



## Regular Session Minutes

Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson United School Corporation

Indian Creek Middle School – LGI Room

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

7:00 pm

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**BOARD MEETING:** The Board of School Trustees of the Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson United School Corporation met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 in the LGI Room of Indian Creek Middle School. Board members present: Judy Misiniec, Ed Harvey, Greg Waltz, Thomas Burgett, and Ben Swopes. Also present: Dr. Edsell, Superintendent.

Judy Misiniec, Board President, called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was led by ICIS Students, Daniel Gladden and Lydia Elmore.

**Recognition of Visitors/Patron Comments:** none

**Additions to the Agenda:** Dr. Edsell recommended the Board approve the following additions: 11. B. 10. ICHS Girls Basketball Coach Summer Stipend, 11. B. 11. ICHS Volleyball Coach Summer Stipend. And move ICHS Data Talk from Superintendents report to after NHJ Recognition Award. Also add Creek Cattle Update to after Data Talk.

Upon proper motion by Ed Harvey and seconded by Thomas Burgett, the Board approved the additions.  
**Passed 5/0**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Upon proper motion by Ed Harvey and second by Thomas Burgett, the Board accepted and approved the following items:

Financial Report: See Attached Reports

Claims: See Attached Reports

Minutes:

Executive Session: Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Regular Session: Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Public Hearing: Thursday, August 25, 2022

Public Work Session: Thursday, August 25, 2022

Principals' Updates: See Attached Report

Transportation Report: See Attached Report

Facility Report: See Attached Report

Health & Wellness Report: See Attached Report

Food Services Report: See Attached Report

Athletic Report: See Attached Report

Donation Report: See Attached Report

Surplus Report: See Attached Report

Assistant Superintendent's Report: See Attached Report

**Passed 5/0**

**NHJ Recognition Awards:** Sean Zachery, ICMS Principal introduced Craig Davis, ICMS Teacher as the, “You Make a Difference” award recipient. Zachery said that Davis has become a bedrock of culture at NHJ. Mr. Zachery went on to say that Mr. Davis’s positivity touches nearly everyone.

**ICHS Data Talk:** Luke Skobel, ICHS Principal, Bill Wallace, ICHS Assistant Principal and Lauren Woodworth, ICHS Teacher talked about SAT results. Skobel said that all juniors are required to take the SAT, not just college bound students. Lauren Woodworth discussed strategies used by teachers to prepare students for the test. And Bill Wallace talked about the challenges in going from the ISTEP to SATs.

**Creek Cattle Co. Update:** Joe Dunn and Lauren Hamelman, ICHS Ag Teachers along with Luke Skobel, ICHS Principal gave an update on future plans with Creek Cattle Co. They discussed pasture expansion, possible purchases of a squeeze chute, scales, smart feeders and tower gardens. They gave a classroom update highlighting current projects classes are doing. They also said that the café recently served beef from Creek Cattle Co.

**Construction Update:** Dr. Edsell said that they are currently working on exterior painting, trim, lime stabilization, parking lot, installation of the walking trail, and the fieldhouse running track structural steel. He also said that SSI is working on the softball field.

**Public Hearing of the 2023 Budget:** Dr. Edsell read the estimates budgetary amount from Form 3 as advertised in Gateway. He asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the 2023 Budget. There were no questions. Edsell reported that the 2023 Budget will be approved at the October board meeting.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**C-9 Report:** Greg Waltz reported that the Welding Program was featured at the recent meeting. He said that the welding students were very descriptive in talking about what they do in class every day. He also said that during the meeting they discussed construction permits, student dress code issues, and NEOLA. He also said that they had a long discussion about safety procedures because of the recent shooting that happened near C-9.

**NHJ Foundation:** Judy Misiniec reported that the Foundation will be hosting Music at the Creek on September 17, 2022. She said that it will be a full day of music, vendors, and a car show. She mentioned that this is their biggest money maker for grants. Misiniec also reported that several teachers have been taking their trips using the Travel Grant awards.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Consider action to approve Annual Conflict of Interest Statements**

Upon proper motion by Greg Waltz and seconded by Ed Harvey, the Board approved the conflict of interest statements.

*Passed 5/0*

##### **Consider action to approve 2022-2023 School Improvement Plans**

Andrea Perry, Assistant Superintendent asked the Board to approve the 2021-2022 School Improvement Plans for each building.

Upon proper motion by Ed Harvey and seconded by Thomas Burgett, the Board approved the plans

*Passed 5/0*

##### **Consider action to approve Administrative Implementation Stipend of recent IDOE 3E Grant**

Dr. Edsell recommended the Board approve the allocation of at least \$5,000 per semester for the 2022-2023 school year to be paid as a stipend to Andrea Perry for her administration and implementation of various initiatives from the IDOE's 3E grant to develop our high school agriculture pathways programming.

Upon proper motion by Thomas Burgett and seconded by Ben Swopes, the Board approved the recommendation.

***Passed 5/0***

**Consider action to approve to Increase School Bus Driver Trainer Pay**

Dr. Edsell recommended the Board to increase the current pay for school bus trainers from \$12 per hour to \$15 per hour, effective immediately.

Upon proper motion by Thomas Burgett and seconded by Ben Swopes, the Board approved the increase.

***Passed 5/0***

**Consider action to approve MOU with Earlywood Education Services**

Dr. Edsell recommended the Board to approve the MOU with Earlywood Education Services.

Upon proper motion by Ed Harvey and seconded by Thomas Burgett, the Board approved the MOU.

***Passed 5/0***

**Consider action to approve the Transfer of Funds from ICMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ECA to ICHS**

Stacie Madison, ICMS Treasurer asked the Board to approve the transfer funds from the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ECA account to the ICHS Class of 2026 account.

Upon proper motion by Greg Waltz and seconded by Ed Harvey, the Board approved the request.

***Passed 5/0***

**Consider action to approve ICMS to Clear Outstanding Checks 2 Years Old or Older**

Stacie Madison, ICMS Treasurer asked the Board to approve the clearing of outstanding checks two years old or older.

Upon proper motion by Ed Harvey and seconded by Ben Swopes, the Board approved the request.

***Passed 5/0***

**Consider action to approve ICHS FFA Overnight Trip to Porter County for the State Soils Contest on 10.14.22 - 10.15.22**

Luke Skobel, ICHS Principal asked the Board to approve the field trip.

Upon proper motion by Thomas Burgett and seconded by Ed Harvey, the Board approved the trip.

***Passed 5/0***

**Consider action to approve Rainy Day Transfer Resolution**

**Consider action to approve Appropriation Reduction Resolution**

Debbie Carter, NHJ Business Manager asked the Board to approve both resolutions.

Upon proper motion by Ben Swopes and seconded by Thomas Burgett, the Board approved the resolutions.

***Passed 5/0***

**Consider action to approve a Resolution to transfer amounts form the Education Fund to the Operations Fund**

Debbie Carter, NHJ Business Manager asked the Board to approve the transfer of \$500,000 from the education fund to the operations fund, to reimburse the operations fund for expenses that are not allocated to student instruction and learning under IC 20-42.5 for the period of September to December, 2022.

Upon proper motion by Thomas Burgett and seconded by Greg Waltz, the Board approved the resolution.

***Passed 5/0***

**Consider action to approve ICHS Commencement Date Proposal**

Luke Skobel, ICHS Principal asked the Board to approve Saturday, June 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. for the ICHS Commencement.

Upon proper motion by Thomas Burgett and seconded by Ed Harvey, the Board approved the proposed date.

***Passed 5/0***

**Consider action to approve ICHS MOU with KIC-IT**

Luke Skobel, ICHS Principal asked the Board to approve the MOU Agreement between Kids in Crisis Intervention Team and Indian Creek High School for the Youth Ally for Homeless Education & Prevention program.

Upon proper motion by Ed Harvey and seconded by Greg Waltz, the Board approved the MOU.

***Passed 5/0***

**Consider action to approve Adoption of Preliminary Bond Resolution**

Dr. Edsell recommended that the Board approve the adoption of the preliminary bond resolution. Dr. Edsell said that this is a GO Bond that would be issued at the end of 2022 for 2023. He said that it is tax rate neutral with a 7 year term for \$3.4 million. This money will be used after the second phase of construction is complete. This money would include improvements to athletic fields, upgrade HVAC, greenhouse construction and other maintenance items.

Roger Young, Corporate Attorney added that this resolution is preliminary and will trigger further procedures. He said that a legal advertisement will run in the Reporter Times and the Daily Journal on September 21st and 28<sup>th</sup>. He said that this will advise the public of the Public Hearing that will take place at the October 4, 2022 Board meeting.

Upon proper motion by Ed Harvey and seconded by Thomas Burgett, the Board approved the resolution.

***Passed 5/0***

**Consider action to approve Adoption of Reimbursement Resolution**

Roger Young, Corporate Attorney explained this resolution to the Board. He said that this gives Debbie Carter, NHJ Business Manager the authority to repay the operations fund.

Upon proper motion by Thomas Burgett and seconded by Ben Swopes, the Board approved the resolution.

***Passed 5/0***

**PERSONNEL/EMPLOYMENT:**

Dr. Edsell asked the Board to approve the "Personnel/Employment" package in its entirety as presented.

A. Resignation

1. Resignation: NHJ Café Sub Cook Madison Noonan

B. Employments/Transfers

1. Sub Teachers
2. ICHS/ICMS Ag Teacher McCallister Killian
3. NHJ Café Sub Cook Alicia Jasper
4. NHJ Café Sub Cook Amanda Quick
5. ICHS Choral Accompanist Rebecca Demaree
6. NHJ Café Sub Cook Philip Montarsi
7. ICIS ECA Addendum
8. NHJ Sub Nurse Susie Baker

- 9. ICHS ECA Sponsor Amanda Oliver
- 10. ICHS Girls Basketball Coach Summer Stipend
- 11. ICHS Volleyball Coach Summer Stipend

Upon proper motion by Ed Harvey and seconded by Thomas Burgett, the Board approved the "Personnel/Employment" package in its entirety.

*Passed 5/0*

**Superintendent's Report:** none

**Other items from the Board:**

**Judy Misiniec:** Wished all the athletic teams continued success.

**Ed Harvey:** Said that there were a lot of donations this month and they are much appreciated. He also said that there was a great for the football game on the new turf.

**Thomas Burgett:** Said that he enjoyed the trip to Maconaquah Schools to tour their farm to cafeteria program. He also said that enjoyed meeting Lauren Hamelman, the new agriculture teacher.

**Ben Swopes:** Said that appreciates the athletic passes.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon proper motion made by Ed Harvey the meeting was adjourned.

  
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 Judy Misiniec, President


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 Ed Harvey, Vice President


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 Greg Waltz, Secretary

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