

EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Edinburgh, Indiana

April 18, 2011

The Board of School Trustees met in executive session at 5:00 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 and Tammy Lewis.

An executive session was held for discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining.

No motions were made and no votes were taken at this meeting.

CATHY HAMM, PRESIDENT

GUY HARDIN, MEMBER

KIM WEDDLE, VICE-PRESIDENT

JUSTIN LOLLAR, MEMBER

ALICE TAULMAN, SECRETARY

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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, Emily Acker, Elizabeth Acker, David Bauman, Brooke Phillips, Traci Foltz and Kevin Rockey,

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition of Middle School Students of the Month

Mr. Arkanoff recognized the Middle School students of the month: Emily Acker for 6th grade, Taylor Beauchamp for 7th grade, and Elliott Parmer for 8th grade. Mr. Edwards wanted to share that Emily, who was present, as well as Taylor and Elliott are wonderful students and can always be counted on to do the right thing. Students such as Emily, Taylor and Elliott makes Mr. Edwards' job a lot easier and Mr. Edwards wanted to thank their parents for all they do for their children.

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 March 21 and April 6, 2011 Meetings
2. Claims for Payment – Claims #911 through and including #1030 and payroll date of 3/18/11, 4/1/11 and 4/15/11.
3. Personnel – Recommendation to approve the revision of Stephanie Pilcher's medical leave to begin 4/1/11 and continue through 6/2/11 with Mrs. Pilcher returning on 6/3/11; Recommendation to approve Cole Zook as volunteer assistant varsity baseball coach; Resignation of Shaun Stanfill as Assistant Athletic Director; Add Drama Club to Breanne Townsend's contract.
4. Donations - \$2,482.76 from Johnson County Community Foundation for MS special needs students.
5. QSCB Pay Request – Approval to pay \$41,600.00 to Edinburgh Comm. School Corp. for Dunlap's Pressbox Block; \$933.31 to Edinburgh Comm. School Corp. for All Phase Electric Pressbox Electrical.
6. Revision of Policy 9.2, School Facility – Revision of school facilities fee schedule to include changing the flat fee for the HS/MS & East Side gymnasiums and cafeterias from \$20 to \$30, the HS/MS and East Side kitchens from \$25 to \$35, classrooms from \$10 to \$20 and the custodial fee from \$21 to \$30 per hour.

Mrs. Weddle moved and Mrs. Taulman seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Arkanoff stated he had an additional personnel item to add to the consent agenda that was received

after the packet went out. Mrs. Taulman moved and Mrs. Weddle seconded a motion to amend the motion to include the additional personnel item. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion of Possible Athletic Fees for Transportation

Mr. Arkanoff stated he gathered initial calculations for possible athletic fees for transportation and at this point it looks like if all student athletes are put into the pool the fee would be approximately \$20-\$30 per student per sport. This fee will be used to cover transportation fees only. Mr. Arkanoff stated no action is required tonight but is for discussion only. Issues such as students who qualify for free and reduced fees still needs to be discussed. Mr. Arkanoff stated the athletic transportation fee would be charged to all student athletes. We can look into trying to get scholarships through Boosters, etc. for individual students who can't afford to pay the fee. Mr. Hardin asked if this fee is for student athletes only and not clubs. Mr. Arkanoff stated yes, and the fee would be initiated after Mr. Jordan has the final team rosters so any athlete cut from the team would not be charged a fee. Mrs. Hamm stated it was originally discussed to also charge for extra-curricular activities/clubs. Mr. Arkanoff stated most clubs are paying their transportation fees through student activity funds or the clubs themselves pay for the fee. Mrs. Hamm asked about choir and band competitions. Mr. Arkanoff stated those groups were not added because they are co-curricular activities and are paid through student activity funds with the exception of FCCLA. Mrs. Kahl conducts fund raisers to pay FCCLA's transportation fees. Mr. Arkanoff stated two years ago the Athletic Department began paying for their fuel costs, but have not been responsible for paying other transportation fees such as the driver fee. The transportation fund has been stable, but we're not sure how long this will hold out. Last year the corporation spent approximately \$7,000 in transportation fees. By adding this transportation fee, most of that fee will be covered. Mrs. Taulman asked about the transportation fees for field trips. Mr. Arkanoff stated high/middle school field trips are most often paid for by splitting the cost between the number of students going on the trip and the elementary school field trips are often paid for through their activity fund. Mrs. Phillips stated when they hold fund raisers at East Side they usually set aside money specifically for field trips. Mr. Arkanoff stated he would like to possibly add this issue on the May or June agenda for approval and asked the Board to contact him with any questions or concerns prior to the meeting. Mrs. Hamm stated she would like to see more factual information before making a decision. Mr. Arkanoff stated he would gather more information, look into how to deal with the free and reduced issue, and work with the principals and AD to develop a plan to implement the fee.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Phillips recognized Kimberly Harp who will be representing East Side in the Johnson County spelling bee. Kimberly is a great speller and is very excited about the spelling bee. We wish her good luck! Mrs. Phillips recognized East Side's six new teachers this year, Brandy Hyatt and Kendria Stephens in Kindergarten, Casey Ernestes and Peggy Kinsey in 1st grade, and Brianne Townsend and Cole Zook in 5th grade. These six teachers recognized the fact that professional development is important for their growth as teachers and voluntarily participated in a book club this year. Mrs. Phillips thanked them for their time. Mrs. Phillips recognized Adam Miller who brought the 6th grade band to East Side to perform for 5th grade students. Mrs. Phillips stated the band sounded great and they were excited to perform. The 5th grade students were excited about getting the opportunity to be part of the band next year. Mr. Miller is doing a wonderful job.

Mr. Rockey stated the High School has an Academic Team meet at Whiteland on Tuesday evening and stated anyone that is able to attend is welcome. The Academic Team recently competed in the conference meet and did well. The Fine Arts team placed second. The teams are judged in different categories and against schools that are the same size.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bauman thanked the Board for their support of his participation in Leadership Johnson County by paying his tuition and allowing him to be gone from his classroom nine Wednesday's through the school year. LJC is very worth-while and Mr. Bauman stated he couldn't begin to tell everything he has learned about leadership and Johnson County. Mr. Bauman stated he had the pleasure this past Saturday to attend a meeting with over 400 colleagues from across the state and wanted to share a little of what was covered at that meeting. A lot of these issues are likely to hit close to home in the near future. One of the backdrops displayed read "We want to be treated with dignity & respect". Mr. Bauman stated he personally has never felt that he wasn't treated with dignity and respect here in Edinburgh. That says a lot for this community and Board. If you pay any attention to ads that have been shown lately, they give the impression that everything to do with public education is wrong. Another phrase used at the meeting was "Since when did teachers become the enemy". Mr. Bauman stated despite the walkout by a significant number of House Representatives, the agenda seems to be moving forward and one of those issues is merit pay. There are concerns that not everything that can be measured counts. Mr. Bauman stated as he looks towards the option, he personally would welcome merit pay and feels the majority of teachers deserve merit pay. The sticky part would be to figure out how to institute it. An evaluation instrument would need to be developed that is all-inclusive to cover all areas and all grades. Test scores show how well a student did on that one day a year and there are so many subject areas and grade levels that are not doing testing. Another thing to look at would be that an administrator can't spend as much time as they would like observing in classrooms. You can't observe a classroom one or two times a year and know how affective that teacher is. The school would also need adequate funding to reward all that are deserving in the corporation. Mr. Bauman thanked the Board for their time.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Arkanoff recommended tabling the 2011-2012 Corporation calendar due to information received today on the IREAD testing window, which happens to fall in the middle of the recommended spring break next year. BCSC is looking at what they are going to do, and since we are going with a calendar that coincides with BCSC's calendar, it would be better not to approve it and then have to come back next month and change it. Mrs. Taulman moved and Mr. Lollar seconded a motion to table the 2011-2012 Corporation calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hardin congratulated the Middle School Students of the Month and stated he is glad to see students who excel in every area. It is also nice to see Emily's mother here supporting her daughter, which is probably where she's getting her enthusiasm. Family is so important.

Mr. Lollar congratulated the Middle School Students of the Month, Emily, Taylor and Elliott. Mr. Lollar stated there are a lot of things coming down through the state. Mr. Lollar stated besides his education, he also learned a lot of life lessons from his teachers and appreciates all that they do.

Mrs. Weddle congratulated the Middle School Students of the Month. Mrs. Weddle congratulated Mr. Bauman on his Leadership Johnson County graduation.

Mrs. Taulman thanked Emily and her mother for attending the Board meeting and congratulated all three Middle School Students of the Month. Mrs. Taulman stated it was great to hear about the new elementary teachers who took the time to voluntarily participate in the professional development book club. Mrs. Taulman stated it was good to hear Mr. Bauman's concerns and congratulated him on his graduation from Leadership Johnson County.

Mrs. Hamm congratulated Emily, Taylor and Elliott and thanked Mr. Edwards for his ability to observe and pick out students that he knows are excellent students, always keeping Lancer Pride in the back of

his mind. Mrs. Hamm reminded everyone of the work session at 7:00 p.m. this evening following the regular session. Mrs. Hamm reminded everyone that the next School Board meeting is May 16th.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Taulman moved and Mr. Hardin seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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The Board of School Trustees met in special session at 7:00 p.m. on this date at the Administration Building, 202 S. Keeley Street, Edinburgh, IN 46124. All members were present.

Also attending was Betty Poindexter of *Indiana University*.

Work Session

1. Discussion of:

1. Superintendent Search Procedures with Betty Poindexter of Indiana University

An informal work session was conducted to discuss issues related to discussion of Superintendent Search procedures with Betty Poindexter of Indiana University.

No motions were made and no votes were taken at this meeting.

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