

NORTHERN WELLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NORWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019
5:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Public Comment

Scott Elzey 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 Thursday, September 26, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. local time.

Scott Elzey called to order the budget hearing and regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees. Present at the meeting were Scott Elzey, Vice-President; Gene Donaghy, Secretary; Karen Harris, Member; Corey Krug; Member, Superintendent Mills, IT Director Jeff Miller, NHS Principal David Parker, NMS Principal Tim Wilson, LES Principal Ginger Butcher, OES Principal Andrea Larkey, Deb Adams, NMS Teacher Christina Allen, Jennifer Nes, News Banner Glen Werling and 2 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.

2020 School Budget Hearing

Superintendent Mills stated that the 2020 budget has been advertised as required and is available to view at the Gateway Indiana website. Mills explained the budget, including Rainy Day Fund \$0, Debt Service \$2,766,294, School Pension Debt \$0, Referendum Debt Fund-Exempt Capital-Post 2009 \$988,000, Education Fund \$15,100,000, and Operations Fund \$8,900,000 that collectively total \$27,754,294. Mills stated that the Budget Hearing was opened for any questions or comments from the public. Only one comment was made, regular attendee Gary Shady said, "Sounds cool to me!". After ample opportunity for public input, the hearing was closed.

The Budget Hearing was adjourned at this time.

NMS New Student Plan Presentation

Norwell Middle School Principal Tim Wilson presented the "New Student Plan" for students that arrive during the school year. Wilson explained that NMS wants new students to feel more welcome. He shared the plan/schedule at each grade level, which would include a mentor for the new student to help ease the adjustment for the student to NMS. Wilson hopes that this relieves some of the stress and anxiety of that first day of school for the student. Wilson

praised seventh-grade teacher Bonnie Dickey for heading up the drive to create the welcoming day.

Approval of the Minutes

Superintendent Mills recommended approval of the minutes of the executive session and regular board meeting conducted September 17, 2019 and Strategic Planning meeting September 16, 2019. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

Approval of Claims

Superintendent Mills 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	215,011.61
Operations Fund	21,248.04
School Lunch	7,076.48
Curricular Materials Rental	1,985.00
NMS Supplies for kids in need	500.00
Donation to Schools for Students	34.40
Teacher of Year Alig	45.38
Formative Remediation 2019-20	12,375.00
School Safety Grant 2019-20	5,696.99
Driver Education Program	75.00
Title 1 2019-20 School Year	60.00
Total of All Funds	\$264,107.90
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<u>Totals by Clearing</u>	
Total of all Clearing	\$0.00
 Grand Total	 \$264,107.50

Personnel

Superintendent Mills presented the following personnel items.

Recommendations:

Joseph Villanueva – OES Special Education Teacher
Joshua Brock – NHS Social Studies Teacher

Donations:

\$500 to NMS Robotics from Plumbers & Steamfitters, Local Union 166

Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the personnel items, and donations as presented. (See Attached)

SEBT Teacher Representative

Superintendent Mills recommended approval of Matt Taylor as the teacher representative for the School Employee Benefit Trust. Mills shared that Taylor was chosen by the teachers to serve as their representative on the health insurance trust. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved Taylor as presented.

Appointment to Huntington City Township Library Board

Superintendent Mills recommended that the Board appoint Doug Denney to represent the district on the Huntington City/Township Library Board. Mills explained that Northern Wells has representation on the board because of the Markle library is a branch of the Huntington library. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved appointing Doug Denney as presented.

School Improvement Plans -PL221

Superintendent Mills requested approval of the Summary of Changes to the School Improvement Plan for Norwell Middle School. Principal Tim Wilson presented the changes and commended teachers Amy Burns and Abby Meyer for their work with the plan. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the Summary of Changes as presented. (See Attached)

Superintendent Mills requested approval of the Summary of Changes to the School Improvement Plan for Lancaster Elementary School. Principal Ginger Butcher presented the changes and following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the Summary of Changes as presented. (See Attached)

Superintendent Mills requested approval of the Summary of Changes to the School Improvement Plan for Ossian Elementary. Principal Tim Wilson presented the changes and following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the Summary of Changes as presented. (See Attached)

Superintendent Mills requested approval of the Summary of Changes to the School Improvement Plan for Norwell High School. Principal David Parker presented the changes and following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the Summary of Changes as presented. (See Attached)

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mills shared that the high school gym floor will be ready tomorrow and that the high school had a convocation today titled "The Get Schooled Tour".

Mills shared that the school day missed due to fog on Monday would be made up on President's Day February 17th.

The next School Board meeting will be October 15, 2019 at the Central Office and the budget adoption will take place at this meeting.

Adjournment

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

Angie Topp, President

Scott Elzey, Vice-President

Gene Donaghy, Secretary

Karen Harris, Member

Corey Krug, Member

NORTHERN WELLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
EXECUTIVE SESSION & REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019
4:45 P.M. & 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 October 10, 2019, 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; Scott Elzey, Vice-President; Gene Donaghy, Secretary; Karen Harris, Member; Corey Krug, Member; and Superintendent Mills.

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):

Collective Bargaining.

To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

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

Call to Order

Public notice of the date, time and place of the Board meeting had been previously posted according to statute on Thursday, October 10, 2019, 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; Scott Elzey, Vice-President; Gene Donaghy, Secretary; Karen Harris, Member; Corey Krug; Member, Superintendent Mills, IT Director Jeff Miller, Jennifer Nes, Deb Adams, Glen Werling News Banner, and 4 guests.

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Graham Stoppenhagen – Boys 7th Grade Basketball Coach
Clete Bailey – Boys Volunteer Assistant Coach
Nathan Shelton – Boys Volunteer Assistant Coach
Vic Reinhard – Girls 8th Grade Basketball Coach
Aaron Justice – Girls 7th Grade Basketball Coach
Andrea Morris – Cheerleading 7th and 8th Grade Coach
Sara Bear – Cheer Volunteer Assistant Coach

NHS Winter Coach Recommendations (See Attached)
Mandy Kopp – Girls Basketball Volunteer Assistant
Corrine Lower – Swimming Assistant Coach
Tom Walker – Wrestling Volunteer Assistant Coach

Sheila Brown – OES Teaching Assistant

Trips:

Overnight trip NHS Marching Band to Indianapolis for Bands of America Regional Contest, October 24-25, 2019.

Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the personnel items and trip as presented. (See Attached)

2020 Bus Replacement Plan

Superintendent Mills recommended approval of a resolution to adopt the 2020 Bus Replacement Plan. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the resolution to adopt the 2020 Bus Replacement Plan. (See Attached)

2020 Capital Projects Plan

Superintendent Mills recommended approval of a resolution to adopt the 2020 Capital Projects Plan. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the resolution to adopt the 2020 Capital Projects Plan. (See Attached)

2020 School Budget

Superintendent Mills recommended approval of a resolution to adopt the 2020 School Budget. The budget had been advertised as required with a public hearing at the last Board meeting. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the resolution to adopt the 2020 School Budget. (See Attached)

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mills shared that he would like to acknowledge and thank Adams County Emergency Personnel and Adams County Memorial in regards to the bus accident last week and that we were saddened to hear that the driver of the vehicle that hit the bus had passed away. Mills shared that the corporation did not release the names of the students that were published in the

newspaper and that they may have come from a police report. Mills commended the bus driver and Principal David Parker also.

Fall Break is October 21st -25th and Strategic Planning will meet at the Central Office on Monday, October 28th at 6:30 p.m. Mills shared that hopefully negotiations will be wrapped up by then.

Gene Donaghy thanked Little River Wetlands for donating 480 grasses and plants to the wetlands area at the high school which Kyle Bailey's class was able to plant. Donaghy also thanked Scott Elzey for digging the holes.

The next School Board meeting will be November 5, 2019 at Ossian Elementary School.

Adjournment

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

Angie Topp, President

Scott Elzey, Vice-President

Gene Donaghy, Secretary

Karen Harris, Member

Corey Krug, Member