

MINUTES OF MEETING  
September 15, 2020

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County, Angola, Indiana, met in a public budget hearing and regular session at the Central Gymnasium (next door to the F. K. McCutchan Administrative Center) starting at 7:30 p.m. Board members present were Mr. Cory Archbold, President; Mr. Kevin Beard, Member; Mrs. LeAnn Boots, Vice President; Mr. Brad Gardner, Member; Mr. Case Gilbert, Secretary; Mrs. Marilyn McCormick, Member; and Mr. Scott Poor, Member. Also present were Dr. Brent Wilson, Superintendent; Mrs. Ann Rice, Assistant Superintendent; and Mrs. Wendy Wilson, Administrative Assistant. Twenty-three people, consisting of eleven administrators, five patrons, four teachers, one staff member and two members of the media also attended the meeting.

Budget Public Hearings – Capital Projects Plan – Mr. Archbold opened the public hearing for the Capital Projects Plan. There was no public input. Mr. Archbold closed the Capital Projects Fund Plan Budget Public Hearing.

Budget Public Hearings – Bus Replacement Plan – Mr. Archbold opened the public hearing for the Bus Replacement Fund Plan. There was no public input. Mr. Archbold closed the Bus Replacement Fund Plan Budget Public Hearing.

Budget Public Hearings – Education Fund, Operations Fund, Debt Service Fund, Pension Bond Fund, & Rainy Day Fund – Mr. Archbold opened the public hearing for the Education Fund, Operations Fund, Debt Service Fund, Pension Bond Fund, and Rainy Day Fund. There was no public input. Mr. Archbold closed the Education Fund, Operations Fund, Debt Service Fund, Pension Bond Fund, and Rainy Day Fund Budget Public Hearing.

Minutes - Upon the motion of Mrs. McCormick, seconded by Mr. Poor, minutes of the August 18, 2020, meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

Claims – Upon the motion of Mr. Beard, seconded by Mr. Gilbert, the following claims were unanimously ordered paid by the Board.

Education Fund (0101) .....	\$659,706.72
Operations Fund (0300) .....	678,159.41
Food Service (0800) .....	53,896.05
Textbook Rental (0901-0903).....	42,565.68

After School Child Care (1650) .....	331.85
Misc. Donations (2000) .....	316.25
Formative Assessment (3028) .....	20,031.00
Secured School Safety Grant (3270-3279).....	1,019.99
EOC (3319-3320).....	5,012.92
Early Intervention Grant (3420) .....	1,077.65
Non-English Speaking Program (3710-3719).....	185.98
High Ability (GT) (3769) .....	1,200.00
State Connectivity Grant (3780) .....	\$15,441.22
Title I (4100-4190).....	6,479.09
Title IV Part A/SSAE (5810-5820) .....	2,176.81
Title II/Pt A/Teacher Quality (6840-6849) .....	6,187.16
Title III/English Language (6880-6889) .....	325.68
Education Stabilization Relief (7941).....	26,886.86
Payroll Withholdings (9000-9999) .....	413,173.71
Grand Total.....	<u>\$1,934,174.03</u>

Payroll No. 24      08-20-20

Payroll No. 01      09-04-20

After School Child Care Report – Mrs. Brandt reported that the 2020-2021 After School Child Care is housed in Carlin Park (31 students enrolled) and Ryan Park (87 students enrolled) with an average of 48 students in total daily attendance. Hendry Park and Pleasant Lake students have an option to be bused to these sites. There is one director in each site as well as one and half additional staff members at Carlin Park and two and half additional staff members at Ryan Park. Free child care services are offered to free and reduced students. There is a flat fee of \$3.50 per child, per hour. There is a reduction in students attending the After School Child Care program due to the free Base Camp program offered by the Literacy Coalition and also due to COVID-19.

Sick Student Criteria Review – Dr. Wilson reviewed the current criteria for sick students. Dr. Wilson reassured parents that with flu season approaching, symptoms will not automatically be assumed to be COVID-19.

Health Occupations Education Contract Renewal – Dr. Wilson asked approval to renew the Health Occupations Education Agreement between Cameron Hospital and MSD of Steuben County. Upon the motion of Mrs. Boots, and seconded by Mr. Gardner, the Health Occupations Education Agreement was unanimously approved.

Common School Loan Approval – Dr. Wilson asked approval to apply for the Common School

Loan. The purpose of this loan is to continue the technology integration plan district wide. Mrs. Manahan reported that Chromebooks need to be ordered soon to receive before next school year. Upon the motion of Mr. Gilbert, and seconded by Mrs. McCormick, the Common School Loan was unanimously approved.

Board Policy #4118 (Sexual Harassment) – First Reading – Dr. Relue presented the proposed

updates to Board Policy #4118 (Harassment). The proposed updates are required by Federal Title IX regulations. This is the first reading and the second reading will be at the October 13, 2020, MSD School Board Meeting.

Board Policy #5120 (Non Resident Student Transfer Tuition) – First Reading – Dr. Wilson

presented the proposed updates to Board Policy #5120 (Non Resident Student Transfer Tuition). The proposed updates are required by state statute to accommodate the children of school employees who want to transfer into our school district. This is the first reading and the second reading will be at the October 13, 2020, MSD School Board Meeting.

Future Meetings –

- A. October 13, 2020, 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting and Budget Adoption, MSD Central Gymnasium
- B. November 17, 2020, 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, MSD Central Gymnasium
- C. December 15, 2020, 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, MSD Central Gymnasium

Personnel Considerations – The following resignations and appointments were received:

RESIGNATIONS:

Marilyn McCormick, District, Board Member Effective 09/28/2020  
Ashley Wilhelm, Angola Middle School, Instructional Assistant Emotional Disabilities  
Laura Taylor, Hendry Park Elementary, Instructional Assistant Emotional Disabilities  
Alicia Terrell, Ryan Park Elementary, Instructional Assistant Applied Skills  
Donna Thrasher, Angola High School, Junior Class Activities Sponsor  
Julie Somers, Angola High School, Fine Arts Department Chair  
Cynthia May, Angola High School, Speech  
Jordan Blank, Angola Middle School, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach  
Russ Tingley, Angola Middle School, Head Wrestling Coach

APPOINTMENTS:

Christopher Irwin, Hendry Park Elementary, Mild Intervention Teacher  
Elane Kinney, Angola High School, Instructional Assistant English Learner  
Lity Chambers, Angola Middle School, Office Assistant

Makayla Hull, Hendry Park Elementary, Instructional Assistant Emotional Disabilities  
Naomi Miller, Ryan Park Elementary, Instructional Assistant Applied Skills  
Jennifer Huscher, Ryan Park Elementary, After School Child Care Director  
Alea Brandt, Ryan Park and Carlin Park Elementary, After School Child Care Assistant  
Ally Lorntz, Ryan Park and Carlin Park Elementary, After School Child Care Assistant  
Kristen Ray, Angola High School, Head Winter Cheerleading Sponsor  
Austin Van, Angola High School, Assistant Girls Golf Coach  
Misti Evans, Angola High School, Head Gymnastics Coach  
Kadish Evans, Angola High School, Assistant Gymnastics Coach  
Hollie Kubiszak, Elementary, Girls Basketball Coordinator  
Deb Johnson, Angola High School, Senior Class Activities Sponsor  
Leslie Lantz, Angola High School, Senior Class Activities Sponsor  
Jennifer Dowell, Angola High School, ½ Junior Class Activities Sponsor  
Donna Thrasher, Angola High School, ½ Junior Class Activities Sponsor  
Beth Thomas, Angola High School, Fine Arts Department Chair  
Jen Snow, Hendry Park Elementary, Yearbook Sponsor

Upon the motion of Mr. Beard and seconded Mr. Gilbert, the above listed resignations and appointments were unanimously approved by the Board.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Wilson announced that a letter that went out today to parents that the USDA is funding free breakfast and lunch meals to all MSD students starting September 17<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Wilson also announced that meal bundles will also be offered to virtual students. Dr. Wilson thanked everyone for working hard to keep students in school and in sports.

Board Members Comments – Mrs. McCormick thanked everyone for her time on the board and wished the best for MSD. Mr. Gilbert asked teachers to speak about their stresses and comment on how things are going. Mrs. Fulton responded that there isn't really any change, she is putting in ten non-contracted hours per week and doesn't see any solution. Mrs. Yoder commented that the workload is not sustainable. Mr. Archbold thanked them for their comments and their hard work during these times. Mrs. Heavin commented that she offered two grade level teachers to move all virtual students to one teacher and the other two teachers in school learning. Her teachers chose not to accept the offer and asked to keep it the same.

Mrs. Relue commented that we have partnered with Trine University to provide virtual tutoring with the MSD virtual students with the hopes to help both the teachers and the virtual students. Mr. Poor asked how the virtual students are keeping up with their work. Mrs. Heavin reported that it varies. Mr. Curtis responded that some do ok but many do not. Mr. Archbold commented on the

high school letter that went out to parents. Mr. Bounds reported that he is visiting parents to teach them on what the students are doing and should be doing. Mrs. Manahan responded that parents chose virtual learning so that they were not in large groups and that Mr. Yoder has pushed out resources to help parents and students.

Patron Comments – Mrs. Bauer introduced Mr. Irwin as the new Hendry Park Emotional Disabilities Teacher. On behalf of Mrs. Sears, Mrs. Irwin thanked the board for approving the HOE contract. Mrs. Irwin thanked all the organizations that support the HOE program.

Mrs. Fulton asked if MSD was going to reimburse parents lunch fees back to the beginning of school like other school corporations. Dr. Wilson replied that Mrs. Haynes-Clifford was looking into it. Mrs. Maggart read a statement about her filing as a board candidate and about her husband not being informed that a custodial posting was being posted. Mr. Wagner responded that the custodial posting is for extra help cleaning the high school and the central gym due to COVID. Dr. Wilson responded that personnel issues will not be discussed during a board meeting and that if Mr. Maggart would like to contact him, he would be happy to talk with him.

Adjournment: – Upon the motion of Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Poor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Cory Archbold, President

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Case Gilbert, Secretary