Heather McDonald for doing a nice job organizing competitions for 100% attendance, with students earning rewards throughout the week. Middle School only had 20 students absent throughout ISTEP week. Mr. Edwards stated it was nice to have Mr. Arkanoff put out the phone message reminding students and parents about the importance of ISTEP. After the call we had parents call and re-arrange doctor’s appointments, etc. so that their child would not miss any testing. The goal now will be to carry the attendance over so that it can be done every week, not just through ISTEP.

Mrs. Morrison thanked the Board for allowing her to experience Leadership Johnson County last year and encouraged everyone to watch the video on their website that she was able to be a part of. Mrs. Morrison expressed a couple of concerns about the 2009-2010 corporation calendar, including the early Spring Break date and having Christmas Break fall so close to Christmas Eve. She stated “This may not be very productive educationally.” Mrs. Morrison also asked the Board to consider what is educationally best for the entire student population as opposed to what they feel is best for a select group. Mrs. Morrison stated the Lancer 4-H group is currently taking orders for geraniums.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Arkanoff shared an email on the school consolidation issue that was forwarded from Barry Barnett. This is something that needs to be followed closely because it will most likely be an issue again next year. Mr. Arkanoff shared information he received from IVY Tech outlining their programs. Mr. Arkanoff and Mr. Rockey are looking into how to take advantage of any of their programs that could be useful for our students, such as their Outreach Campus program. We have extra space in the ERC building and it would be nice to be able to work with IVY Tech and/or IUPUC with the “Professor on Loan” program. We currently have ERC students that are ready to take college classes. Mr. Arkanoff updated the Board on the budget and the effect of our AV. Currently it looks like we will be taking 16.5% off the AV rate, which is how our funds are generated. Mr. Arkanoff commended the community as a whole for their support during the Sectionals. It was great seeing how everyone came together. Mr. Arkanoff was pleased with the professionalism and good sportsmanship shown throughout the event.

Mrs. Weddle stated she was excited to see the Lancer Pride during the Sectionals. Mrs. Weddle thanked Mrs. Phillips for the East Side newsletter and her article on “connecting”. Mrs. Weddle stated it is good to see so many other exciting things going on in the schools. Mrs. Weddle stated she is happy ISTEP testing is over. Mrs. Phillips stated the scores will not be available until August. Mrs. Weddle stated she appreciated receiving the ISTEP reminder call from Mr. Arkanoff. Mr. Arkanoff stated Heather McDonald, Crystal Meekins and Anya Cutter suggested he send out the reminder call and were the ones

that came up with the statement for the call. Mr. Arkanoff stated the Franklin School officials heard the message and asked for the script so that they could send a similar message to their students in the future.

Mr. Hoskinson asked how the ERC program was doing. Mr. Arkanoff stated things are going great and actually had its first graduate from Indian Creek a couple of weeks ago, as well as several Edinburgh students close to graduating. Mrs. Taulman asked if any students have dropped out of the program. Mr. Arkanoff stated there were a couple of students that were sent back to their home schools, but no drop outs.

Mr. Streeval commended everyone involved for another successful Sectional event. It was good to see all the participation and involvement, and the school spirit and pep block was great. Mr. Rockey stated Lindsey Bryant was a big part of putting together the pep block. Mr. Streeval commended the Alumni Association for recognizing the 1959 Basketball team at the ballgame a couple of weeks ago. Mrs. Hamm stated ten out of thirteen players were able to attend the game. Mr. Streeval stated he appreciated how Coach Chase kept the players out of the locker room at halftime to watch the former players being announced, and then had his players shake their hands. Everyone should thank Coach Chase if they get a chance. It was good for our players to be able to make that connection with the past. Mr. Streeval received several good comments regarding the ISTEP phone call. Mr. Streeval stated it is good to hear about all the good, positive things going on in the schools. Our 8th grade girl's Basketball team finished 2nd in the conference, and Mr. Streeval stated he feels next year is going to be a big year both academically and athletically.

Mrs. Taulman stated it was great to see the increase in extra-curricular activity. Mrs. Taulman stated she was recently involved in a program at East Side and commended the parent and grandparent involvement. Mrs. Taulman stated the phone call from Mr. Arkanoff encouraging students to do well on the ISTEP test was great. Mrs. Taulman commended the Alumni Association for recognizing the 1959 basketball team and stated it makes people feel good to be recognized. Mr. Streeval stated more generation connections need to be made.

Mrs. Hamm stated following the half-time ceremonies recognizing the 1959 basketball team, one of the gentlemen told her how impressed he was with the players staying on the floor to shake their hands. It was nice to have the past and present teams on the floor at the same time. Mrs. Hamm reminded the Board of the March 24th meeting with the Executive Session beginning at 5:15 p.m. and the Work Session at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Hamm asked the Board to contact the Central Office if they would like to attend the ISBA Bargaining Seminar on Wednesday, March 25th in Indianapolis. The Seminar is a full-day event. Mrs. Hamm reminded everyone that the next regular Board meeting is on April 20th. Mrs. Hamm stated school attendance had not been good lately due to a lot of sickness, and asked the principals if that has improved. Mrs. Phillips stated overall, East Side's attendance is looking better. Mr. Rockey stated the high school attendance is much better, and Mr. Edwards stated the middle school absences have been dwindling down. Mrs. Hamm commended Deb Jones on her efforts getting 10 Kindergarten students to do bell ringing during the National Anthem at the Sectionals. The students did a wonderful job and it was a neat experience for them. Mrs. Hamm reminded everyone of the high school Choir program on April 3rd and 4th.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Streeval moved and Mr. Hoskinson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

CATHY HAMM, PRESIDENT

ALICE TAULMAN, MEMBER

RON STREEVAL, VICE-PRESIDENT

KIM WEDDLE, MEMBER

JOHN HOSKINSON, SECRETARY