

**NOTE: These are “proposed” minutes and will not be approved until the June 6, 2017 School Board Meeting**

4:00 p.m.  
Administration Center

Tuesday  
May 16, 2017

BOARD MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – President David Black called the May 16, 2017 meeting of the Board of School Trustees to order at 4:00 p.m. All Board Members were present with the exception of Paul Gayler. Others in attendance included Jane Allen, Superintendent, Robby Goodman, Assistant Superintendent, Mark Snyder, Director of Business Services and Michelle Willey, Director of Transportation.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - Dr. Goodman gave the following report about the IREAD scores.

- Pass rate was 89.9%
- York Elementary was up 6% from last year.
- Middlebury was up 7%, from last year.
- Jefferson and Orchard View had 1% growth. They are also larger buildings which levels out sometimes.
- Twenty-four students are signed up for summer school and will re-take the test in June. We are hopeful they will all pass the second time around.

Mr. Black said Dr. Goodman was explaining it was up 8% and 1% ... are there any numbers from each one of the elementary schools? Is there one elementary school that seems to have more than others or is it spread out? Dr. Goodman said the highest pass rate was Middlebury Elementary at 94.2%, York 91%, OVE 88% and JES 87%. Difference in sizes, OVE tested 103 students, JES 97 students, YES 79 students and Middlebury 69 students. Results of the retesting may be available in late June or early July.

EXPRESSIONS FROM PATRONS – Catherine Yoder, 15816 CR 18, Goshen. “I am the Assistant Choir Director at Northridge High School and the current Music Department Chair. My reason for speaking today is two-fold, number 1, to acknowledge the contributions of Mr. Kyle Barker as the high school director of choirs and to provide a broad picture of the growth in our department both at the middle school and high school level. As you know from your agenda and what you have received today, Kyle Barker will be leaving Northridge High School at the end of this school year to become a lead director of choirs at Carmel High School in Carmel, Indiana. Although we are thrilled for Mr. Barker and this opportunity we are obviously very sad to see him leave Middlebury Community Schools. In his 4 years at Northridge High School the department has grown considerably. He created the Varsity Lights Men’s choir for the growing number of young men wishing to be in choir. There are almost 50 men in Varsity Lights currently. The number of students wishing to take music theory has tripled. IB music had 3 students his first school year, next school year 15 are enrolled. Mr. Barker has led show choirs to 4 state championships and 2 state runner-up titles either as the director or assistant director and has taken 4 choirs to ISSMA concert choir state finals during his tenure, which is more than even Gerald Rasler who was here for many years. This year he organized and implemented a student leadership team thru leadership training. His students love and respect him for his talent but most importantly for his character. To say his presence will be missed will be a gross understatement. As Mr. Barker leaves and we seek his replacement, our department takes a close look at our current situation. Our departments, both high school and middle school, are exploding with students. If you attended the middle school choir concert on Saturday you know exactly what I am talking about. The teachers sitting here are extremely talented and love their students and their number one goal always includes the question, what is best for our students. Because of that and pursuit of excellence within each music classroom we are finding that students and their families want to be part of the program. So much so that we have more than 80 students whose families make the drive from their out-of-district homes every day, even as far away as Mishawaka, just so their children can be a part of Northridge High School and Northridge Middle School. The band is also experiencing the same rapid growth as the choirs. There are 101 6<sup>th</sup> grade band members this year. I can’t image, that many sixth grade students with a horn or a stick in their hands. The high school band had 92 members my son’s junior year, this year’s band had 153 and next year it will be over 180 members. With the current students enrolled in band we are projecting that the 2018-2019 band will have over 200 students playing. The growth and success of our programs has been exciting for our students and our staff. I want to close quickly with a story that Mr. Barker shared with our students before taking the stage at state finals this year. In 2013 a study was done in Sweden where each member of a choir was hooked up to breathing and heart monitors to see what would happen physiologically when they sang together. Very shortly into the experiment as the choir sang together, their breathing and heart rates became synchronized. We as a music department have the incredible privilege of teaching students a life-long activity that creates unity and harmony. Our schools and our community desperately long for that and our students desperately crave it. We each want to continue to offer that to our growing number of students and I cannot think of a better far-reaching investment. Thank you.”

CONSENT AGENDA –

- Minutes from the May 2, 2017 school board meeting and Executive Session
- Claims Lists
- Personnel List
- 2017 April Financial Report

EMPLOYMENT:

Orchard View Elementary School

Certified: Lori Henley, IREAD Summer School Teacher, Start Date: May 30, 2017  
Patti McGlauchlen, IREAD Summer School Teacher, Start Date: May 30, 2017  
Kathleen Huys, IREAD Summer School Teacher, Start Date: May 30, 2017  
Heidi Garber, IREAD Summer School Teacher, Start Date: May 30, 2017

Northridge High School

Certified: Kristin Wells, Assistant Principal, Replacing: Shelly Wilfong  
Start Date: July 24, 2017  
Tom Wogomon, Summer School Health Teacher, Start Date: June 5, 2017  
Savanna Kimmerling, Summer School English Teacher, Start Date: June 5, 2017  
Paul Johnson, Summer School Government Teacher, Start Date: June 5, 2017  
Nicole Swanson, Summer School Physical Education Teacher, Start Date: June 5, 2017  
Clint Borntrager, Summer School Physical Education Teacher, Start Date: June 5, 2017  
Kyle Hembree, Head Boys & Girls Swim Coach, 23170-1/23175-1, Replacing: Joe Keller  
Start Date: May 22, 2017

Classified: Brent Hooper, Boys Youth Basketball Coordinator, 53450-1, Start Date: May 22, 2017

Northridge Middle School

Certified: Rob Nisen, Summer School Math Teacher, Start Date: June 5, 2017  
Chance Starcher, Summer School LA Teacher, Start Date: June 5, 2017  
Stephanie Sizemore, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teacher, Replacing: Rowena Miller  
Start Date: August 4, 2017  
Morgan Stout, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teacher, Replacing: Matthew Lind  
Start Date: August 4, 2017

Classified: Emily Mercer, Summer School EL Para, Start Date: May 30, 2017

RESIGNATION:

Northridge High School

Certified: Kyle Barker, Choral Director, Effective Date: June 5, 2017  
Classified: Brent Hooper, Boys Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach, Effective Date: May 1, 2017  
Patricia Keller, 4 Hour Cafeteria Worker, Effective Date: June 1, 2017

York Elementary School

Classified: Sara Miller, Nurse, Effective Date: June 2, 2017

LEAVE 4430:

Orchard View Elementary School

Classified: Ashley Edlund, 6.5 Hour Life Skills Para, The 2017-18 School Year

EMERGENCY LEAVE:

Northridge Middle School

Classified: Kimberly King, 7.5 Hour Special Education Assistant, .33 Hours: May 9, 2017

Northridge High School

Certified: Crystal Brewster, Foreign Language/English Teacher, 1 Day: May 16, 2017  
Dawn Slabach, Language Arts Teacher, 1 Day: May 15, 2017  
Classified: Doug Slabach, Social Worker, 8 Hours: May 5, 2017

Jefferson Elementary School

Certified: Jeremy Lehman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, 1 Day: May 8, 2017, .5 Day: May 12, 2017

Middlebury Elementary School

Classified: Amy Powers, Bookkeeper, 2.15 Hours: May 15, 2017

RETIREMENT:

Transportation Department

Classified: Karen Jones, Bus Driver, Effective Date: June 1, 2017

TRANSFER:

Northridge High School

Classified: Angela Loomis, 3.5 Hour Cafeteria Worker, to: 4 Hour Cafeteria Worker  
Replacing: Patti Keller, Start Date: August 9, 2017

York Elementary School

Classified: Jackie Rentfrow, 2.5 Hour Cafeteria Worker, to: 4 Hour Cafeteria Worker  
Replacing: Deb Stevens, Start Date: August 9, 2017

Mr. Souder moved and Mr. Miller seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0. Mr. Black wanted to take a moment and stop because we have had some resignations at this and at the last board meetings. We've had some resignations from teachers and coaches leaving our school corporation to go to other places. From our prospective as a school board, we would like to thank you for all of the years you have put into this corporation, into the students of our corporation and into their lives and taking care of them. That is for both extra-curricular and co-curricular and all the teachers that will be retiring this year. You have spent many years of your life, many waking hours, many non-waking hours, probably dreaming and maybe a few nightmares of what is going to be happening next. He wanted to say thank you from the school board for all the dedication that you have given to us. Thank you. Mrs. Allen introduced our new Assistant Principal at NHS, Kristin Wells, who is replacing Shelly Wilfong. She thanked Mrs. Wells for coming tonight.

APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOK RENTAL FEES FOR 2017-2018 - Dr. Goodman reviewed the K-5 textbook rental fees for the 2017-2018 school year. The fees did not increase from the previous year – they have stayed the same. Grades K-5 will have book fees of \$112.00. Mr. Souder moved and Mr. Miller seconded a motion to approve the Textbook Rental Fees for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0

APPROVAL OF HERITAGE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR 2017-2018 - Mrs. Dyer, principal at HIS, reviewed and answered questions regarding the changes to the 2017-2018 student handbook with the school board.

<u>Changes</u>	<u>Location</u>
Changed to "2017-2018 Student Handbook"	page 1
Updated Administrative Names	page 4
Updated staff member names	pages 5-6
PTO changes--updated executive board member names	page 6
School Calendar: updated dates to reflect 2013-2014 district calendar & HIS events	page 7
Updated Transportation Information to reflect the new MCS Transportation Policy	page 9
Updated date under Textbook Rental	page 11
Added language regarding excessive tardies	page 12
Lunch prices updated (if changed this year)	page 19
Updated language regarding "Eating Lunch With Your Child" to reflect MCS Wellness Policy	page 19

Mrs. King moved and Mr. Souder seconded a motion to approve the changes/additions to the Heritage Intermediate School Student Handbook for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

APPROVAL OF NORTHRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR 2017-2018 - Mrs. Vallance, principal at NMS, reviewed the changes to the 2017-2018 student handbook. The deletions are crossed out and the changes are in bold letters.

Northridge Middle School Handbook Changes **2017-2018**

Several changes were made for dates and general grammatical errors that were found that did not change the meaning.

Page 3: In the Northridge Middle School Goals section, #5, changes to reflect our GO RAIDERS traits:

All adults at Northridge will assist student growth in the ~~following~~ character traits: ~~integrity; courtesy; common sense; and respect for self, others and authority.~~

**Changed To: All adults at Northridge will assist student growth in the GO RAIDERS character traits: Goals, Opportunity, Respect, Attitude, Integrity, Diligence, Excellence, Responsibility, and Service.**

Page 6: Changed James Bromley to **Dr. Robby Goodman**.

Page 7: Removed ~~(per semester)~~ for days of absence to be more in align with Elkhart County Attendance Policy.

Page 8: In the Unexcused Absences section we made the following changes to reflect current practice:

Work missed due to unexcused absences ~~cannot be made up~~ for credit.

~~1. After two unexcused absences, a contact by phone or mail will be made by the attendance secretary.~~

Changed To:

Work missed due to unexcused absences **may not be eligible for credit.**

**1. Absences without parent contact may result in a phone call from the school requesting action.**

Page 9: Under Vacation Requests added #5 to list: **5. The school day ends at 3:35. Students being picked up prior to 3:30 for vacation must have a completed vacation request form to be excused**

Page 9: Under Sign-Out Policy #1 added the wording below:

When a student is to leave school early for any reason, the parent/guardian should notify the **attendance secretary as soon as possible that morning via a phone call. Voicemail is available 24 hours a day.**

Under Student Discipline (pg. 11 & 12), several sentences containing ~~will~~ was changed to **may**.

Page 12 under Major Violations added the sentence below: Generally, the consequence for a major violation will be a suspension. **The type of suspension will be discerned by administration.** Major violations will count as three (3) points on the discipline record.

Page 12 also added "Conflict Behavior Section":

#### **CONFLICT BEHAVIOR / PROVOCATION – INDIANA LAW AND BOARD POLICY**

**Conflict Behavior – Students will refrain from conflict behavior which includes argument, the spreading of rumors, the encouragement of conflict, the instigation of disagreement, the perpetuation of discord even though none of these may lead to physical violence.**

**o • Provocation – Students should not encourage others to fight, or intentionally escalate conflict situations between students.**

Page 14: Under Consequences, #4, changed ~~main office~~ to **detention room** to better reflect current practices.

Page 18: Updated transportation policy per Mrs. Wiley's directive: #14 removed green highlight: Students are expected to ride their assigned bus to and from school. ~~In emergency situations, parents should contact the transportation office at 825-9410. Notes and phone calls to the middle school office will not be accepted.~~

~~Also removed everything from the last paragraph EXCEPT the first and last sentences. Original that green shows section removed: The rationale for this is twofold. The Corporation wants to maintain a (1) safe and (2) secure transportation environment. We have had a growing concern with students using the transportation system to go to a friend's house rather than to their own home. Our bus drivers are frequently caught with the responsibility to make a decision of transporting unfamiliar students to a home that the student does not reside. It has become a concern both to drivers and parents. We are asking that parents have their children delivered only to the child's residence. We do understand that there are after school child care services that are part of a regular bus driver's route and we will continue to honor that relationship. We also understand that "emergencies" do arise. In an emergency situation we ask that the parent supply a telephone number and address where the parent can be contacted. We also ask for the name, address, and telephone number where the child is to be delivered.~~

Replaced with: **Students are to ride only the bus(es) to which they are assigned. Beginning in the 2017-18 school year Middlebury Community Schools will no longer allow students to have an alternate bus stop. All students will only be allowed one (1) bus stop for the AM route and 1 bus stop for the PM route for the whole school year. Parents will have to determine one (1) AM pick up address and 1 PM drop off address that will be used all year long. If an issue arises during the school day, a parent's only other option will be to pick up their child from the school. Our bus drivers thank you for your cooperation.**

Page 21: added the following sentences to better clarify expectations: **The students' ID must have the student's name, picture and barcode visible. AND If a student accumulates \$12 in fees, they may not charge additional IDs until debt is cleared. Students may not attend class without an ID.**

Page 22: change the time from ~~9:00~~ a.m. to **8:15** a.m. and added the following sentence: ~~9:00~~ **8:15. Voicemail is available 24 hours a day.**

Page 23: Change programs for the Northridge Academy to reflect programs being used. Original: ~~Apex System of Mastery Learning, Accelerated Reading, Accelerated Math, Reading Plus, and Making Meaning~~ Changed to: **Edmentum, Sumdog, Reading plus, and Xtra math with the potential to use more as needed.**

Page 24: changed ~~solid~~ to **core** to reflect current terminology.

Page 25: Added the link to ARMS website: or visit: **<https://www.mcsin-k12.org/arms/index.cfm>**

Page 27: under Cafeteria section changed first two sentences: We serve a breakfast, ~~hot lunch, and salad~~ daily. Extra milk may be purchased. Changed To: We serve a breakfast **and lunch daily**. Extra milk and **a' la carte** may be purchased

Page 28 under National Junior Honor Society section changed a requirement sentence: ~~If a student has received an attitude mark of 4 or 5 on his/her grade card at any time during the year, the student is not eligible for membership.~~ Changed To: **If a student receives an attitude mark of 3 to 5, the student may become ineligible.**

Page 29 & 30 in Extracurricular Offerings: Removed Spanish and Chinese Culture clubs, NITCM Calculator Contest, Cedar Point trip, AND added other clubs/activities to accurately represent offerings in the 2017-2018 school year. Also, months of year were updated on several offerings.

Page 32 under After School Activities made the following changes: instructions ~~run the risk of being~~ restricted from any after-school activities. Changed To: instructions **may be** restricted from any after-school activities

Page 32 change English as a Second Language (ESL) TO: **English as a Language Learners (ELL)**

Page 33 removed last sentence in Instructional Team Concept: Many of the activities once performed within the Advisory program have been absorbed within this instructional team format.

Page 36 added the course: **PLTW Medical Detectives (9 weeks)** and the course description on page 38: Medical Detectives: **Medical Detectives is a Project Lead the Way curriculum that empowers students to solve medical mysteries and learn how the systems of the human body work together to maintain health.**

Page 38 added High School courses that are offered at the middle school (**Spanish, German, Chinese**).

Page 41 changed the name of the 8th grade Project Lead the Way (PLTW) classes to Design & Modeling-8th grade and **Advanced Design & Modeling** and their **course descriptions**.

Page 41 removed the first paragraph and made minor grammatical changes to the next paragraph.

~~Removed: Computer Network/Internet access is now available for students and teachers. We are very pleased to bring computer network/Internet system access to the Middlebury Community Schools and believe that it offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and staff. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence in schools through innovation, communication, and resource sharing. This agreement is consistent with the mission statement of our school system.~~

Changed To: **The primary purpose of providing access to it's the computer network/Internet system is to allow Middlebury Community Schools' students, faculty, and administration the privilege of using an unique educational resource.**

Page 44 & 45, updated the username and password table to reflect current needs.

Page 47, added the **NWEA and AR score records table**.

Mr. Miller moved and Mrs. King seconded a motion to approve the changes/additions to the Northridge Middle School Student Handbook for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

APPROVAL OF NORTHRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR 2017-2018 – Mr. Troyer, Asst. Principal at NHS, presented the following changes to the 2017-2018 student handbook.

- Page 12. HONOR ROLL POLICY Students must be enrolled in six (6) classes / semester or three (3) per day to be eligible for the honor roll. ~~A 3.75 Grade Point Average is required for the high honor roll, and a 3.00 GPA for the regular honor roll.~~ **A student must earn all "A's" in a semester to be designated as high honor roll. A student that has earned all "A's" and / or "B's" will be designated as honor roll.** No grade may be lower than a "C" nor may a student have a NC (No Credit), I (Incomplete), or WF (Withdrawn Failing) **to be designated as high or regular honor roll**
- Page 19. UNAUTHORIZED ELECTRONIC USE – INDIANA LAW AND BOARD POLICY  
Added: **Students are not permitted to use external speakers at school or on school property unless given permission to by a staff member.**
- Page 21. **USE OF PRE-WORKOUT SUPPLEMENTS**  
**Students are prohibited from being in possession of, providing to another person, or using any type of pre-workout supplement while at school, on school grounds or at any school-related activity.**
- Pages 29-32 Updated/clarified some attendance items.
- Pages 42-46 - Added Co/Extracurricular Code of Conduct

Mr. Black questioned when students on the honor roll. When you are talking about "A"s, are you talking about A+, A or A-. Mr. Black said in the past to be able to get a 4.0 you couldn't have an A-. Mr. Troyer said a student with an A+, A or A- could be on high honor roll.

#### **Athletic Handbook.**

Mr. Harms reviewed the following changes.

- Pages 48-49. Removed objectives A-C and E-N because everything was covered in D.
- Page 50. Removed the Athletic Council language (because we don't use council)
- Page 52 and 54. Removed outdated language and replaced with the current language from the IHSAA.
- Page 55. Controlled Substance was redundant language in handbook.
- Page 56. Clarified language about suspensions
- Page 57. Removed the language about physicals. Added students must be passing 6 classes to remain eligible.
- Page 60. Updated verbiage on Scholar Athlete Patches and White Chenille.

Mr. Woods presented information on the following changes

- Page 61. Clarified the EXTRA-CURRICULAR CONFLICT changed to CO/EXTRA-CURRICULAR CONFLICTS  
CO/EXTRA-CURRICULAR CONFLICTS

A policy exists to allow students participation in both sports and extra-curricular events (music/choir). This is to allow students to combine their talents and interests in both areas. **The following steps resolve schedule conflicts that may arise when students are participating in two areas during the same season.**

- Performance in either area takes precedence over a scheduled practice.
- If two performances are scheduled on the same date, the following steps will be taken to resolve the conflict.
  - a. Heads of the music and athletic departments will make the effort to resolve time conflicts so the student may participate in both events.
  - b. Conference tournaments take priority over a local event.
  - c. State sponsored events in either area take priority over practices, local or conference events.
  - d. Scheduled events take priority over rescheduled events.
  - e. Should both areas be scheduled for a state sponsored event on the same day at times that make it difficult for a student to be involved in both the following procedure will be used:
    1. The department heads will inform coaches and athletes of the conflict at the beginning of the season.
    2. Students and parents will be asked to indicate their decision in writing no less than 15 days prior to the event date.
    3. Extenuating circumstances dictate the need for department heads and the principal to make the decision.

**Athletic and Co-curricular schedules are set well before the start of each season. Students are expected to identify any potential conflicts between co/extracurricular activities they are involved with. Every effort will be made between students, coaches, and directors to allow student participation in both areas. In the event of an unresolvable conflict, a co-curricular event will take precedence as there are academic grades attached to those activities.**

Mr. Black asked if he was talking about ISMA competitions or talking about a program at the school. For instance, next Monday is the first night for softball sectionals, if it gets rained out it goes to Tuesday. Tuesday night is the concert for band. So if they go to play softball, they don't get the grade for band. Mr. Wood said that is something the student would have to work out with the band director. Mr. Black said in the past the sectional preceded that, so that doesn't happen anymore. He understands ISSMA competitions are on Fridays or Saturdays. But now we are talking about something in-house and our students need to understand that going in. Because some of the kids will want to opt out of one of those two. Mr. Black asked if Mr. Wood is talking about ISMA only or talking about our programs here within the Corporation. Mr. Wood said he is talking about programs for a grade. Mr. Miller moved and Mr. Souder seconded a motion to approve the changes/additions to the Northridge High School Student Handbook for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0. Mr. Black said he does appreciate that NHS took out things that were redundant in the handbook.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

FIELD TRIPS – The school board reviewed and answered questions regarding the list of field trips.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE –

- Last day for students – Friday, May 26, 2017
- Graduation – Sunday, June 4 at 4:30 p.m. (outside on the Varsity football field)
- Civil War Day is on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Track and Tennis teams are going to sectional. Go Raiders!

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

EXPRESSIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS –

- Mrs. King said tonight at the Lerner Theater the public is invited to come and hear how poverty affects children and families and how children don't learn because of poverty issues. The Community Foundation and the United Way are putting this on. It's pretty incredible – they are inviting educators, family members, anyone that could come out and learn about this whole process. She is encouraged that she lives in a community that cares about all children and wants to help everyone to learn how to better help our children. She thanked Mrs. Yoder for coming. This is one of those lump in the throat kind of moments for her because she has a great deal of respect for Kyle Barker. She has seen him help students to become confident in who they are. Being able to step up to the stage and able to really grow professionally. She was a student of music at Northridge, many years ago, and she knows how it helped her in her life. She knows that the confidence she has when speaking in front of other people started when she was in choir many years ago. So, to see Mr. Barker leave makes her feel very sad. He has done a great deal for our school and she wanted to thank him for that. She really wishes he would stay but she wanted to honor him for the work he has done here at our school. The other music educators at MCS all do a great job for the choral students and she appreciates that very much. She knows they have a very heavy load. To Mr. Zook and his crew - she has seen the success that they have experienced as well – that's a lot of hard work you've put into helping our kids to achieve. She wanted to thank them for what they do. She knows there are many times we don't thank you enough for what you do and one of the hardest jobs she had in the last 10 years is to look at a budget and help make decisions that she feels are good for our corporation, for the children and families that attend here. She is going to continue to do that

according to the best of her ability. She asked that they continue to work with the board as they have done in the past. Giving them ideas and helping them come to a good understanding of what needs to happen. But more than anything tonight, she just wanted to thank them for the work they have done. She appreciates it very much. She thanked them again.

- Mr. Souder wanted to thank the teachers for the many, many lives they've touched and the many individuals that have grown being under their leadership. He is sad to lose some of you, but again you have gifted many young people. He appreciates that. The board tries to discern on how to best use the financial funds that help the programs go. Thank you very much for your time, energy, and effort. He hopes things continue to do well as they have in the past. Thank you.
- Mr. Miller said as he was hearing Mrs. Yoder speak and hearing those numbers of how many students are involved in our music program, it's obvious it's a good problem to have. Even as he was musing on social media this morning when his daughter signed up in 6<sup>th</sup> grade to take a Chinese class, he thought not only why, but why are we even offering Chinese to 6<sup>th</sup> graders? He didn't see it. Then, as she was getting up to get an award for 4 years of Chinese after studying in the high school, he got it. For whatever reason that Chinese class is something she thrived in, she got it, it was challenging and it gripped her heart. Why is he saying this? He is saying it because he is glad that we offer that. One of the challenges he has had in the few years he has been on the school board is you want to offer it all. You want to do everything you can. How you continue to work everyone on a team to make that work – that is the challenge and that is one of the frustrating things from him. He looks forward to the future. He thinks there are answers and they'll continue to work together and get this figured out. Our music program, he has no doubt, will continue to be a great part of our school and we'll work together.
- Mr. Black said in years past he's had students in NLO (Northern Lights Orchestra) or being in something that coincided with the two music organizations working together. It was always interesting on how well they worked together. Sometime there is a little competition but competition isn't always a bad thing. It's a fun time they can help each other out, whether it's in a pit band, working with a musical or something else. But the one thing he would like to say in support of Mr. Barker, whenever the band was going somewhere, he was there supporting us and supporting the band part of our music program. He really does appreciate that. He does understand the reason for his move. In education, we look at educators and teachers and we want them to stay in the same place at the same time because that's comfortable. But he's in business and he understands that. He knows when somebody gets a promotion and goes into another job it's because he earned that. He worked very hard to get to that point. He recognized that Mr. Barker has worked very hard to get to this point and wishes him the best. He also thanked him for what he has given to the school corporation over the years.

OTHER BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Souder moved and Mrs. King seconded a motion to adjourn the May 16, 2017 meeting of the School Board of Trustees at 5:00 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0. The next scheduled school board meeting will be on June 6, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Administration Center.

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David Black, President

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Joanna King, Vice President

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Robert Souder, Secretary

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Scott Miller, Member

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Paul Gayler, Member