

NORTHEAST SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF MEETING

The Board of School Trustees of the Northeast School Corporation met in Executive Session, 6:00 P.M., January 8, 2018 in the Administrative Building, Hymera, Indiana. All Board members were present. Also in attendance was Superintendent, Dr. Mark A. Baker.

The Board certifies that it discussed no subject matter other than the subject matter specified (IC 5-14-1.5-6.1): To receive information about and interview prospective employees, job performance evaluation of individual employees.

Also in attendance during the Board Re-Organization, Board of Finance and Regular Session were: Martha Santus, Sean Kirk and Lynne Arnett with Sodexo and Jessica Pitts, Sullivan Daily Times.

BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION

Dr. Mark A. Baker, Superintendent, acting as temporary chairman, called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Pinkston made a motion to nominate Mr. Norman Santus for Board President. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jeri Greve. On a vote of 4 to 0, Mr. Santus was elected Board President. Mr. Santus abstained from voting.

On a motion by Mrs. Greve and a second by Mr. Ransford, Mrs. Jennifer Pinkston was elected Board Vice President. The Board voted 4 to 0 with Mrs. Pinkston abstaining.

The Board, on a motion by Mr. Ransford and a second by Mrs. Pinkston, elected Mrs. Jeri Greve as Board Secretary. Mrs. Greve abstained from voting as the Board's vote was 4 to 0.

BOARD TREASURER

The Board, on a motion by Mr. Ransford and a second by Mr. Frye, appointed Vikki Huntworth as Corporation Treasurer with Treasurer's Bond set at \$150,000.00.

LEGAL COUNSEL

On a motion by Mrs. Pinkston and a second by Mrs. Greve, the Board appointed Mr. Jeff Qualkinbush of Barnes and Thornburg as legal counsel.

DETERMINE DATE AND TIME OF MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Board, on a motion by Mr. Ransford and a second by Mrs. Greve, set the regular monthly meetings as the second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Administrative Building, Hymera, Indiana, until or unless such meeting date, place, and time is changed by the Board.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR TREASURER BONDS

On a motion by Mrs. Pinkston and a second by Mr. Frye, the Board approved the extra-curricular treasurers' bonds be set at \$15,000.00.

BOARD OF FINANCE

On a motion by Mr. Ransford and a second by Mrs. Pinkston, the Board of School Trustees will become the Board of Finance with Mr. Santus as President and Mrs. Greve as Secretary. The Board, by consensus, accepted First Financial Bank as the only depository.

REGULAR SESSION

The reading of the minutes of December 7, December 11 and December 18, 2017 was omitted and approved as written on a motion by Mr. Ransford and a second by Mr. Frye.

On a motion by Mr. Ransford and a second by Mrs. Pinkston, Claim #849 – Claim #904 in the amount of \$269,551.82 were examined and approved.

Claim #905 – Claim #958 in the amount of \$290,417.88 were approved and ordered paid on a motion by Mrs. Pinkston and a second by Mrs. Greve.

The Treasurer's report for the month of December 2017 showing a record balance of \$5,274,292.97 was accepted by consensus.

CONTRACTED BUS DRIVERS' FUEL ESCALATOR CLAUSE

As a matter of record only, the Board accepted the Fuel Escalator Clause Computation for January 2018. (The Escalator Clause is to be made a part of the minutes.)

4-H COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

On a motion by Mr. Ransford and a second by Mrs. Greve, the Board appointed Lynne Arnett as the 4-H Council Representative for the Northeast School Corporation.

NEWS MEDIA REQUESTS FOR NOTIFICATION

By consensus the Board accepted notification from the following media to be notified of the Board's monthly meetings: Terre Haute Tribune Star, and Sullivan Daily Times.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Board by consensus accepted the Conflict of Interest Statements filed by Dr. Mark A. Baker, Mrs. Jeri L. Greve, Mr. Norman R. Santus and Mr. Donald Ransford.

NEW BUS DRIVER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

If an employee successfully recruits a new driver, who is qualified to drive and agrees to drive for the NESC for at least one year and is approved by the board, that employee can receive a \$500.00 bonus. Upon the new driver's completion of the first year they too can receive a \$500.00 bonus. The Memo dated 9-15-17 will be made a part of the minutes. This incentive program was approved by the Board, on a motion by Mrs. Greve and a second by Mrs. Pinkston.

FEDERAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY

The Board, on a motion by Mr. Ransford and a second by Mr. Frye, approved the updated Federal Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy. All bus drivers would receive the updated drug and alcohol testing policy and return a signed acknowledgement and consent form.

EXTRA CURRICULAR EMPLOYMENT

Mr. Heath Bonacorsi and Mr. Jim Wanninger were approved by the Board as "volunteer" baseball coaches at NCHS, on a motion by Mr. Ransford and a second by Mrs. Pinkston.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board, on a motion by Mrs. Greve and a second by Mr. Ransford, approved Gretchen Brown to attend the Fast Forward Convention in Florida on February 22 – 23, 2018. All expenses will be paid by Title I.

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

The following field trips were approved by the Board, on a motion by Mr. Frye and a second by Mrs. Pinkston, as long as there are the appropriate chaperones:

1. 8th Grade to CANDLES Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute – February 27, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M. on a motion by Mrs. Greve and a second by Mrs. Pinkston.

Paul P. Frye
Donald E. Ransford
Jerry J. Greve
George J. Pinkston
Hermon K. Santos