

MINUTES OF MEETING

MOORESVILLE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION SCHOOL BOARD

May 12, 2015 – 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, May 12, 2015, at 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.

Dr. Marcotte stated there are many things he is proud of in the corporation including achievements by students and staff and Best Buddies is one group that does so many good things all year long. He introduced Mrs. Selby and Mrs. Faulkenberg as the sponsors of the Best Buddies Club at the high school and Alli Cox, President of the high school club and President for the Best Buddies High School Division throughout the state. Alli stated the club sponsored a school-wide pep rally for “spread the word, end the word” and sponsored a Champions Together basketball game. She stated she was proud of the high school for making inclusion big this year. Dr. Marcotte asked what she was going to do after high school and she stated she will be attending Vincennes University to become a special education teacher. Alli then thanked Mrs. Selby and Dr. Disney for their support and allowing her the internship opportunity for Best Buddies. Dr. Marcotte introduced Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Ingle as the Best Buddies Sponsors at the middle school. He also introduced Karli Cook and Sally Blackburn as the Indiana Middle School Best Buddy pair of the year. Sally stated she and Karli had been paired by Mrs. Ingle this year. She stated they do a lot of things in and out of school and have become really good friends. Mrs. Taylor stated the middle school club has 43 members this year, is a two-year chapter, and the inclusiveness is unbelievable. Dr. Marcotte then introduced Mr. DuBois, Principal at Waverly Elementary. He stated Waverly had again become a Four-Star School for the third time. He also stated he is proud of Mr. DuBois, the work the staff does, and the students. Mr. DuBois stated he is also proud and that all of Mooresville’s schools do a great job. He stated recognitions like this help motivate the teachers and parents. He also stated he read John Wooden’s book and he always said “as long as you take care of fundamentals, the score board takes care of itself” and I really think that is what we are doing.

The first item on the agenda was the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Board Minutes – April 14, 2015

Personnel – Personnel Report #5-15

- Certified
- Support Staff
- ECA

Claims

Payroll – April 24, 2015 & May 8, 2015

Claim Nos: 9 – (36530) – 10 (36591)

Warrant Nos: 101245-101253 DD# 124843-125427
101254-101261 DD# 125428-126022

Vendors – May 12, 2015

Claim Nos: 36521-36728

Warrant Nos: 16698-16879

Donations

- Networking Business Women - \$300.00 for BPA – Carson Mulvehill, National Conference
- Fraternal Order of Eagles - \$500.00 for BPA – Carson Mulvehill, National Conference
- Mr. & Mrs. Mulvehill - \$300.00 for BPA – Carson Mulvehill, National Conference
- Tupperware - \$136.00 for BPA – Carson Mulvehill, National Conference
- Jakes Body Shop - \$300.00 for 5K Sponsorship
- Stewart Home Group - \$150.00 for 5K Sponsorship

Out-of-State Trip

- PHMS Choir to Kings Island on May 16, 2015 for Performance

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

Dr. Marcotte stated that Mrs. Bechtold had outlined the recommended changes to the high ability curriculum regarding placement procedures and increased rigor at the April Board meeting. He is recommending approval of the changes and stated we are excited about the changes. Mr. Meadows made a motion to approve the changes to the high ability curriculum, seconded by Mr. Oberle. Motion carried 5-0.

Next on the agenda were the student handbooks. Dr. Marcotte stated the board was presented with the first reading on the handbooks at the April board meeting and he is now recommending approval of those changes. Mr. King recommended that the wording from the high school handbook on page 11 for cell phones be added to all student handbooks in the district including cell phones are not to be out for any reason where there is an expectation of privacy. Mrs. Bechtold stated the elementary handbooks state the cell phones are to be turned off and in their backpacks during the day. Dr. Marcotte stated this could be added to the handbooks and he would get the information out to the principals to add this information to the elementary and middle school handbooks. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the student handbook changes and adding the high school language on cell phones to the student handbooks at the middle school and elementary schools, seconded by Mr. King. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Taylor presented the board with the 2015-2016 Holiday Work Schedule for 12-month employees and the beginning and ending dates for the buildings secretarial staff. He stated the schedule is updated each year and is recommending approval. Mr. Oberle made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Holiday Work Schedule, seconded by Mr. King. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Williams presented the board with an overview of some of the things the Food Service Department is doing. He stated the best way to measure a food service program is by the participation numbers. He also stated there are several factors that will affect participation including: quality of meal, price of meal, free and reduced percentage, overall perception of the program, and service, etc. Mr. Williams stated there has been significant lunch meal participation increases over the course of this year.

Meal participation numbers were as follows:

- August, 2014 – averaged 2,122 lunch meals per day
- March, 2015 – averaged 2,358 lunch meals per day
 - Increase of 236 lunch meals per day
 - Increase of 6% of students participating in lunch meals
 - Able to accomplish this without increasing labor or food cost
- Seeing progress but still have a lot of work to do
 - Many districts are reporting lower participation numbers due to the new meal pattern requirements

After School Snack Program includes:

- In February, we were able to obtain funding to start an after-school snack program at Neil Armstrong
 - Based on free and reduced rate to offer the snack
- The funding allows us to provide a nutritious snack to students after school at no cost to the student
- An example of a snack would be milk and whole grain Cheeze-it crackers or juice and granola bar
- February through March we served 1,143 snacks after school

Summer Food Service Program is as follows:

- Mooresville will be responsible for the program this year
- A little over 40% of our students receive free/reduced meals during the school year
- Those 1,800+ students are at increased risk of hunger during summer vacation
- This year our Department will be operating the Summer Food Service Program at three locations and providing Lunch Meals to Head Start

Mr. Meadows asked if we were getting away from things we have done in the past. Mr. Williams stated we are continuing the summer program as we have done the past two years, but we are taking the program over. Mr. Meadows asked if the program costs the school corporation. Mr. Williams stated it is a reimbursement program. Mr. Meadows stated he realizes there are people in need in Mooresville but felt like the 40% is over exaggerated and does not want to teach the students this by sending this message to them. Mrs. Haynes stated

the first year Mooresville participated in the program, Martinsville provided the food and Mooresville provided the workers at the sites. She stated the second year Mooresville participated, Decatur provided the food and Mooresville provided the workers. Both years, Martinsville and Decatur received the reimbursement funds from the government and Mooresville paid for the workers only. This year, Mooresville will be providing the food and the workers and will receive the reimbursement funds from the government.

- Open Sites – Newby and Neil Armstrong
- Closed enrolled site – Mooresville Boys and Girls Club
- IREAD students at Newby will be provided with lunches
- Operating May 26 through July 24 – Monday through Friday
- Free to all kids and teens age 18 and under
 - No application or proof of income needed
- Funded by the USDA
- We will prepare the meals at Newby Elementary and deliver them to the other sites
- More information is available on: mooresvilleschools.org, Food Service Department

Food Service Budget is:

- Expected to be self-sufficient and does not receive funding from the General Fund
 - The Food Service Department ran a deficit of about 6.5% last school year
 - This year we are expecting to be running in the black
 - Food cost and labor make up the majority of our budget – 80-90% of budget
 - Have spent \$74,244.53 less on food this year by:
 - Streamlining processes
 - Reducing waste
 - Next year we should be seeing additional savings as we begin purchasing with the co-op
 - Have spent \$1,823.17 more on labor this year
 - Hired a full-time manager for the high school
 - Includes the pay increase support staff received last year
 - Donating food that has been left on trays (ex. a carton of milk)

Paid Lunch Equity:

- Requesting an increase of \$0.10 per lunch meal for next school year
 - HS/MS would be \$2.55
 - Elementary schools would be \$2.40
 - This would bring us into compliance with the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 paid lunch equity requirement 7 CFR 210.14(e)
 - We are required to charge paid lunch prices that would be equitable to our rate of reimbursement for free meals
 - If our meal prices are less than \$2.70, we are required to raise them the minimum of \$0.10
 - The only alternative to be in compliance would be to supplement funds from outside of food service funds
 - Martinsville raised their lunch prices by \$.25

Dr. Marcotte stated that Mr. Williams is doing an excellent job as the Food Services Director. Dr. Roberson made a motion to increase the school lunch prices by the minimum of \$0.10 for high school, middle school, and elementary lunches, seconded by Mr. Meadows. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Frye presented the board with an update on IREAD. She stated each spring 3rd grade students take the IREAD test. She compared the percentage from 2015 to 2014 and 2013. The corporation percentage is at 90% at this time with the state average being 84%. She stated she anticipates the percentage to increase after remediation as it did last year.

Mrs. Frye stated the out-of-district transfers as of May 11 are 317 total received. Of those 317, 45 of those are new to Mooresville with one-half of those being kindergarten and the remainder is spread out among the grades. She also stated the principals are in the process of contacting those who have not submitted their forms. The deadline is May 29.

Dr. Marcotte reminded the board of the following dates:

- May 14 – Code Red Drill at Newby
- May 14-15 – Cinderella Musical at High School
- May 22 – Last Student Day

- May 26 – Retirement Celebration
- May 30 – Graduation

The next school board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 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