

EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Edinburgh, Indiana
June 18, 2007

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on this date at the East Side Elementary Art Room, 810 East Main Cross Street, Edinburgh, IN 46124 with Cathy Hamm presiding. All Board Members were present.

Also attending were Rebecca Sager, Jackie Crawhorn, Curtis Rooks, Miriam Rooks, Pam Streeval, Barb Pierse, Janie Bailey, Adam Bailey, Paula Wright, Kevin Rockey, Rich Arkanoff, Roxie Kindelsperger, Kim Hobdy, Benjamin Betts, Allison Betts, Cohen Betts, Barry Barnett, Debbie Yates, Randy Ewin, Fred Rennirt, Leota Rennirt, Debbie Nix, Terri Elliott, Carol Swanson, Jeff Simpson, Kelli Jones, Terri Monroe, Dale Bowers, Evelyn Pence, Kelsy Burton, Kristen Monson, and Marah Piercefield.

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

Mrs. Hamm read the Corporation Mission Statement.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mrs. Hansen moved and Mrs. Taulman seconded a motion approving the minutes of the May 21, 2007 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS APPROVED

Mr. Streeval moved and Mrs. Taulman seconded a motion to approve claims #5481 through and including #5603 and payroll dates of 5/25/07 and 6/08/07 for payment. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION

A. East Side Outdoor Lab Restoration Project (Adam Bailey)

Mrs. Hamm introduced Adam Bailey who had received approval from the Board to do a restoration project of East Side's Outdoor Lab. This project enabled him to become an Eagle Scout. Adam presented two books to the Board, one which explained the process he went through to complete the project, including before and after pictures of the project and a book of additional pictures. At this time Adam gave everyone a tour of the completed Outdoor Lab explaining each area. Dr. Sager thanked Adam for his hard work and stated he saved the Outdoor Lab because the corporation was considering filling in the wet land area due to its deteriorated shape. Mrs. Hamm stated Adam did a great job with the project and Mrs. Taulman commended him for raising the money to accomplish the restoration project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Personnel Report

Mrs. Taulman moved and Mr. Hoskinson seconded a motion to approve the following Support Staff Report: the dismissal of Gary Phelps as high school custodian, the resignation of Kirk Wrightsman as middle school cross country coach, the recommendation of Susan Pence as East Side Publications Sponsor, and the approval of Paula Wright as Drama Coach for the 2006-2007 school year. The motion to approve the Support Staff Report passed unanimously.

Mrs. Hansen moved and Mr. Streeval seconded a motion approving the resignations of Mindy McCashland, high school Spanish teacher; Kristen Yates, high school English/Journalism teacher; and Kerry Brown, Athletic Director. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Hansen stated these teachers did an excellent job and she is sorry to see them go.

Mrs. Taulman moved and Mr. Hoskinson seconded a motion approving the following summer school and Driver's Education teachers: Joyce Nogan, Katie Jerome, Tanya Crider, Ellen Brand, Linda Martzall, Jerry Hayes, Anya Cutter, John Cox, Deb Jones, Dave Marendt and Rick Bechtel and the following CAPE Grant Preschool Program teachers, Kim Hobdy, Cathy Ison, Ashley Swim, and Martha Hotz. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Sager made a recommendation to hire Benji Betts as Middle School Principal. Mr. Arkanoff thanked the selection committee which consisted of himself, Kevin Rockey, Heather McDonald, Greg Stinson, Rick Bechtel, and Cathy Hamm. Twenty-five applications were received and six candidates interviewed. Mr. Arkanoff stated he and the committee feel very fortunate to recommend Mr. Benji Betts as the new Middle School Principal. Mr. Betts is a graduate of Franklin High School and Franklin College and received his Masters Degree from Butler University. He is currently the Associate Director of IPLA (Indiana Principal Leadership Academy). Mrs. Hansen moved and Mrs. Taulman seconded a motion approving Mr. Betts as the new Middle School Principal at \$65,000 with a 220 day contract. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Sager made a recommendation to hire Tim Jordan as the new Athletic Director on the same salary plan as the previous AD. Mr. Jordan is currently the Athletic Director at North Decatur High School and comes highly recommended. He will bring a lot of experience to the position. Mr. Rockey stated Kerry Brown did an excellent job and Mr. Jordan will be able to build on that. Mr. Streeval moved and Mrs. Hansen seconded a motion approving Mr. Jordan on the teacher's salary schedule plus 10 days and a \$6,700 athletic director stipend. The motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

B. Approval of Title I Program

Dr. Sager stated the Title I funds were considerably more this year due to the state formula which applied the 2000 Census data showing a higher poverty level. Mrs. Yates recommended hiring a part-time teacher/part-time Parent Involvement/Title I clerical support staff member, making the CAMP Director, Susan Pence, a certified position, a part-time teacher to work with the instructional assistants during the morning tutoring and Focus times as well as providing direct instruction to students during those times, and purchasing classroom technology tools that will enhance the projection devices currently installed in every classroom. Mr. Arkanoff explained the capabilities of the different technology tools that will be purchased. Mrs. Hansen moved and Mr. Streeval

seconded a motion approving the Title I Program as submitted including placing the Camp Commander position on a regular teacher contract. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Student Handbooks

Mr. Hoskinson moved and Mrs. Taulman seconded a motion approving the East Side, Middle School and High School student handbooks. Dr. Sager stated that the Board is asked to approve the handbooks to add the authority and endorsement of the Board to the administrators' plans for maintaining a consistent, orderly, and safe program and environment for the schools. It was pointed out that some names needed to be updated in the middle school handbook. Mr. Arkanoff stated those would be changed before being sent to the printer. The motion to approve the student handbooks passed 4 yes, 1 abstention. Mr. Streeval abstained.

D. Approval of Athletic Handbook

Mr. Streeval moved and Mrs. Taulman seconded a motion approving the Athletic Handbook as presented. Dr. Sager said the same statement applied as for the handbooks above concerning the endorsement of the Board for maintaining a consistent athletic program. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Policy Update (#9.1, Public Use of School Facilities)

Dr. Sager stated she received a couple of suggestions from Mr. Streeval for improvement of the Facility Usage forms. She explained these changes before making the final recommendation. This included adding the word "Contract" to the title of the form and making language about cancellation notice consistent in all parts of the form. The revision stated that an organization requesting use of facilities are responsible for damage to property, personal property, and personal injury incurred during the activity for which the facility was requested. It also added that facilities are not available for usage by individuals for private receptions or parties. Dr. Sager stated this was due partly because of our facilities are used frequently by community groups and to avoid adding liability to the school corporation. Mr. Hoskinson moved and Mrs. Taulman seconded a motion to approve the Policy update with stated changes. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Approval of Family Consumer Science Textbooks

Dr. Sager stated Family and Consumer Science courses "Issues and Concern" and "Human Development" were not offered in the year that the textbooks for FACS were approved. Ginger Kahl is recommending *Youth Helping Youth* at a cost of \$12.93 for a total of \$13.72 for the Issues and Concerns class and *Strengthening Family and Self* at a cost of \$44.97 with a rental fee of \$12.93 for the Human Development class. Mr. Streeval asked if anyone besides Mrs. Kahl looked at the books before the recommendation. Mr. Rockey stated Mrs. Kahl had the books out for people to look at during parent conference, etc. Dr. Sager stated Mrs. Kahl also has an advisory council for her teaching area. Mrs. Taulman stated she was happy to see more elective classes being offered. Mrs. Taulman moved and Mrs. Hansen seconded a motion approving the recommended Family and Consumer Science textbooks. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kim Hobdy stated her husband, Jack Hobdy, who was the former Facilities Director for the school, asked that she give Dr. Sager a message. When Mr. Hobdy left the position a couple of years ago there had been rumors that he had left on bad terms with Dr. Sager. Mr. Hobdy stated at that time that he had always had a very good working relationship with Dr. Sager. Several months ago they heard the same rumor again and did what they could to set the record straight and clear the air. About a month ago the rumor was heard again out in public and Jack wanted Becky to know that she was one of the best bosses he had ever worked for and would work for her again without hesitation.

Mr. Arkanoff stated he has enjoyed working with Becky and thanked her for giving him the chance to work at Edinburgh as the middle school principal. The school and community have been fortunate to have her for the past five years.

Barb Pierce stated she would like to see at least the dress code section of all the Student Handbooks translated to Spanish for the Hispanic parents and students. Mrs. Pierce stated she appreciates the generosity shown by the school staff to all students, including the Hispanic students. Teachers and staff always take the extra time to make them feel welcome.

Mrs. Pierce stated Becky Sager came to the corporation at a time when there was a great deal of upheaval. She responded with grace under pressure and it is very clear that she has been able to enjoy the respect of staff and community members from our corporation as well as others. Becky is a great educational leader and Mrs. Pierce wished her the best.

Paula Wright stated East Side's handbook went to the interpreter today to be translated.

Carol Swanson stated it has been an interesting 5 years with Becky.

Mrs. Yates thanked Becky for giving her the chance to be the elementary principal and for the support she has shown her.

Jackie Crowthorn stated Becky Sager is not only a wonderful boss but also a good friend. She will be missed by the corporation and the community.

Randy Ewin introduced himself as Becky's husband, and family members, her dad, Fred Rennirt, her mother, Leota Rennirt, her sister Debbie Nix and her other sister Terri Elliott.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Hamm reminded the Board about the Special Meeting scheduled on Tuesday, June 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building.

Mrs. Hamm reminded the Board about the full day Board Retreat scheduled on Tuesday, August 7th at the Johnson County Foundation.

Mr. Hoskinson congratulated Adam Bailey on his work on the Outdoor Lab and stated he did an awesome job.

Mrs. Hansen congratulated Adam Bailey on a great job and stated he might be thinking about ideas to give it a good name.

Mrs. Hansen stated she wanted to express her gratitude to Becky for the five years she has been with the corporation. As this point Mrs. Hansen became emotional and could not finish her statement but provided the written statement which expressed gratitude for Becky's strong core of ethics and clear vision. She stated that Becky had a constant refrain of "I know we can do this." and pushed to make the corporation better. She recognized Becky's commitment to education and the needs of the community and stated that Becky has earned the respect of the residents in Edinburgh and in nearby communities. She thanked Becky for making a difference.

Mrs. Taulman congratulated and thanked Adam Bailey on doing a great job restoring the Outdoor Lab.

Mrs. Taulman wished Becky good luck.

Mr. Streeval commended Adam Bailey on a great job and stated he may think about taking over the Boosters in a few years since he is so organized and good at raising money.

Mr. Streeval stated Becky did a great job bringing him up to speed when he came on the Board and that he'd heard a lot of good things about her out in the community.

Mr. Streeval suggested looking at the cost of translating the entire Student Handbook in order to have them if parents or students request one.

Mrs. Hamm congratulated Adam Bailey on a job well done.

Mrs. Hamm stated she would like to thank Becky for all she has done in the five years that she's been here and that it has been an honor being on the Board under her direction. During the interview process Mrs. Hamm took her on a tour of the area. Mrs. Hamm asked her what she wanted to be called, Dr. Sager, Rebecca, etc. and she said "Becky", and that is what she's been to everyone. Becky is a leader and a friend to all. The tour included taking her through the bus routes and when asked if there was anything else she would like to see she asked me to take her to see the poorest housing in the community so she could see where all the children came from. Becky came during trying times and Mrs. Hamm stated she would sometimes drive by the Administration Office in the mornings just to make sure she came back each morning. She always came back, no matter what. Mrs. Hamm stated she is sad to have to bid her farewell and stated it has been a privilege working with her.

At this time Mrs. Hamm presented Dr. Sager with a bell in appreciation for her five years of service to the corporation.

Dr. Sager stated she is leaving with mixed emotions. These five years have been wonderful and everyone here feels like family. Becky said her reason for leaving is to be able to spend more time with her family, including her new husband. Becky stated even though it is difficult for her to leave she knows she is leaving the corporation in good hands with Mr. Arkanoff, who cares about the corporation and the community. Becky wished everyone the best and stated she would be back occasionally to visit.

Mrs. Hamm invited everyone to a reception for Dr. Sager in the cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Taulman moved and Mr. Hoskinson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.
The motion passed unanimously.

CATHY HAMM, PRESIDENT

JANET HANSEN, MEMBER

RON STREEVAL, VICE-PRESIDENT

JOHN HOSKINSON, MEMBER

ALICE TAULMAN, SECRETARY