

MINUTES OF MEETING

MOORESVILLE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION SCHOOL BOARD

January 14, 2014 – 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, January 14, 2014, 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. Dave Oberle, 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 2014 calendar year was first on the agenda. Mr. King made a motion for the President, Vice-President, and Secretary to remain the same with Dr. Roberson as President; Mr. Meadows as Vice-President; and Mr. King as Secretary; seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion carried 5-0. The next item on reorganization of the board was to appoint the school attorney. Mr. King made a motion to retain Steve Harris as the school attorney, seconded by Mr. Oberle. Motion carried 5-0. Dr. Moore stated Mr. Taylor would begin on Friday, January 17, 2014 but the treasurer's position had not been discussed with him yet. Dr. Roberson made a motion for Becky Merriman to remain as Corporation Treasurer at this time, seconded by Mr. King. Motion carried 5-0. The consensus of the board was for Ms. Merriman to again receive the \$3,000.00 stipend for the position unless she retires before the end of the semester. 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. Oberle. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Roberson made a motion to temporarily adjourn the regular board meeting, seconded by Mr. King. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Roberson called the Board of Finance meeting to order. Dr. Roberson made a motion for the President and Secretary of the Board of Finance be the same as the Board of School Trustees, seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion carried 5-0. Dr. Moore presented the board with the Interest Report. Dr. Roberson stated the interest is not what it used to be and stated in the 90's, we would earn \$500,000.00 in interest. Dr. Moore stated Citizens Bank, First Merchants, and Home Bank were our depositories but suggested Home Bank be dropped since we have not used that bank for years and to use Citizens Bank as our primary depository with First Merchants being second. Dr. Roberson made a motion to accept the Interest Report and First Merchants and Citizens Bank as depositories, seconded by Mr. King. Motion carried 5-0. Dr. Roberson made a motion to adjourn the Board of Finance meeting, seconded by Mr. King. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Roberson made a motion to reconvene the regular board meeting, 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 10, 2013; December 17, 2013; and January 9, 2014

Personnel

Approval of Personnel Report # 1-14 (Attached)

- Certified
- Support Staff
- ECA
- Teacher Contracts
- Administrator Contracts
- Rex Cook – Contract Revision (Contracted Services)

Claims

Payroll – December 19, 2013 & January 3, 2014

Claim Nos: 26 – (32733) – 1 (32800)

Warrant Nos: 100879-100887 DD# 105429-105993
100889-100894 DD# 105994-106557

Vendors – January 14, 2014

Claim Nos: 32698-32924

Warrant Nos: 13405-13587

Dr. Moore stated Mrs. Frye's contract had been added to the Personnel Report along with Jeremy Rowe's resignation and a maternity leave request. Dr. Moore stated that Mr. Allen conducted interviews for Mrs. Frye's position at the middle school. Mr. Allen stated he conducted interviews and would like to recommend Mrs. Windy McGowen as the Interim Assistant Principal at Paul Hadley Middle School. He stated she had taught at the middle school for 18 years, is wonderful, models what it is to be a dedicated, passionate, and effective teacher, and will bring those qualities to the position of assistant principal. Mrs. McGowen thanked Mr. Allen, Mrs. Frye, and the board for allowing her to serve in this capacity. Dr. Moore stated Mr. Kern has agreed to come back and work with Mrs. Frye and Mrs. Frye has agreed to work with Mrs. McGowen and Mrs. McGowen will work with the person is selected to replace her. Dr. Moore also stated there are some grade levels in the elementary buildings that have more than 30 in a classroom. He is recommending approval of hiring two additional teachers to make sure the average class size is below 30 in grades 1, 2, and 3. Mr. Meadows asked if the classes could be split with aides and Dr. Moore stated the positions will be certified teachers. He stated we have physical space in most buildings, but not all. Dr. Roberson stated the aides needed to be kept even throughout the district and Dr. Moore stated we could make that work. Dr. Roberson made a motion to approve the consent agenda and the hiring of two additional teachers for the elementary buildings, seconded by Mr. King. Mr. Davis asked when the teachers would be hired and Dr. Moore stated that we have aides who are certified teachers and may be able to transfer into the positions. Dr. Roberson stated we need to take a close look at transfers to make sure they are being distributed evenly and stated we did not have to place the students in the school they ask for in order not to overload one building. Motion carried 4-1.

Dr. Moore stated this was the last meeting he would be sitting in the Superintendent's chair at the board meeting. He stated today was Mr. David Marcotte's first day and he would be occupying the seat at the next meeting. He also stated that Mrs. Frye as Curriculum Director and Mr. Taylor as Assistant Superintendent will be seated at the board table at the February board meeting. Mr. Marcotte stated he had a good first day at Mooresville and is glad to be here. Dr. Moore then introduced Krista Nelson, Principal at Newby Elementary School. Mrs. Nelson stated she was honored to speak to the board about Newby and stated Newby is up 26 students this year. She stated when she began her principal position, she met with all support staff and teachers in June and July which is a staff of 39 and together they talked about the mission and vision of Newby. She stated Newby staff wanted the students to be doers and be productive in the real world. She also stated all subgroups went up on ISTEP in language arts and math. Mrs. Nelson stated Newby received an "A" from DOE which was up from a D last year. Teachers are involved in PLC every Tuesday and Thursday. Technology integration is seen everywhere and we want to make sure the students can be self-directed and they know how to be compassionate leaders. She stated each classroom has a compassion project for Martin Luther King Day. She also stated teachers sponsor clubs outside of the school day to help students. Mrs. Nelson stated the school is working on RTI to make sure every student has a plan. They have implemented full response to instruction, Tier 1; Tier 2; and Tier 3. Mrs. Nelson stated she loves the job and the staff has exceeded above and beyond what she expected. She stated they have already began working on 2014-2015 goals.

Dr. Moore 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. Dr. Roberson made a motion to approve the Transfer of Appropriations Resolution and the Interest Earned Resolution and transferring funds from General Fund to Rainy Day and funds from Transportation to Rainy Day, seconded by Mr. Meadows. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Moore 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. Davis made a motion to allow the pre-payment of certain claims to avoid late payments, seconded by Mr. Oberle. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Moore recommended approval of the Neola Policies Mr. Kern had presented to the board in December. He stated this is the final update to the policies, is the 2nd reading of the policies, and is asking for approval in order to place the updated policies on the website. Mr. King made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of the Neola policies, seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion carried 5-0. Dr. Moore stated many schools use Neola and is a handy service to have. He stated Mr. Kern did a nice job and it is now up to Mr. Marcotte to determine who carries on Neola.

Dr. Moore presented the board with the DOE Report Card for Mooresville. He stated all but two schools received A's and the two schools were sitting at B's with a 3.5 and if they had been 3.51, they also would be A schools. Dr. Moore stated this was outstanding and as a corporation, we are an "A" school corporation. He stated he would like the public to know we have an A school corporation and have seven fine schools. Dr. Roberson stated this is why we have 243 transfer students. Dr. Moore stated these scores are the hard work of our teachers, principals, and Mr. Kern for the last year to get these grades. Dr. Moore thanked the staff, parents, and students.

Dr. Moore stated the board had approved the 2014-2015 school calendar last month and asked the board for approval of the 2015-2016 school calendar in order for parents to schedule vacation and camp dates. He stated this will put the calendar a full year out from now on and the board will still be able to make adjustments if necessary. Mr. Meadows made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 school calendar, seconded by Mr. King. Dr. Moore stated it was important to recognize the teachers work on the calendar and also MCTA. He stated the 2015-2016 calendar was initiated by MCTA. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Haynes asked the board for permission to advertise for the before and after school care. She stated it is Indiana Code for school corporations to provide latch key for the elementary students. She also stated for many years there was only one entity interested in providing the before and after school care but over the past few years, there has been more interest so we are now advertising annually for this. Mrs. Haynes asked the board for permission to advertise in The Times and the Reporter for this Saturday as well as next Wednesday. She stated there has been a change in the advertisement for this year and vendors should advertise for two years, 2014-2015 school year, summer of 2015, 2015-2016 school year and the summer of 2016. Mrs. Haynes stated the YMCA and the Parks provide service currently. She stated the process is for the principals to come in and work with the administration to see what is best for the schools. She also stated there is a potential change for this year since we have been contacted by the Boys and Girls Club who is pursuing a 21st Century grant and will be able to provide free after-school care if they receive the grant. She stated Newby would go to the Boys and Girls Club if the Boys and Girls Club receive the grant. Mrs. Haynes stated a report would be brought to the board at the February or March meeting. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve advertising for the before and after school care, seconded by Mr. Oberle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. King stated he was appointed to the Park Board to replace Mr. Swindle and was willing to remain on the board if the board agreed. Dr. Roberson made a motion to re-appoint Mr. King to the Park Board, seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Moore stated there is a revised calendar that shows attendance on Martin Luther King Day and Presidents' Day. He stated if any other make-up days are needed, the days would be added to the end of the school calendar.

Dr. Moore stated there has been a request from the Community Foundation for the Academy Building to have internet and telephone use. He explained the Foundation will pay for all costs, but as property owners, the corporation must give permission since Comcast will not run the line without our permission. He stated the line will be buried underground. Dr. Roberson made a motion to approve Comcast running a line for the Community Foundation at the Academy Building, seconded by Mr. King. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Roberson thanked Dr. Moore for his leadership this past semester and he appreciates his leadership and Dr. Moore will continue as Senior Advisor to the Superintendent for this semester. He stated he has served as the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent during this time and negotiated on some issues which saved the corporation \$205,000.00. He also stated he did a great job and the board and the whole school corporation appreciates the job he has done. Dr. Roberson stated we have a great team coming in with Mr. David Marcotte as Superintendent from Wayne Township, Mr. Randy Taylor as Assistant Superintendent for Business from MSD Martinsville who is one of the top finance people in the State of Indiana, Mrs. Holly Frye as Director of K-12 Curriculum and Instruction from Paul Hadley Middle School, and Mrs. Windy McGowen as Assistant Principal at Paul Hadley Middle School.

Dr. Roberson stated there will be a make-up day on Monday, January 20, 2014 for December 6, 2013. The next school board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 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. King, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried 5-0.

Attest:

Respectfully submitted,

President

Perry King
Secretary

Vice-President

Member

Member