

BROWN COUNTY SCHOOLS
Executive Special Session: Board of School Trustees
Brown County Schools
Brown County High School
Thursday, September 15, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Board of School Trustees of the Brown County Schools, Nashville, Indiana, met in Executive Session on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at the Administration Building. Board members present: Judy Hardwick, Teresa Waltman, Carol Bowden, Connie Weddle, and John Mills. Staff members present: David Shaffer, and Dennis Goldberg. The topic of discussion was as follows:

- ✓ Collective bargaining strategy
- ✓ Litigation strategy when litigation is threatened specifically in writing, or when litigation may be initiated by the board
- ✓ job performance evaluations of individual employees

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. and reconvened following the regular meeting.

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Meeting Called to Order – 6:36 PM

Modifications to the Agenda – Mr. Shaffer recommended the addition of an action needed item for a temporary bus route extension, and the modification of consent agenda items to include a Nurse Salary Scale along with the appointment of Elementary Nurse Cathy Cale. Carol Bowden moved to approve the modifications as presented. Connie Weddle seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Recognition of Visitors – There were no comments from the audience.

Presentations –

David Bartlett, CRC Director, presented the *CRC Quarterly Report: Grant Programs*. Some discussion followed. Mr. Bartlett will present a quarterly report to the Board of

Directors of the Brown County Community Foundation on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 6:30 PM. Judy Hardwick agreed to attend the presentation.

Discussion Items –

There was a lengthy discussion of a possible Balanced Calendar for 2012-2013.

Comments and concerns included:

Mary Blake commented that she doesn't understand the word "balanced." She feels that children need to be in school in the fall. She would like to see the school year of Memorial Day to Labor Day. She disapproves of the balanced calendar as proposed. Mr. Shaffer explained there have been three various proposed State Bills which propose the start of school following Labor Day. Dawn Huddleston asked when the Board would vote on this issue. Mr. Shaffer explained that the next step is to receive a recommended calendar from the Teacher's Association. A decision should be reached sometime during this Fall Semester. Bartholomew has already passed a balanced calendar. Their 2012-2013 school year will begin on August 6, 2012. Dawn requested that the Teacher's Association have an opportunity to review the calendar that was submitted by several Sprunica Elementary parents. There was a brief discussion regarding trades and advanced placement classes offered at Brown County High School.

Approval of Minutes – September 1, 2011. Connie Weddle moved to approve the minutes as presented. Carol Bowden seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Action Needed Items –

Mr. Shaffer recommended the Board accept donations from Robert Frew and Juan Arango to the Industrial Technology class for \$150 and a donation from the National Football League Alumni to BCHS Football for \$4,000. Teresa Waltman moved to accept the donation as presented. Connie Weddle seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Mr. Shaffer recommended approval of the following bus route extensions:

- Bus Route Extension for route #23, owned by Gerald and Violet Miller, effective August 10, 2011 all day and August 11, 2011 half day. Length of extension is 11.6 RTM at a cost per mile of \$4.75. Cost per day of extension: \$55.10. Extension required due to county bridge work on Green Valley Road. (temporary)
- Bus Route Extension for route #26, owned by Brester Transport, effective August 17, 2011. Length of extension is 15.8 RTM at a cost per mile of \$5.06. Cost per day of extension: \$79.95. Extension required because a driver had to return a student to after-school care at the end of the route because the student's parents were not home at the time of drop off. (one-time occurrence)

- Bus Route Extension for route #10, owned by Brester Transport, effective August 29, 2011. Length of extension is 1.6 RTM at a cost per mile of \$8.20. Cost per day of extension: \$13.12. Extension is required to allow the bus will run this section of the route backwards to increase the safety of three children.
- Bus Route Extension for route #31, owned by Kay Dougherty, effective September 6, 2011. Length of extension is .6 RTM as a cost of \$4.92 per mile. Cost per day of extension is \$2.95. Extension is required at the request of the parent for transportation on County maintained road.
- Bus Route Extension for route #26, owned by Brester Transport, effective September 8, 2011. Length of extension is 6.2 RTM at a cost of \$5.06 per mile. Cost per day of extension is \$31.37. Extension is required at parent request for transportation on County maintained road.
- Bus Route Extension for route #6, owned by Jeanette Graves, effective September 12, 2011. Length of extension is 2.4 RTM at a cost of \$8.46 per mile. Cost per day of extension is \$20.31. Extension is required to reduce crowding on bus #8 owned by Waglers. There were a large number of older students on this route reducing seat capacity.

Teresa Waltman moved to approve the bus route extensions as presented. Carol Bowden seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Consent Agenda Items – Personnel

- a. Separations – None
- b. Appointments –

- i. Non-Certified, 2nd shift custodian at Van Buren Elementary, Missy Stinson, full-time with benefits, at the Intermediate rate of \$11.35 per hour (recognizing 5 years of prior work experience with BCS), retroactive to September 6, 2011. Replacement for Cody Roberts.
- ii. Non-Certified, After-School Care Supervisor at Sprunica Elementary, Katrina Goodwin, \$12.00 per hour for 2.75 hours per day, effective September 13, 2011. Replacement for Sandy Richardson.
- iii. Non-Certified, Elementary School Nurse, Cathy Cale, full-time with benefits, \$28,737 annually, effective September 15, 2011. Replacement for Cindy Colglazier. Includes new nurse salary schedule as presented.

- c. Transfers – None

Carol Bowden moved to accept the consent agenda items beginning with the appointment of Non-Certified 2nd shift custodian at Van Buren, Missy Stinson and ending with the appointment of Non-Certified elementary school nurse Cathy Cale.

Connie Weddle seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Superintendent's Report –

Dr. Goldberg reported that John Emkes has requested bids for 345 laptops for mobile computer labs at each school. Mobile units are needed due to a lack/availability of computer lab space. Expected cost is approximately \$280,000 for the laptops and 23 carts. Wireless access point will be mounted to each cart.

Sprunica Science Lab is well underway. Demolition has been completed and they are now working on plumbing and electrical. All science supplies are in and Jeff Lepore, Laura Crum and Wilma Allender inventoried the items. Completion is expected around the third week of October. The Technology room at the Junior High is fully functional. The weight room at the High School is complete. The weight equipment for the Junior High is expected next week.

Mr. Shaffer reported that we have several High School Students who will be competing for Brown County High School as a Swim Team through Bloomington North.

Last weekend we hosted a large track meet with 60 schools (approximately 1,500 students) competing.

Reminders: Football game against Indiana Creek, Eric Koch will be at Helmsburg Elementary School on October 11, 2011.

Thank you to Mr. Stark and the High School Staff for hosting the Board meeting.

Adjournment – There being no further business

Carol Bowden moved to adjourn. Teresa Waltman seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.