

UNION COUNTY/COLLEGE CORNER JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT

107 Layman Street, Liberty, IN 47353
Phone: 765-458-7471 Fax: 765-458-5647

The Union County/College Corner Joint School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2014 in the Union County High School Cafeteria, 410 Patriot Blvd., Liberty, IN. Those in attendance were: Darrell Harvey, Susan Kirkpatrick, Ben Caskey, Gary Arn, Mary Eversole, Mike Sims, Gina Waltz and Mike Murray.

1. Fund Balances

General Fund	\$1,802,037.03
Debt Service Fund	\$1,306,758.87
Retirement/Severance Bond	\$ 110,196.99
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 835,941.22
Transportation Operating Fund	\$ 231,927.88
School Bus Replacement Fund	\$ - 72,670.17
Local Rainy Day Fund	\$ 745,706.20
School Lunch Fund	\$ 137,500.40
Textbook Rental Fund	\$ - 8,676.49

2. Bank Reconciliation

Komputrol Bank Balance	\$5,124,213.12
Bath State Bank Balance	\$5,124,213.12
Outstanding Deposit	\$ 5,923.82
Outstanding Checks	\$ - 49,008.26

Balance	\$5,081,128.68
Fund Balance	\$5,081,128.68

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

The board meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Murray, President.

3. **Hearing on 2015 Budget**

The budget meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm. Dr. Zach Rozelle presented a recent history of advertised budgets, levies, and tax rates along with actual adopted budgets, levies, and tax rates for the same years. He noted that at this point in the process the most likely concern among patrons would probably pertain to why we advertise such large budgets and such high levies and tax rates. Dr. Rozelle noted that the historical information provided would provide reassurance that in the end what would be adopted and ultimately approved by the Department of Local Government Finance would be considerably lower than what is advertised and comparable to previous years. There were no public comments regarding the proposed pay 2015 budget. The budget hearing was closed at 7:36 pm.

4. **Amend the Agenda**

There were three additions to the agenda:

Resignation: Tina Phillips, Liberty Elementary School Aide

Recommendation to Increase Extra-Curricular Bus Driver Pay

Additional claims: TOTAL additional claims = \$17,031.21

Motion: Darrell Harvey Second: Ben Caskey Carried: 7-0

5. Public Participation

There was no public participation at this time.

6. Adjourn Meeting for New Employee's Reception

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm for the reception.

7. Call the meeting to Order Following Reception

The board meeting was called to order at 8:11 pm.

8. Consent Agenda

Board Minutes

Regular Session 8/11/2014

Executive Session 8/11/2014

Out of State Field Trip

FFA Farm Science Review in London, Ohio September 16, 2014

FFA State Greenhand Conference in Versailles, Ohio September 20, 2014

Out of State and Overnight Field Trip

FFA National Convention, Louisville, Kentucky October 29, 2014-November 1, 2014

Trip to Europe

UCEEP Advisors Request Approval of a Trip to Europe during Spring Break 2015

Motion: Mike Sims

Second: Susan Kirkpatrick Carried: 7-0

9. Claims Docket

Motion: Gena Waltz

Second: Ben Caskey

Carried: 7-0

10. Administrative Updates

Administrative updates were given by Maureen McDonough, CCUS Principal, Kathy Sourbeer, LES Principal, Vicky Snyder, UCMS Principal and Connie Rosenberger, UCHS Principal.

11. Consider Recommendation to Hire Zach Rozelle as Superintendent

The Board voted to hire Dr. Rozelle as per the terms advertised as per statute and presented during a public hearing conducted on August 11, 2014.

Motion: Gena Waltz

Second: Mike Sims

Carried: 7-0

12. Consider Recommendation to Increase Extra Curricular Bus Driver Pay

The Board approved a recommendation to increase extra-curricular bus driver pay from \$10.00 per hour to \$12.50 per hour effective September 9, 2014 (not retroactive).

Motion: Susan Kirkpatrick

Second: Mary Eversole

Carried: 7-0

13. Personnel:

Resignations

Clarissa Caudill, Instructional Aide, LES

Kathryn Messerschmidt, Instructional Aide, LES

Hires

Caitlin Staton, Instructional Aide, LES
Alainie Johnson, Instructional Aide, LES

Non-Paid Extra-Curricular Assignment

Megan Worcester – Sophomore Class Sponsor

Volunteer FFA Coaches

Richard Pippin – Small Engines
Kyle Campbell – Livestock
Andrew Gauck – Livestock
Shannon Hill – Horse & Pony
Jeff Hill – Welding

Motion: Darrell Harvey

Second: Gena Waltz

Carried: 7-0

14. Public Participation

There was no public participation at this time.

15. Superintendent's Comments

*Dr. Rozelle noted in response to a question from a board member at the August 11, 2014 board meeting that the total spent on substitute teachers last school year (2013-2014) was \$57,340.

*Dr. Rozelle reminded the School Board Policy Committee of the meeting on Wednesday, September 10 at 1:30 pm.

*Dr. Rozelle stated that he would be scheduling a meeting of the School Board Building and Grounds Committee.

*Dr. Rozelle noted there would be a collective bargaining negotiations meeting with teacher representatives on Wednesday, September 10 @ 4:00 pm.

*Dr. Rozelle reported that in 2013 we spent \$11,271.75 on for lawn care services provided by Johnson's Lawn Care and that to date in 2014 we have spent \$13,184.50. Dr. Rozelle noted as well that in 2014 we hired a temporary mower and to date have paid that individual \$4,480. Dr. Rozelle went on to say that because they were not primarily responsible for mowing and trimming that the district's maintenance staff had time to attend to a large number of maintenance issues that needed attention and thus he feels that bidding out the mowing had proven to be a cost effective strategy.

*Dr. Rozelle stated that he was waiting for attorney Mr. Walt Chidester to complete an agreement between the school district and property owners before proceeding with the Patriot Avenue drainage issue fix.

*Dr. Rozelle reported that the project is continuing and is expected to be finished by the end of October.

*Dr. Rozelle reported that the ADM count on Friday, September 5 was 1,400 students district-wide and that number was down 12.5 students from the previous February, 2014 count.

*Dr. Rozelle reminded the board of the ISBA Fall Region Meeting on October 1, 2014.

16. Board Comments

*Mike Murray commented on the fall election and introduced incoming school board member Mrs. Nancy Redd.

*Gena Waltz asked if certified personnel were in instances calling for long-term substitute teachers. Dr. Rozelle and Mr. Sustarsic responded by saying that they are when they are available.

*Gary Arn commented on the pension fund.

*Susan Kirkpatrick expressed that she appreciated the reception and the opportunity to meet new hires.

17. **Adjournment**

The board meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.