**NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL CORPORATION**

February 9, 2012

The Board of School Trustees then met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at Northwestern High School. All board members were in attendance including Ryan Snoddy, Harold Seamon and Mindy Hughes, and approximately 83 interested parties. President Howard Eller called the meeting to order and Ted Merrell opened with prayer. The minutes of the January 12, 2012 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion made by Ted Merrell and seconded by Steve Long. The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion made by Todd Moser and second by Bryan Alexander.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The following students were recognized as January & February Students of the Month:

Howard Elementary School – JANUARY: **Alex Leicht,** son of Josh and Suzy Leicht. Alex is in Mrs. Schaaf's fourth-grade class.

FEBRUARY: **Daisha Langley**, daughter of Allison Langley. Daisha is in Mr. Betzner's third-grade class.

Northwestern Elementary - JANUARY: **Klair Merrell**, daughter of Terry and Nieta Merrell. Klair a fourth-grade student at NES in Ms. Ravas' classroom.

FEBRUARY: **Madelyn Millikan**, Madelyn is in Mr. Dyer's sixth-grade class, and the daughter of Dennis and Mina Millikan.

Northwestern Middle School - JANUARY: **Marlee Thomas**, daughter of Ty and Lori Thomas. Marlee is an eighth-grader at the middle school.

FEBRUARY: **Victoria Combs**, grade 7 at the middle school. Victoria is the daughter of David and Lois Combs.

Northwestern High School - DECEMBER: **Tyler Barnes**, son of Chris and Mary Snyder and David and Karen Barnes. Tyler is a senior at the high school.

JANUARY: **Elizabeth Wilson**, daughter of Stephen and Marianne Wilson. Elizabeth is a senior at the high school.

FEBRUARY: **Mollie Daily,** daughter of Tim and Amy Daily. Mollie is also a senior.

## I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### A. Recognition of Student(s) .

1. We are pleased to recognize the **Lego League Teams** for their recent accomplishments in competitions. Team member brought their robot and demonstrated its functions. Those recognized included: Blake Andrew, Caleb Castleberry, Jace Cournoyer, Zach Foreman, Joseph Johns, Jessie Jones, Maggie McCool, Max McCool, Sammy Scimia, Kyle Smith, Nathanael Fivecoate, Grace Guerre, Jada McDaniel, Spencer McDaniel, Vivianne Pentland, Kaylee Riese, Christopher Smith, Tyler Wilson, Evan Banh, Mitchell Bollnow, Holly Hall, Mitchell Harrell, Alexsandra Jocius, Kaitlin Perry, Connor Smith, Greg Szymchack, and Garrett Wiley

2. Billy Parslow, was the local and district winner for the Voice of Democracy competition sponsored by the VFW, advancing to the state contest on Jan. 14th. He has already won $100 for his winning speech.

## II. CLAIMS AND FINANCIAL

Claims in the amount of $71,902.94, $432,655.61, and $167,413.52 and payroll claim listings of $314,751.77 and $334,447.10 were unanimously approved for payment on a motion from Ted Merrell and a second from Todd Moser.

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## III. PERSONNEL

Steve Long made the motion to approve the following personnel recommendations. Bryan Alexander seconded, and the board unanimously approved the following:

- **A.** Accept the resignation of **Misty Pfefferkorn** as instructional assistant effective January 27, 2012.
- **B.** Approve the employment of **Kathy Lambright** on temporary contract from February 6, 2012 through the end of the current year as elementary music teacher at NES.
- **C.** Approve the employment of **Monica Everett** as temporary Title 1 instructional assistant at Howard Elementary, per the current support staff salary and fringe benefits schedule.
- **D.** Approve requests for unpaid personal leave from: **Lisa Newman** – 4 days, April 24-27; **Sue Bour** – 2 days, Feb 16-17; **Lisa Balmer** – 3 days, March 14-16; and **Donna Ortmann** – 2 days, March 29-30; Jean Romack – ½ day on Feb. 28.
- **E.** Approve the request of **Rachel Temme** for maternity leave from April 20, 2012 through the end of the current school year. Also, approve **Sherri Schweitzer** as temporary replacement during Mrs. Temme's leave.
- **F.** Approve coaching recommendations for the spring season to include: Dan Armstrong-MS Baseball @.04; Brett Davis –MS Assist Baseball @.02; Kirk Beachy-JV Baseball @.02; Ben Catt and Alex Pier - MS Boys Track @.02; Jordan Dyer and Alyssa Richey-JV Softball @.03 each; Dan Butcher –MS Softball; Marty Britten – MS Assist. Softball @.02; Wade Roberts – MS Swimming Assist @.01
- **G.** Approve the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2011-12 school year: Megan Hasler, Christopher Johnson, and Rena' Sattergood.

## IV. CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF EXPENDITURE GOALS FOR THE 2012 BUDGET

The board unanimously approved the adoption of the following goal statement following a motion from Bryan Alexander and send from Ted Merrell.

"Northwestern School Corporation shall maintain the current levels (percentages) between the expenditures for the following expenditure categories: Academic Achievement, Instructional support, Overhead and operations, and Non-operating for the next fiscal year. However, increases in the Academic achievement expenditure category may not be possible due to the unique circumstance of the retirement of a number of experienced teachers being replaced by teacher's at a lower salary level, as well as the increased cost associated with utility and transportation costs."

## V. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO OUT OF STATE AND OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Mrs. Zeck submitted a list of upcoming science fair competitions that are overnight and out-of-state for the board's approval. Also, Mr. Remaly made request for an out-of-state trip for the high school choir to King's Island on May 11, 2012. Ted Merrell made a motion to approve requests as presented; Steve Long seconded and motion passed unanimously.

## VI. CONSIDER ACTION TO ADOPT OFFICIAL SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

The Calendar Committee presented their recommendation with regard to the 2012-13 Master School Calendar. The proposed calendar has school starting on August 14th and ending May 30th. Christmas break begins December 24 and Spring Break is the 1st full week of April. Mr. Snoddy thanked Geana Moore, chairperson and her committee of Harold Seamon, Al Remaly, Todd Moser, Patty Zeck, Dan Robinson, Linda Wilson, Geana Moore, Kurt Koetter, Dallas Calloway, and Maddalena Nelson. Steve Long made a motion to adopt the master calendar as presented. The board unanimously approved following a second from Todd Moser. Howard Eller thanked Todd Moser for serving as board representative to the calendar committee.

## VII. CONSIDER ACTION TO APPROVE GRADUATION DATE FOR 2012

Mr. Remaly recommended that graduation ceremonies be scheduled for Saturday, May 26, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Ted Merrell made the motion, Bryan Alexander seconded and the board voted unanimously in favor of the recommendation.

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## VIII. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO CURRICULUM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. Simmons recommended the adoption of curriculum in the following subject areas: Agriculture, Visual Arts, Business/Information Technology, Family and Consumer Sciences, Industrial Technology, Instrumental and Vocal Music, and Physical Education. Bryan Alexander made a motion to adopt curriculum as presented. Todd Moser seconded; motion passed unanimously. Curriculum information is on the district website for review.

## IX. CONSIDER ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO RAINY DAY FUNDS

The board was presented a resolution authorizing a transfer of funds to the Rainy Day Fund from the Transportation Fund ($75,000) and Capital Projects Fund ($150,000). The resolution was unanimously approved following a motion from Steve Long and second from Ted Merrell.

## X. CONSIDER ACTION TO ADVERTISE FOR ROOFING PROJECT

Mr. Seamon submitted a recommendation for needed roofing projects for the 2012 summer. He further recommended we advertise for bids for the project. Todd Moser made the motion to advertise and receive bids for the needed repairs. Bryan Alexander seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Legal ads will be published on February 16 and 23rd with bid opening on Thursday, March 1.

## XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Naegli., 7195 W 00 NS Kokomo IN 46901, commented with regard to sports schedules and final exams.

## XII. BOARD COMMENTS

Bryan Alexander commended Brenda Alexander and the choir ensemble for recent performances.

There being no further business, Steve Long made the motion to adjourn, Ted Merrell seconded and the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Next Meeting – March 8, 2012 – Northwestern High School Library – 7:00 P.M.

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President Vice President

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Secretary

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The Board of School Trustees met in Executive Session following their regular meeting on February 8, 2012. Discussion was limited to the advertised agenda of discussion with regard to the job performance evaluation of an individual employee.

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