

MINUTES OF MEETING

MOORESVILLE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION SCHOOL BOARD

February 12, 2013 – 6:30 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, February 12, 2013, 6:30 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.

Mr. Lindsay stated that Neil Armstrong has become “Chuck Strong”. The students were challenged by Ms. Cynthia Walker, 5th Grade Teacher, to raise \$1,000.00 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and if the challenge was met, Ms. Walker would shave her head. The students at Neil Armstrong raised over \$2,400.00 and Ms. Walker shaved her hair! Ms. Walker stated it takes a village to raise a child. She also stated the students came to her after the Colts cheerleaders shaved their heads. Ms. Walker said the students know what a Colts fan she is and asked if she was going to shave her hair. Ms. Walker stated that Neil Armstrong has a list of character traits to instill into our students and one is caring and after thinking about it, she challenged the students. The challenge was a project-based learning activity where the students made posters and 30 boxes – one for each classroom. The students collected the boxes two times per week and help count the money during recess in the office. The classroom that raised the most money celebrated with a pizza party and the second place classroom received a popcorn party. Dr. Roberson stated this was a great project and appreciates the leadership Cynthia has given over the years. He thanked the students for their hard work.

The first item on the agenda was the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Board of Finance Minutes of January 8, 2013

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Personnel

Approval of Personnel Report # 2-13 (Attached)

Claims

Payroll – January 18, 2013 & February 1, 2013

Claim Nos: 2 (30076) – 3 (30130)

Warrant Nos: 94995-95062 DD# 36821-37257
95065-95166 DD# 37258-37726

Vendors – February 12, 2013

Claim Nos: 30053-30261

Warrant Nos: 11029-11203

Donation

- \$350.00 from Mooresville Lions Club for PHMS Reality Store

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

The next item on the agenda was the Neil Armstrong and Waverly Project. Mr. Harris stated he had been informed by Mr. Elizondo, Financial Advisor, that \$2,000,000 in bonds has been sold and the closing will be on February 21. He stated that part of the process is to appraise a portion of Neil Armstrong, sell this portion to the Building Corporation, and the Building Corporation will pay the school corporation \$200,000 for that portion of the building. He stated Exhibit A is an Additional Appropriation Resolution that says once the closing has taken place, the Building Corporation will transfer \$200,000 to the school corporation and we will establish a construction fund for the money to be used for the project at Neil Armstrong and Waverly. Dr. Roberson asked if the public had any questions and there were none. Dr. Roberson made a motion to approve Exhibit A, the Additional Appropriation Resolution, seconded by Mr. Swindle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Harris stated that bonds will be sold in the amount of \$20,000,000 for renovation and improvements at the high school. He stated the purpose of the published meeting tonight is to inform the public of what the project consists of and how the money will be used. Dr. Roberson summarized the tax impact and stated \$10,000,000 in bonds had been sold for five projects that had 0% interest. He stated on the five projects, the board has not raised taxes and the board will not raise taxes on these projects. Dr. Roberson explained a graph that showed the existing debt the corporation now has and the tax rate. He stated the Pension Debt we have will be refinanced to save approximately \$250,000 to \$400,000. The Common School Fund has a low interest rate and is based on assessed valuation and our assessed valuation qualifies us for a loan each year that is used for technology. The Common School Fund loan is a loan from the state that we apply for each year and as one loan comes on another one comes off and does not increase taxes. Dr. Roberson stated we are not

participating in the annual Tax Anticipation Warrant Program anymore because we have enough money in the bank to borrow from ourselves. He stated the overall tax rate for Debt Service, CPF, Transportation, and bus Replacement has been .7874 for the last three years. He also stated we have been able to structure the debt finance, restructure the pension bonds, have \$10,000,000 in projects at 0% interest and no TAW's with debt dropping off in 2019. Dr. Roberson asked for questions and there were none. Mr. Lindsay thanked Dr. Roberson for his expertise and the board to get this accomplished. Dr. Roberson stated the debt would go off in 2036 and Mr. Lindsay said he would like everyone back to celebrate! Dr. Roberson stated we are getting all the money that we can get as levy money is from property taxes, Transportation Fund is capped, CPF tax rate is capped and Bus Replacement is a 12-year plan and the state has this capped by saying how much busses cost and how many busses we can buy. Dr. Roberson stated we are getting \$32,000,000 and not raising taxes. Mr. Harris reviewed the resolutions as follows:

- The first resolution states the plans have been reviewed and the administration deems the project is necessary.
- The second resolution states the board approves the filing of the petition to the Circuit Court, requires appraisers to appraise a portion of the high school appraise at \$2,200,000, when the bonds are sold to transfer that portion of the high school to the Building Corporation, and the President and Secretary are authorized to sign the deed and sell the real estate at a price fixed by the court.

Dr. Roberson made a motion to approve the resolutions as presented, seconded by Mr. Davis. Dr. Roberson stated the project will be a Design Build Project which is a project negotiated with teams and will use as many local contractors as we can. He stated there were originally five teams that have been narrowed down to three and those three will be interviewed on February 25 and giving us prices. He also stated Design Build is a good process to use for a project this big. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Harris stated we are on a time schedule established by Ice Miller and if we stay on schedule, closing will be on March 21. He stated he has been informed the bond rates are still very favorable and we are doing the project at a good time. Dr. Roberson stated the information has been provided to the community and now we are fine tuning with the teams. He stated once everything is in place, the public will be informed exactly how it is going to look. Mr. Harris stated there is one more resolution to approve and is as follows:

- The third resolution is a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and states that if our financial situation changes, information will be provided to certain people.

Dr. Roberson made a motion to approve the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking Resolution, seconded by Mr. King. Motion carried 5-0.

The next item on the agenda was insurance renewal for the 2013-2014 school year. Mr. Diagostino thanked Mr. Swindle and Mr. King for serving on the insurance committee. He stated there were four competitive quotes received which included two local companies; one insurance trust; and our current carrier, Neace Lukens. Mr. Diagostino stated it was the committee's recommendation based on the price and services to retain Neace Lukens for the 2013-2014 school year as our insurance carrier. Mr. King made a motion to retain Neace Lukens for the 2013-2014 school year, seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Roberson stated a Sports Complex is now located on the 47 acres on Landersdale Road that includes the Morris Cohen Junior Football League, League of Miracles, and the League of Veterans partnering with the school corporation. Mr. Diagostino stated that in January, the board tabled a vote for the football league to build a building on the Sports Complex property due to an issue with their funding. Mr. Diagostino stated the MCJFL has now secured other funding based on their assets and equipment they have which does not affect our lease and is recommending the board approve the building. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the MCJFL build a building on the Sports Complex, seconded by Mr. Swindle. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Roberson stated that each year the board appoints a member to serve on the Parks Board and made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Swindle as the board's representative again this year, seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Lindsay stated the goal is to improve community connections which are happening all over Mooresville and applauded Mr. Swindle with our board and the Parks Board.

Mr. Lindsay stated the corporation has a non-voting spot on the Mooresville Re-Development Commission and Dr. Roberson has agreed to serve as representative from the board. A picture was shown of Dr. Roberson being sworn in by his sister, Sandy Perry, Town Clerk. Mr. Lindsay stated that Dr. Roberson's father had previously served on the Re-Development Commission and is a legacy of that family giving back. Virginia Perry stated the commission is fortunate to have Dr. Roberson serve.

Mr. Kern presented the board with an update on the 9-12 Success Period. He stated the high school staff has done an outstanding job looking at the needs of all students and we will provide every opportunity for all students to be successful. The adjustment to the schedule does two basic things:

- If the students are not learning, not passing ECA, and struggling, it is intentional that they are providing intervention to have success on passing ECA the first time.
- If the students are learning, there will be so many opportunities including digital and dual credit courses and will have multiple opportunities to create time in their schedule to do that.

Mr. Kern stated we will be able to offer classes that we have never been able to offer before. Chinese and Japanese are examples and with the current staffing these are not able to be offered. He stated Dr. Page, Mrs. Perkins, and Mr. VanWanzele are willing to meet with parents who may have concerns. He also stated high school graduation should be the lowest bar exceeded by a two-year degree, a four-year degree or a certification.

Mr. Kern then presented the board with an update on the External Advisory Teams. He stated there were approximately 50 people from the community who attended a meeting at the Ed Center yesterday. He also stated he has worked in four different counties and has not seen this kind of support from the community. With the community support and the competence of the community, you will begin to see neat things happening at Mooresville in the next three or four years. He also stated that the finance community would like to partner with the school corporation for personal finance. Mr. Lindsay stated there has never been a better time to be a Mooresville Pioneer! He stated what was unique yesterday was that Ron Hoke, Executive Director of Area 31, attended the meeting and talked about Mooresville becoming a south campus to partner with Area 31. Mr. Lindsay stated we are continuing to try and find the best possible for every student in every area within our resources. Mr. Kern stated the ground work that Mr. Lindsay has done has been phenomenal and we are benefiting from the relationships that have been developed.

Mr. Diagostino stated he would like to recognize the Transportation Department, Mr. Goldsberry, Transportation Coordinator; Joe Craig and Dave McDaniel, Mechanics; Mavis Rose, Secretary; and all the Transportation Department staff for having a pass rate of 100% for bus inspection again which is now 19 years in a row. He stated the Transportation Department is the first and last component to provide our kids a safe route.

Mr. Briscoe, High School Athletic Director, stated the Girls Basketball Team was victorious at Terre Haute this past weekend for the 5th consecutive year. He stated the Pep Band played and is the best band in the state! The team will play at 10:00 a.m. at Decatur on Saturday, February 16. Mr. Briscoe stated the time for the boys' basketball games have been changed to 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday in anticipation of the championship game for the girls on Saturday night. Mr. Lindsay stated the Pep Band puts on a show that makes it fun.

Dr. Roberson reminded the board that the Hall of Fame will have five new inductees and Michael Passmore will accept an all-star jersey for cross country at the basketball game on Saturday night. He also stated that Mr. Joe Johnson, Assistant Coach for the Girls Basketball Team, will be inducted into the Indiana Girls Basketball Hall of Fame on April 25. Dr. Roberson stated that the Alumni Banquet is also on April 25. Dr. Roberson reminded the board that school will be closed on Friday, February 15 and Monday, February 18 for mid-winter break and President's Day. He also reminded the board that a new high school principal will be named at the March board meeting.

The next school board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 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,

President

Perry King
Secretary

Vice-President

Member

Member