

# MINUTES OF MEETING

## MOORESVILLE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION SCHOOL BOARD

January 8, 2013 – 6:45 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation was held in the Education Center Auditorium, 11 W. Carlisle Street, on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. The Chairman after calling the meeting to order noted the presence of the following: Dr. Bill Roberson, Mr. Perry King, Mr. Matt Swindle, Mr. Mark Meadows and Mr. Randy Davis. The Chairman noting the presence of a quorum declared the meeting duly constituted.

Dr. Roberson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reorganization of the board for the 2013-2014 calendar year was first on the agenda. Mr. Davis made a motion for the President, Vice-President, and Secretary to remain the same with Dr. Roberson as President; Mr. Swindle as Vice-President; and Mr. King as Secretary; seconded by Mr. King. Motion carried 5-0. Dr. Roberson made a motion to name Mr. Diagostino as Treasurer of the board, seconded by Mr. King. Motion carried 5-0. The next item on reorganization of the board was to appoint the school attorney. Dr. Roberson made a motion to retain Steve Harris as the school attorney with his payment as stated per his letter dated January 2, 2013, seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion carried 5-0. Dr. Roberson made a motion to keep the board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion carried 5-0.

The first item on the agenda was the Consent Agenda.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Board Minutes of December 11, 2012

#### Personnel

Approval of Personnel Report #1-13 (Attached)

#### Claims

Payroll – December 21, 2012 & January 4, 2013

Claim Nos: 26 (29886) – 1 (29937)

Warrant Nos: 94800-94899 DD# 35897-36360  
94902-94992 DD# 36361-36820

Vendors – January 8, 2013

Claim Nos: 29870 – 30052

Warrant Nos: 10990 – 11028

Donation –

- \$200.00 from Kappa Kappa Kappa for children's cultural programs at North Madison

Facility Use Agreement –

- Mooresville Indiana Girls Hoop League Team – HS North and South gyms/PHMS gyms on February 10, 2013

Mr. King made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Swindle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Harris stated that we are in the process of selling bonds in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the Neil Armstrong/Waverly Project to do an HVAC project at Neil Armstrong and upgrade controls at Waverly. In order to sell the bonds, we had to form a Building Corporation that met and voted to move forward with the selling of the bonds. A portion of Neil Armstrong has to be appraised, surveyed, and deeded to the Building Corporation. The Building Corporation will then lease that portion of Neil Armstrong back to the school corporation. Mr. Harris stated we have employed two certified appraisers, Max Kane and Tony Ross, and Don Pope as an individual taxpayer must also be appointed. He also stated we have been guided through our Bond Counsel, Ice Miller, on the procedure and it will be two classrooms appraised at approximately \$150,000 - \$200,000.

Mr. Harris summarized the following three resolutions that are necessary to continue with the process of selling the \$2,000,000 bonds for the Neil Armstrong/Waverly Project:

- Resolution Receiving Patrons Petition and Determining Need for Project – Exhibit A
  - As required by law, 50 patrons signatures are required to move forward with the project. We have 184 signatures. The petition states we have more than 50 signatures that have been filed,

the need exists for the project and we feel the project is necessary and would like to move forward to sell the bonds in order to do the project.

- Resolution (re)approving formation of Building Corporation – Exhibit B
  - States we are approving the Building Corporation to sell the \$2,000,000 bonds and are approving the same Building Corporation of Mike Haskins, Ryan Goodwin, and Mark Allison. It is necessary to form the corporation in order to move forward with the project.
- Resolution stating the list of contractors – Exhibit C
  - Johnson Melloh Solutions has been selected as the contractor.
- Resolution assigning the construction contract with Johnson Melloh to the Building Corporation – Exhibit D
- Resolution approving Continued Disclosure Undertaking which say if anything major happens to the school corporation financially that would change the status, we would notify The Bank of New York Mellon which is the Trustee – Exhibit – E
  - Mr. Harris stated that any payments will be approved through Mr. Diagostino before payment may be released to the Bank of New York Mellon.

Mr. Harris asked if there were any questions from the public. Mr. Harris stated he talked to the Bond Counsel and the interest rate is currently in the low 2%. Dr. Roberson stated that once again this project will be completed without raising taxes. There were no questions from the public. Dr. Roberson made a motion to pass the resolutions as presented by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Swindle. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Harris stated the bonds are scheduled to be sold between January 21-24 and closing will be on February 7. Dr. Roberson stated we have maximized the budget and our debt has not increased and once the high school project is completed, along with Neil Armstrong and Waverly, all buildings will have updated HVAC. Mr. Lindsay stated we have accomplished \$32,000,000 worth of improvement in three years and thanked our team and the community for their support. Mr. Harris stated the Building Corporation consists of Mike Haskins, Ryan Goodwin, and Mark Allison who are all volunteering their time. Dr. Roberson stated he has spoken to the Taxpayers Association that the football field needs to be addressed. Once a decision is made on the football field, the project will be accomplished through donations not taxes.

Mr. Diagostino presented the three teams for the RFP phase of the high school project that were selected from the Technical Review Committee to move onto the next phase. The teams are:

- Performance Services
- Johnson Melloh Solutions
- The Korte Company

Dr. Roberson stated the TRC Committee will now meet to interview these teams to select a final team for the high school project. He and Mr. Diagostino stated they like the process because of getting what we want at a very low soft cost and the transparency of the process. Mr. Diagostino stated that he; Dr. Roberson; Mr. Swindle; Jeff Williams; and Dan Rawlins, Design Criteria Developer; are all on the TRC Committee.

Mr. Diagostino asked the board to approve the annual resolutions related to the budgetary process. Two resolutions that have been approved in the past are: Transfer of Appropriations which gives the Treasurer approval to transfer appropriations from one major budget classification to another and between funds as necessary (as long as it does not increase the overall budget) and Interest Earned which allows CPF interest to be transferred to the General Fund. Dr. Roberson stated the budget is advertised 18 months in advance and occasionally it is necessary to move from one fund to another to avoid a negative balance. Dr. Roberson stated we are borrowing from ourselves for cash flow purposes instead of the bank and we do have to transfer the money back into the fund we borrowed from by the end of the year. He also stated this does not change the tax rate or anything else. Mr. Swindle made a motion to approve the Transfer of Appropriations Resolution and the Interest Earned Resolution, seconded by Mr. King. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Diagostino also asked the board for the annual permission to pre-pay certain claims such as utility bills during the month prior to the board meeting in order to avoid late charges. He also stated the pre-payment of claims are always included on the monthly claims list for the board. Mr. Swindle made a motion to allow the pre-payment of certain claims to avoid late payments, seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion carried 5-0.

The next item on the agenda was the General Obligation Refunding Pension Bonds. Dr. Roberson stated this is refinancing of the pension bonds which would save the corporation approximately \$400,000 due to a lower interest rate. Mr. Harris stated the resolution states we do want to refund the bonds and the savings would be at least \$250,000, but will probably be around a \$400,000 savings after all costs. The resolution also states that we want to do the refunding, hire Ice Miller as Bond Counsel, Steve Harris as local attorney, and authorize Mr. Harris to publish a notice of hearing for additional appropriations to be held at the February board meeting. Dr. Roberson made a motion to approve the resolution Mr. Harris summarized on the General Obligation Bond Refunding, seconded by Mr. King. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Kern stated he is pleased with the progress the high school has made with curriculum and Mrs. Perkins will present the course proposals for the high school and middle school and Mrs. Page will present the board with the concept of the Success period at the high school. Mr. Kern stated that with the expansion of the Professional Learning Community, teachers focus on the following four things during the PLC time:

- What has the student learned?
- How does the teacher know what the student has learned?
- What does the teacher do if the student has not learned the material?

- What does the teacher do if the student has learned the material?

Mrs. Perkins stated the list of course proposals the board received does not change what the high school or middle school will offer. She stated this proposal is tweaking the courses the schools already offer and will follow the Ivy Tech/Vincennes syllabus and will give the students the ability to earn college credit. Mrs. Page then presented the board information on a Success Period at the high school. The high school will offer a success period right before lunch to accommodate juniors and seniors. The period will allow re-testing of students during this time if needed and will meet a wide-range of students' needs. Mrs. Page stated the staff has observed other schools with this concept and this will give students other opportunities. Mr. Kern stated this will help with having intentional structures to help students do well and will accommodate excelling students with different classes. He stated he feels in a year or two, the benefits of the success period will be seen. Mr. Kern stated we would like to expand PLTW with bio-medical science and the engineering component and may be able to offer the Gateway Program at the middle school. This would increase the number of students being able to take PLTW courses at the high school.

Mr. Diagostino stated we are partnering with the Junior Football League at the Sports Complex and the JFL is requesting to put a building on the property. In order to do this, the football league has to get financing from the bank and essentially for the football league to get a loan, there will have to be a lien put on the property and we do not feel this would be in the best interest of the school corporation property. He stated that he would follow up on this and let the football league know that we are more than willing to let me place a building on the property, but if the funding is going to be this way, we cannot support it. Mr. Harris stated we have a 50-year lease with the football league for property at the Sports Complex – we own the property and the football league leases from us. Citizens Bank wants to have some collateral in case the football league defaults on their loan. When you do not own real estate, you cannot pledge it as collateral. Mr. Harris stated he also does work for Citizens Bank, but the bank has not consulted with him on this matter and stated he is representing the school on this. Mr. Harris stated he has spoken to the loan officer and the bank would like for the school to allow the football league to assign the lease to the bank. He stated this means that if the football league defaults, the bank would be in the position of the football league and they would be able to decide who could use the facility. He stated he does not feel we want to be in a position of not being in control of who is leasing from us. If the football league defaults, the bank would be the lessee and would decide what facility is to use the property at the Sports Complex. Mr. Harris stated right now the football league cannot assign the lease without our permission. He also stated he does not feel we want to be in a position to not be in control of the property. Mr. Harris stated if the football league could pledge something else as collateral or funding from a different source, he felt the building could be approved. Dr. Roberson made a motion to table the football league's request for a building at the Sports Complex to give the Mooresville Junior Football League an opportunity to find some other means of financing, seconded by Mr. Swindle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Lindsay asked the board for approval of the 2013-2014 course lists for the high school. He stated next year the course offerings will be submitted for board presentation at the November board meeting and approval at the December board meeting. Mr. King made a motion to approve the course lists as presented, seconded by Mr. Swindle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. King stated the traffic study is back, but he has not heard back from the paving company. He stated IPL is scheduled to move the poles back on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January if weather permits. New higher-quality lights will be on the poles and by the next meeting we should have the price from Wallace Paving. Mrs. Perry stated that Wallace Paving is down for the winter and she has asked Dave Moore to request the paving to be first on their list once they resume operations in the spring. Mr. Lindsay stated we appreciate the support of the town Council regarding the turning lanes and to make better happen for the safety of our students.

Dr. Roberson reminded the board that January 21, 2013 is Martin Luther King Day and school will not be in session.

The next school board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Education Center.

There being no further business to come before the board and upon motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Swindle, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried 5-0.

Attest:

Respectfully submitted,

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President

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Perry King  
Secretary

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Vice-President

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