

NORTHERN WELLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
EXECUTIVE SESSION & REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
OSSIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021  
4:30 & 5:30 P.M.

Executive Session

Public notice of the date, time, place and specific reference to the enumerated instance for which the executive session was held had been previously posted according to statute on March 5, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. local time.

Angie Topp called to order the executive session of the Board of School Trustees. Present at the meeting were Angie Topp, President; Corey Krug, Vice-President; Karen Harris, Secretary; Chad Kline, Member; and Superintendent Springer.

We hereby certify that the Board met in executive session for the following purpose in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b):

For discussion of strategy with respect to any of the following: A real property transaction including: (i) a purchase;(ii) a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee;(iv) a transfer;(v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties. This clause does not affect a political subdivision's duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11.

We further certify that no subject matter other than the subject specified in the public notice was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned and moved into regular session.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

President Angie Topp shared that Ed Goetz one of the first board members of Northern Wells had recently passed away.

Public Comment

Angie Topp asked if there was anyone present who wished to make a comment to the Board. No comments were made.

Call to Order

Public notice of the date, time and place of the Board meeting had been previously posted according to statute on Friday, March 5, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. local time.

Angie Topp called to order the regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees. Present at the meeting were Angie Topp, President; Cory Krug, Vice-President; Karen Harris, Secretary;

Chad Kline, Member, Superintendent Springer, IT Director Jeff Miller, Glen Werling News Banner, Jennifer Nes and guests.

NOTE: All actions of the Board were duly moved, seconded and adopted upon unanimous vote of the Board, and without dissenting vote or abstention, unless otherwise stated.

### Recognitions

Superintendent Springer and the Board recognized the following.  
NWCS Teacher of the Year – Janelle Valenti, OES 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
OES Spell Bowl Team  
NHS Girls Basketball Team Regional Champs

### Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Springer introduced Eddie Layton from Schmidt Associates. Layton shared results from the community survey regarding the NMS Renovation/Construction Options that were shared at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Community Meeting. The clear “winner” from the survey was Option B. This option builds a new addition to the southeast side of the current building. This option will result in a 90% new building. The presentation showed the results. Springer shared the immediate timeline of the project. Within the timeline are two crucial dates: May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup> - the dates for the Preliminary Determination Hearings. After these two hearings, the community has 30 days to express opposition to the project. On June 29<sup>th</sup>, if there is no opposition, Schmidt Associates will begin their schematic designs for the project. Prior to that time, we will continue to explore different ideas and possibly versions of options that we haven't considered.

Superintendent Springer also shared that in the community, there has been some discussion about potential residential TIF (Tax Increment Financing) developments within our school district. In brief terms, a TIF is a public financing method to subsidize economic development and infrastructure. Normally, you see commercial TIFs in order to encourage companies to building factories and other businesses that increase employment opportunities for a community. Residential TIFs have only been around for two years in Indiana and are less common. The school district has to approve the housing plan for a residential TIF. We have already completed an analysis of how residential TIFs would likely impact our Operational Fund revenue and our Education Fund revenue. There will likely be a presentation from the community at one of the next board meetings. At that time, we will share our analysis of how a residential TIF would affect NWCS.

### Approval of the Minutes

President Angie Topp recommended approval of the minutes of the special meeting and the regular board meeting conducted February 23, 2021. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the minutes as presented. (See Attached)

### Approval of Claims

President Angie Topp asked if there were any questions concerning the claims. Following review by the Board and responses posed, the Board approved the claims as presented.

Education Fund	108,764.50
Operations Fund	103,278.33
School Lunch	31,472.35
School Safety Grant 2019-20	6,367.53
Title I, 2020-21 School Year	3,304.68
Title II	625.00
<u>Total of All Funds</u>	<u>\$253,812.39</u>
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<u>Totals by Clearing</u>	
Group Insurance-Health	42,372.60
Group Insurance-Retiree Health	8,895.00
<u>Fringe Bene-Vehicle Deduction</u>	<u>1,118.20</u>
Totals of All Clearing	52,385.80
 Grand Total	 \$306,198.19

### Personnel

Superintendent Springer presented the following personnel items.

#### Resignations:

Alex Nafziger- NHS Assistant Principal (effective at the end of 2020-21 school year)

Holly Morgan – NMS Assistant Principal (effective at the end of 2020-2021 school year)

Crystal Payton – LES Building Assistant

Kaytlyn Vrooman – LES Teaching Assistant

#### Leave:

Paul Grote – NHS English Teacher

#### Recommendations:

Holly Morgan – NHS Assistant Principal

Cassidy Romines – Food Service Long-Term Sub

Nichole Lenwell – LES Teaching Assistant

Christian Bohata – NHS Assistant Baseball Coach

Desmond Kessler – NMS Track Head Coach

Hollie Parker – NMS Track Assistant Coach

#### Retirement:

Deb Shumaker – Alternative School Director

### NMS 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Out of State Trip

Superintendent Springer recommended that the Board approve a change to the out of state trip for NMS 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to Kings Island. The trip was changed to Cedar Point, Sandusky OH., on May 21, 2021. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the trip change as presented. (See Attached)

### Lancaster Park

President Angie Topp shared that she and Corey Krug had met with the City of Bluffton Parks & Recreation Superintendent Brandy Fiechter in reference to Lancaster Park. Topp explained that Fiechter had a small presentation in reference to Lancaster Park and has an opportunity to apply for a grant. Topp mentioned that the Board is excited and also looking forward to seeing Lancaster Park developed. Topp shared that Fiechter would need the following items: a letter of intention to provide the property to the city if the grant is approved and the cabin on the property would need to be removed. Topp also shared that the cabin on the property was not actually a historical cabin, the cabin would need to be taken down and removed, and that if anyone was interested in the cabin they were encouraged to call NWCS Central Office by Monday March 15<sup>th</sup>. The parks department will also survey the community in reference to ideas for the park.

### NMS Fundraiser

NMS Principal Tim Wilson introduced NMS Teachers Bill Bostain & Matt Taylor. The teachers presented to the Board information about a NMS Fundraiser “Last Day Color Blast”. Bostain explained that the fundraiser included a 5K Run or Walk including color blast and would take place on May 25<sup>th</sup> the last day of school. Students would pay \$25 to participate and of that \$25, \$10 would go to support student activities. Taylor shared that it would serve a lot of different purposes for the last day blast, life-long fitness activities and make exercise fun. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the fundraiser as presented. (See Attached)

### Adjournment

There being no further business, the School Board meeting was adjourned.

The next School Board meeting will be April 13<sup>th</sup> at Central Office.

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Angie Topp, President

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Corey Krug, Vice-President

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Karen Harris, Secretary

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Gene Donaghy, Member

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Chad Kline, Member