

EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Edinburgh, Indiana

September 15, 2008

The Board of School Trustees met at 5:00 p.m. for a Work Session and at 6:00 p.m. in regular session on this date at the Administration Building, 202 S. Keeley Street, Edinburgh, IN 46124 with Cathy Hamm presiding. All Board Members were present.

WORK SESSION

Also attending the work session was Richard Arkanoff.

A. Discussion of Vision Statement

An informal work session was conducted to discuss issues related to the Board Vision Statement.

No motions were made and no votes were taken during this Work Session.

REGULAR MEETING

All Board Members were present.

Also attending were Richard Arkanoff, Jackie Crawhorn, Sarah Wilson, Leah Streeval, Pam Streeval, Tina Bottorff, Rachel Matusik, Josh Edwards, Vance Murray, Kevin Rockey, Tom Judd with *Ivy Tech*, Brooke Phillips, Tim Jordan and Bob Burton.

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Streeval moved and Mr. Hoskinson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2008 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS APPROVED

Mr. Hoskinson moved and Mrs. Taulman seconded a motion to approve claims #7336 through and including #7465 and payroll dates of August 29 and September 12, 2008 for payment. The motion passed unanimously.

“DIFFERENCE MAKER” PRESENTATION

Mr. Rockey and Tina Bottorff presented “Difference Maker” awards to Leah Streeval and Sarah Wilson. Ms. Bottorff stated she coaches Leah and Sarah on the Varsity Volleyball team and they both go above and beyond what is expected of them. Leah went home after practice one day and wrote down everything she had learned on note cards so that she could give them to the younger players. She is a

huge advocate for the program and her modeling in the gym is amazing. Leah is someone you can look up to and learn a lot from, which is also evident in her parents. Ms. Bottorff stated she only had the privilege of coaching Sarah for one year and has not gotten to know her as well, but she is proud to be able to present the award to both girls.

Mr. Edwards presented the September Middle School students of the month: Mariah Brown for 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Wendy Hasty for 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and Makenzie Coffey for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Mr. Edwards stated it is always nice to see these three girls in the hallways because they always have great attitudes.

Tom Judd with IVY Tech was pleased to be able to make a presentation to the Board and commended them for starting each Board meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Judd also noticed the “Prayer Against Drugs” signs as he came into town. These things show great leadership and atmosphere here in Edinburgh. Mr. Judd discussed the Dual Credit opportunities at Edinburgh High School. He stated we will be adding another AP class to continue to support the students at Edinburgh. The Board thanked Mr. Judd for his presentation and Mr. Arkanoff expressed his appreciation for the partnership with IVY Tech.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### **A. Personnel**

##### **1. Support Personnel Report**

Mrs. Taulman moved and Mr. Streeval seconded a motion to approve the recommendation of Derrick and Shannon Lacey to share the East Side Assistant Athletic Director position, Brad Rooks as the 5<sup>th</sup> grade girl’s basketball coach, Vance Murray as the girl’s varsity softball coach, Tori Brown as the 6<sup>th</sup> grade girl’s basketball coach, and Terry Burcham as a volunteer varsity baseball coach. Mr. Arkanoff stated Derrick and Shannon Lacey will split the stipend of the East Side Athletic Director position. Mr. Streeval asked if there is a conflict of interest if a coach has his or her own child on their team. Mrs. Phillips stated she met with both parent coaches and discussed the matter. Everyone is on the same page. The motion passed unanimously.

##### **2. Certified Staff Personnel**

Mrs. Weddle moved and Mrs. Taulman seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Dave Marendt as Varsity Track Coach. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hoskinson moved and Mrs. Taulman seconded a motion to approve the resignation of John Cox, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Mr. Arkanoff stated Mr. Cox is resigning to pursue a new career in accounting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Streeval moved and Mr. Hoskinson seconded a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Rachel Matusik as 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Mr. Arkanoff stated Ms. Matusik stood out as the best candidate for her positive attitude and confidence in her answers. Her strengths are her ability to relate to students and her organizational skills. The motion passed unanimously. The Board welcomed Ms. Matusik to the corporation.

### **B. Approval of Donations**

Mr. Hoskinson moved and Mr. Streeval seconded a motion to approve the following donations: \$200 from the First Presbyterian Church to East Side School Supply Fund, \$1,385 from EHS After Prom Committee to the Class of 2009, and \$200 from Fletcher Chrysler Products to FCCLA. The motion passed unanimously.

### **C. Discussion of Consent Agenda**

Mr. Arkanoff stated the sample "Consent Agenda" did not look much different from the regular agenda. There would be two options when asking for approval of consent agenda items, the first would be for the Board to accept all consent agenda items and to vote as a group, and the second option would be to vote on all items with the exception of one or more items they would like to pull out and discuss. Mr. Streeval stated he felt having a consent agenda was a good idea but if personnel is included and approved without pulling it out, names of new hires, etc. would not be mentioned. Mrs. Taulman stated if donations were listed in the consent agenda the people, companies or organizations that donated money would not be acknowledged. Mrs. Hamm suggested approving the consent agenda to include minutes and claims to begin with and then work up from there. Mr. Streeval moved and Mrs. Taulman seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as discussed beginning in October. The motion passed unanimously.

## OLD BUSINESS

### **A. Approval of Policy #7.23, Random Drug Testing Policy**

Mr. Arkanoff stated Lisa Tanselle and Julie Slavens, Indiana School Boards Association attorneys, reviewed the proposed Random Drug Testing Policy and Consent Form. Julie Slavens made a couple of suggestions including the understanding that Band and Choir students can not be included in the drug testing pool because they are considered co-curricular. Co-curricular activities are activities that students receive grades for, such as band and choir. Drama Club would be considered extra-curricular because students do not receive grades for participation. Mr. Arkanoff also struck out some language that was updated and not necessary to be included in the policy. The goal of the policy is to increase participation in activities while maintaining a drug free campus. If the testing pool includes all extra-curricular activities, there are some students who may not participate just on the principle of not taking a drug test. Mr. Jordan stated twenty student numbers are pulled every two weeks for testing with only ten being tested. That number will stay the same no matter how many students are included in the testing pool, so the cost will not change if extra-curricular participants are added. Mr. Arkanoff stated because of the difficulty of monitoring student drivers they have taken them out of the policy. If a student refuses to be in the drug testing pool they can be told that they can't park in the school's parking lots, but it would be hard to monitor if they decide to drive and park on the street. Mr. Arkanoff stated student driving could be taken out of the policy altogether and made an administrative decision. Mr. Jordan stated approximately 50% of our students are currently in the drug pool. Mr. Streeval questioned language that was in the policy in three different areas. Mr. Arkanoff stated he would check with Ms. Slavens to see if it was necessary to have the language included since it is in three different areas of the policy. Mr. Streeval asked about the reasonable suspicion language. Mr. Arkanoff stated if there is

reasonable suspicion that a student is under the influence, the principal or superintendent can require that student to take a drug test. If the student refuses to take the test, it will be treated the same as if they fail the test. Mr. Arkanoff stated another recommended change to the policy was new language that clarified who conducts the testing. The school nurse used to be involved with giving the drug test, but now it is the Athletic Director, Assistant Principal and a representative from the drug testing company. Mr. Jordan stated when the Consent form is signed by the parent it is done in his office where he witnesses the signature. This makes it impossible for students to forge their parent's signature. Mr. Arkanoff stated the top part of the Consent Form is signed if a parent agrees to allow their child to be drug tested and the bottom part of the form is signed if the parent does not want their child tested or wants to withdraw them from the testing pool. Mr. Jordan will be responsible for monitoring the forms and making sure any students participating in extra-curricular activities have a signed form on file. A list of eligible students can be given to Club Sponsors who will check to make sure all students participating in their club is included on the list. Mr. Rockey stated Mr. Jordan will be responsible for keeping the list updated and the list could go to all homeroom teachers. The testing procedure was discussed by the Board. Mr. Streeval questioned the length of suspension time from extra-curricular activities that are not determined by seasons such as athletics. Mrs. Weddle stated the suspension could last three months which is the amount of time administration can retest someone who has been suspended from extra-curricular activities due to a failed test. Mr. Jordan stated the amount of suspension time could be 100% of the amount of time the club meets. Mr. Arkanoff stated he would contact Julie Slavens for more input and bring the policy back for approval in October. Mr. Streeval moved and Mrs. Weddle seconded a motion to table Policy #7.23, Random Drug Testing Policy. The motion passed unanimously.

## **B. Approval of Vision Statement**

Mr. Streeval moved and Mr. Hoskinson seconded a motion to table the Vision Statement and bring it back in two months for further discussion.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Phillips commended Joyce Nogan and Jennifer Garrett who were given the Climate Audit and asked to come up with a creative way to share the results with the rest of the staff. Mrs. Nogan and Mrs. Garrett came up with a "Family Feud" game that engaged staff and was also very informative. Mrs. Phillips stated she appreciated Mrs. Nogan and Mrs. Garrett's leadership. The staff is using the Climate Audit as a tool to change things this year. Mrs. Phillips commended Laurie Malinka who held after-school ISTEP help sessions for students who were on the bubble. Ms. Malinka did this on her own, and Mrs. Phillips stated she appreciated her efforts.

Mr. Rockey acknowledged Cindy Bechtel, Traci Foltz, Heather McDonald and Paula Wright for everything they did during ISTEP testing. These ladies worked hard getting things ready. Mr. Rockey acknowledged the high school Team Leaders, Derrick Engelbert Deborah Hightshue, David Bauman, Ginger Kahl, Sean Rosser, for training staff on curriculum during Professional Development. Using staff members is much more effective than bringing someone in to speak.

Mr. Arkanoff thanked the Board for allowing him to participate in Leadership Johnson County and informed Mrs. Hamm that there is an Alumni dinner scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Arkanoff reminded the Board of the "Tee's for ERC" golf outing fund raiser for the Education Resource Center that is sponsored by Simon Youth Foundation.

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Hoskinson moved and Mrs. Weddle seconded a motion to approve revised Policy #7.16, Transfer Tuition Guidelines, with the following change: adding number eight which reads, no transfer tuition requests will be granted solely for Athletic reasons. Mr. Hoskinson amended his motion to include the addition of number nine which reads, transportation will not be provided for transfer tuition students. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Arkanoff presented the Board with the ADM report. Mr. Arkanoff thanked the principals and counselors for doing a great job getting things ready for ISTEP testing.

Mrs. Weddle thanked Tom Judd for his presentation and for how he stands up for Edinburgh. Mrs. Weddle thanked Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Woodall for the great East Side Newsletters.

Mr. Hoskinson stated he was excited to hear about the increasing number of students who are taking dual credit classes.

Mr. Streeval congratulated tonight's award winners and stated he is proud of them all. Mr. Streeval stated he was impressed with Mr. Judd's presentation and stated the school needs partners like IVY Tech who will go above and beyond to help our students. Mr. Streeval presented a "working" copy of the Coach's Handbook that Mr. Jordan is putting together. The handbook contains policies, duties, etc. Also included is the mandatory requirement that all coaches have CPR training. Mr. Streeval stated he hopes First Aid training will also be included in that requirement.

Mrs. Taulman stated she enjoyed seeing our students attending Board meetings and it is nice to be able to honor them. Mrs. Taulman stated she is glad to see the increased number of students taking dual credit classes and getting college credit by taking courses at colleges. Mrs. Taulman stated she always enjoys reading the East Side Newsletter.

Mrs. Hamm reminded everyone to attend the "Pack the House" volleyball game this Thursday and stated student admission will be \$1.00. Mrs. Hamm stated it was wonderful seeing the Band in their new uniforms on the football field and in the parade. Mrs. Hamm stated it was nice to see the number of students taking dual credit courses and stated it would be nice to get those numbers from our school as opposed to getting them from IVY Tech. Mr. Rockey stated students can also receive credits by attending C4.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Streeval moved and Mr. Hoskinson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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CATHY HAMM, PRESIDENT

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ALICE TAULMAN, MEMBER

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RON STREEVAL, VICE-PRESIDENT

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KIM WEDDLE, MEMBER

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JOHN HOSKINSON, SECRETARY