

NOTE: These are "proposed" minutes and will not be approved until the March 7, 2017 School Board Meeting

4:00 p.m.
Administration Center

Tuesday
February 21, 2017

BOARD MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – President David Black called the February 21, 2017, meeting of the Board of School Trustees to order at 4:00 p.m. All Board Members were present. Others in attendance included Jane Allen, Superintendent, Robby Goodman, Assistant Superintendent, Michelle Willey, Director of Transportation and Jeff Palmer, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Yoder, Principal at Orchard View Elementary, introduced third grade teacher Corey Greider who brought a power-point presentation that showcased what OVE teachers are doing to help students in their classrooms.

- Teachers are working really hard in math, working with the scope and sequence when they teach the skills. With Language Arts and Math they are using our district coaches, Lori Hochstetler and Patti McGlauchlen and also Mindy Hoffar from the All-Write consortium.
- Feedback from staff indicated they would like to have common language throughout their building. The School Culture Committee came up with three behaviors (the "3 B's") that they would like to see from any student at any time. Those behaviors were, be safe, be kind and be responsible.
- Students are also growing herbs then giving them to Mrs. Miller, the cafeteria manager, to use in preparing food. Students have a "Harvest Day" and enjoy seeing how Mrs. Miller uses the herbs in creating meals for the kids.
- A survey was sent to parents asking them what kind of a fund raiser they would like to see. They really didn't want to sell items (candy, cookies, etc.) so they decided to have an event which they called the "Crazy Fun Run." This run was in the fall with over 100 families participating.
- Each year their Art teacher, Rachelle Judd, puts together "Cookies and Clay" with the students. Students create ornaments using the clay. They have a day when the students can come and pick up their ornaments and parents provide cookies. Donations are collected for the Middlebury Food Pantry and teachers talk a lot about giving with the students, especially around the holiday season.
- OVE had an "outdoor skate" party at the skate park in Elkhart. There were 86 skaters and over 100 attended the event.

Mrs. King commended OVE for doing the Fun Run. It's a great way to raise funds for your school and it's good to see families together doing fun things (especially with technology today and kids not having things in their hands). Mr. Black said there were lots of ways to learn and Mr. Yoder showed the board many ways and experiences on how to learn. Learning isn't necessarily sitting in a classroom, it's getting outside and doing different things. Thank you.

EXPRESSIONS FROM PATRONS – None.

CONSENT AGENDA –

- Minutes from the February 7, 2017 school board meeting
- Claims Lists
- Personnel List
- Financial Statement for January 2017

EMPLOYMENT:

Northridge Middle School

Classified: Samantha Shapiro, 6.5 Hour Special Needs One-to-One Para
Start Date: February 22, 2017

Carrie van Deventer, Girls Swim Coach, 22575-1, Start Date: February 22, 2017

Heritage Intermediate School

Certified: Doreen Shelt, Temporary 5th Grade teacher, Covering FMLA Leave for Tina Yeater
Start Date: March 6, 2017

Transportation Department

Classified: Wilbur (Willie) Miller, Substitute Bus Driver, Start Date: February 22, 2017

RESIGNATION:

Northridge High School

Certified: Holly Brinker, Special Education Teacher, Effective Date: February 24, 2017

Northridge Middle School

Classified: Benjamin Shirk, Spell Bowl Coach, Effective Date: February 10, 2017

EMERGENCY LEAVE:

York Elementary School

Certified: Stephaney Nay, Kindergarten Teacher, ½ day, February 17, 2017

Classified: Patty Mast, Media Assistant, 4 Hours, February 21, 2017; 4 Hours, February 28, 2017

Administration Center

Certified: Mark Snyder, Director of Business, 1 Day, February 21, 2017

FMLA LEAVE:

York Elementary School

Certified: Megan Coryell, Elementary Education Instructional Guide, From May 8, 2017 to May 31, 2017

Jefferson Elementary School

Classified: Angela Studebaker, 5.75 Hour Special Needs One-to-One Para,
From February 21, 2017 to March 22, 2017

TRANSFER:

Northridge High School

Classified: Denisse Latisnere, 12 Month Custodian to: Middlebury Elementary School, 12 Month Custodian
Effective Date: February 9, 2017

Northridge Middle School

Classified: Evan Troyer, 12 Month Custodian to: Northridge High School, 12 Month Custodian
Effective Date: February 13, 2017

Christine Vollmer, 6.5 Hour Building Assistant to: 5.5 Hour Building Assistant
Effective Date: February 10, 2017

RETIREMENT:

Administration Building

Classified: Marilyn Cook, Payroll and Benefits Coordinator, Effective Date: August 16, 2017

Heritage Intermediate School

Classified: Esther Bush, 6.5 Hour Cafeteria Worker, Effective Date: May 26, 2017

Mrs. King moved and Mr. Miller seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFER TUITIONS FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR - Mr. Souder moved and Mr. Gayler seconded a motion to approve Transfer Tuition Students for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS LICENSE PLATE FEES – Mrs. Allen asked for approval to accepted \$356.25, which is the Educational Dollars for Scholars License Plate fees. Mr. Gayler moved and Mr. Miller seconded a motion to approve the request as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

APPROVAL OF DONATION TO MIDDLEBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Middlebury Elementary School is requesting approval to receive a donation of \$848.25 for library activities and assemblies from the Middlebury PTO. Mr. Miller moved and Mr. Souder seconded a motion to approve a donation to Middlebury Elementary School as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

FIELD TRIPS – The school board reviewed the list of field trips.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE –

- Congratulations to Conner Graber for getting 7th place in the State Wrestling meet.
- The NHS Girls basketball team ended with a 28-2 season. They went to semi-state and played against a team that was really good. Mrs. Allen thanked everyone for their support. The team won the NLC, Sectional and Regional – first time in our schools history. Congratulations to them for all their hard work.
- The NHS Boys swim team won their sectional last weekend and are going to State this weekend.
- The Northridge Middle School Mathcounts team finished 1st in their regional. There were 2 students in the top 10 – Kevin Wang (7th) and Jaxon Miller (6th) got 4th.
- Congratulations to Alyssa Hochstetler on being named “Indiana’s Distinguished Young Woman”. She advances to the National competition in Mobile, AL on June 29-July 1st. Her sister won it 4 years ago, it’s the first time 2 sisters have won their hometown competition and now the state competition.
- At Regional the high school Science Olympiad team placed 2nd and the Middle School placed 4th. Both teams are going to the State competition at Bloomington in March. Congratulations to both teams!

- Good luck to the NHS Boys Basketball team in playing in their Sectional next Wednesday!

REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL – Board members reviewed the list of travel requests.

EXPRESSIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS –

- Mr. Miller thanked all the employees who work behind the scenes – those who set up and take down wrestling mats, custodians, etc. There are a lot of people doing this work that need to be recognized. We really appreciate everything they do. Thank you.
- Mr. Souder agreed with Mr. Miller. He also said there are multiple things going on in all the schools, in the community and outside the community. Thanks to all the people who attended those events – he thinks t's just awesome! .
- Mrs. King said Austin Slabach, the owner of 41 Degrees North, told her he is very glad the Show Choir hosts in Middlebury (Austin was in the Show Choir). It brings people into our community. He told her about the comments he has heard from people outside our community and how they enjoyed being at Northridge for the Show Choir event and how well it's put together. People like coming to our little community. It takes all of us every day to make sure we put our best foot forward. There are fantastic things happening here...like the Mathcounts team, everyone is working very hard. Thanks to the teachers, administrators, moms and dads that get involved. It makes a difference! She also wanted to thank the people who work behind the scenes as Mr. Miller did. They do a great job.
- Mr. Black commended all the students. A coach can have a 28-2 record, (he's not taking anything away from the coach) but it's the kids that are working on their own time that got them to that point. Same way with the kids in Mathcounts. These kids are studying on their own to learn. His hat is off to the students and the adults that are helping them. They all put in a lot of hard work.
- Mrs. Allen thanked the board for all their support for all our events. She really appreciates their support.

OTHER BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Souder moved and Mr. Miller seconded a motion to adjourn the February 21, 2017 meeting of the School Board of Trustees at 4:45 p.m. to Executive Session. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The next scheduled school board meeting will be on March 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Administration Center.

David Black, President

Joanna King, Vice President

Robert Souder, Secretary

Scott Miller, Member

Paul Gayler, Member