

BROWN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Executive Session: Board of School Trustees
Administration Building
Thursday, November 17, 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, November 17, 2011 at the Administration Building. Board members present: Judy Hardwick, Teresa Waltman, Carol Bowden, and Connie Weddle. John Mills was absent. Staff members present: David Shaffer, and Dennis Goldberg. The topic of discussion was as follows:

- ✓ Litigation strategy when litigation is threatened specifically in writing, or when litigation may be initiated by the board
- ✓ The receipt of information about the interviewing of prospective employees
- ✓ job performance evaluations of individual employees

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

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Call to Order: 6:10 p.m.

Modifications to the Agenda: Mr. Shaffer recommended two modifications to the agenda.

1. Consent Agenda – Remove the appointment of non-certified, 2nd shift custodian at Van Buren Elementary. (Item 8.b.i)

2. Action Item – Add the addition of a Special Education Para-Professional Bus Monitor for Helmsburg Elementary. Mornings only. (Item 7.e)

Teresa Waltman moved to approve the modifications. Connie Weddle seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

Recognition of Visitors and Comments from the Audience – None

Presentation – None

Discussion Items – None

Approval of Minutes – November 3, 2011

Connie Weddle moved to approve the minutes as presented. Teresa Waltman seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

Action Needed Items –

Mr. Shaffer recommended the approval of the purchase of a Special Needs Bus with wheelchair lift and added Driver position. The cost of the bus will be in the \$55,000 range. The cost of the driver with benefits will be approximately \$25,000 annually. Connie Weddle moved to approve the request as presented. There was discussion. Carol Bowden seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

Mr. Shaffer recommended the approval of a temporary Bus Route Extension for Route #1 owned by Lisa Miller for 5.0 RTM at a cost of \$12.12 per mile, effective October 16th p.m. and October 27th a.m. The extension is required due to road closure for culvert replacement on Sweetwater Drive. Teresa Waltman moved to approve the temporary route extension as presented. Connie Weddle seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

Mr. Shaffer recommended the approval of an increase of the hourly rate for R.O.C.K Teachers to \$40 per hour effective this Grant Budget year. Carol Bowden moved to table the request. There was discussion. Connie Weddle seconded the motion. The request was tabled with a vote of 4 – 0.

Mr. Shaffer recommended the approval to Balance Accounts for 2011. Carol Bowden moved to approve balancing the accounts. Connie Weddle seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

Mr. Shaffer recommended the approval of a new position for Special Education Para-Professional/Bus Monitor for Helmsburg Elementary – mornings only. Connie Weddle moved to approve the additional position. There was discussion. Carol Bowden seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0

Consent Agenda – Personnel

- a. Separations –
 - i. Non-Certified Bus Driver, Mark Skirvin, effective November 11, 2011.
- b. Appointments - none
- c. Transfers –
 - i. Non-Certified, Maintenance Technician, Jimmy Jackson to Lead Mechanic, \$37,500 annually, effective November 21, 2011. Replacement for Chuck Watkins.
 - ii. Non-Certified, 2nd shift custodian at the Junior High, Wendy Burgmeier, to Head Custodian at the Junior High, \$10.65 per hour effective November 21, 2011. Replacement for Jim Bond.

Carol Bowden moved to approve the consent agenda items beginning with the separation of Bus Driver, Mark Skirvin and ending with the transfer of non-certified, 2nd shift custodian at the Junior High to Head Custodian at the Junior High. Connie Weddle seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

Superintendents Report –

Dr. Goldberg reported:

- Jeff Lepore is filling equipment and tending to final details with the Robotics and STEM labs at Sprunica Elementary School.
- We have a pre-bid conference date established for the lighting project at the High School. We will consider bids at the December 15th Board meeting.
- He is working on updates on the end of the year budget process.

Mr. Shaffer reported:

- Winter weather plans are underway. The calling list has been distributed for inclement weather.
- Thank you to Mr. Stark, Christy Wrightsman and all for the wonderful Veteran's Day Program.
- There is currently a conflict on April 18, 2012. We have the AdvancEd Accreditation visit that day as well as a visit by the Leadership Brown County group. He requested that Teresa Waltman work with Leadership Brown County to reschedule their visit.
- Thank you to Dr. Goldberg, Deborah Harman, Kris Stats, Dean Keefauver, Jeff Lepore, and Paige Burton for their recent work on the *Innovation Grant* which could potentially provide \$500,000 for two years. The focus of this grant is to support technology.

- Advised of a statement issued by the Indiana State Board of Accounts regarding current Indiana Code in relation to funds used for creating Wind Farms or Wind Mills.
- He has been meeting with Deborah Harman, Principals and Teachers regarding upcoming Teacher Evaluations. The Teachers have appointed a committee and he plans to meet with the committee after Thanksgiving.
- Reminder of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the High School on Thursday.

John Emkes reported:

- The Van Buren Fiber Project is currently at Parkview Church in route to the Career Resource Center. Connection should be made some time after Thanksgiving.

Approval of Claims – Carol Bowden motioned to approve the claims as presented. Discussion followed. Connie Weddle seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

Adjournment – There being no further business Teresa Waltman moved to adjourn. Carol Bowden seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.