

NWCSD of Shelby County Board of School Trustees

NWCSD of Shelby County Board Room
Wednesday, December 10, 2014
7:00pm - 8:00pm

Present: Mr. John Merlau, J.D., Board President; Mr. Terry Morgan, Board Vice President; Mr. Ken Polston, Board Secretary; Mr. Jeremy Miller, Board Member; Mrs. Mary Pardue, Board Member; Mrs. Kathy Cord, Administrative Assistant; Dr. Shane Robbins, Superintendent; Mrs. Laura Mullen, Corporation Treasurer; Mr. Bob Thopy, J.D., Board Attorney; Mr. Vince Sanders, Board Member; Mr. Steve Steele, Board Member; Mrs. Wendy Gearlds, Board Member; Mr. Todd Brandman, Board Member

Absent: Mr. Tim Kelly, Board Member

1 Regular Session

Mr. John Merlau, J.D., Board President

1.1 Call to Order Minutes

Board President, John Merlau, called the regular session to order at 7:00 p.m. Six members were present. Mr. Kelly was absent.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance Minutes

Mr. Merlau invited all to rise and join him in honoring our country by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

1.3 Revision of Agenda Minutes

Dr. Robbins noted that 2 personnel recommendations have been added for approval.

1.4 Northwestern Star(s) Minutes

Mr. Thompsom






Middle School Principal, Bobby Thompson, introduced 5th grade student Julia Sanders and stated she was being recognized as a Northwestern Star for receiving a perfect score on the English/Language Arts section of the 2014 ISTEP test.

1.5 Comments from Patrons Minutes

There were no comments from patrons.

2 Consent Agenda

Mr. John Merlau, J.D., Board President

-  [Board Minutes Nov 12 2014.pdf](#)
-  [12-10-2014 Claims.pdf](#)
-  [Authorization for year-end accounting.docx](#)
-  [Outstanding Check Memo 1 .pdf](#)
-  [2015-10 Resolution Authorizing Appropriation Reduction.docx](#)

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mrs. Pardue to approve the consent agenda which consists of the following. Motion passed 6 yes/0 no.

- minutes of the November 11, 2014 board meeting,
- claims for the period of November 1-30, 2014,
- request to void outstanding check #15650,
- request to authorize year-end accounting procedures, and
- Resolution 2015-10 Authorization to Reduce Appropriation.

3 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Shane Robbins, Superintendent

3.1 Monthly Fund Report (I.O.)

 [Monthly Fund Report Nov 2014 1 .pdf](#)

Minutes

Dr. Robbins reported all fund balances are in good shape. A couple of small projects have been identified that can be funded by the Capital Projects Fund. The General Fund is still in deficit financing due to reduction of students. Mr. Polston asked if the current balance of the Rainy Day fund is what remains after the previously approved transfer of funds, and Dr. Robbins confirmed that it is.

3.2 Recommendation of Personnel Report (B.A.R.)

Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Pardue and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following personnel recommendations. Motion passed 6 yes/0 no.

- Maureen Lowes - resign as Title I Instructional Assistant
- Brooke Watson - hire as Title I Instructional Assistant
- Eric Fink - hire as high school Varsity Head Track Coach
- Josh Harper - hire as middle school Head Wrestling Coach
- Jonah Harper - hire as middle school Assistant Wrestling Coach

3.3 Recommend Approval of Transfer Students (B.A.R.)

 [December Transfer Student.pdf](#)

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Polston to accept Dai-yja McCurty as a non-resident student. Motion passed 6yes/0 no.

3.4 Recommend Donations (B.A.R.)

 [December Donations.docx](#)

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mrs. Pardue to accept the following donations. Motion passed 6 yes/0 no.

- \$151.48 to elementary school for Archery Club
- \$550.00 to high school photography club
- \$255.48 to high school volleyball
- \$160.00 to high school Chamber Choir

4 Special Presentation "eLearning"

Mr. James Hough, Mrs. Christine Graham, Mr. Brian Smith (TCES)

Minutes

Dr. Robbins explained the process of how Northwestern is preparing to use e-learning lessons for school days missed due to inclement weather. Elementary school teacher, Christine Graham, demonstrated the iMovie app and a storybook app that she uses with her 3rd grade students for language arts. Elementary school teacher, Brian Smith, demonstrated the Showbie app that he uses to create lessons and communicate with his 4th grade students.

5 School Board Committee Reports

5.1 Long Range Planning Committee

Mr. Terry Morgan, Board Vice President, Chair

Minutes

Mr. Morgan reported the Long Range Planning Committee met recently to review the current master campus plan with the newly-elected board members. They also discussed the advertising/recruitment campaign. Dr. Robbins created a mailer highlighting Triton Central Schools and they were sent to select neighborhoods in the Southern Hancock and Franklin Township areas.

6 Input from Board Members/Admin.

Mr. John Merlau, J.D., Board President

Minutes

- Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Morgan, Mr. Merlau and Mrs. Pardue for their years of service.
- Mrs. Pardue offered thanks to the community for the privilege of serving the schools for 16 years. She is proud of all the students and the different opportunities available for kids at Triton Central.
- Mr. Polston offered thanks to Mr. Morgan, Mr. Merlau and Mrs. Pardue for their service. He also thanked them for sharing their knowledge to assist the new board members.
- Mr. Sanders echoed thanks to the outgoing board members and expressed appreciation to them for sharing knowledge.
- Mr. Morgan commented that the outgoing board members have cumulatively attended over 500 meetings, watched approximately 2,000 students graduate, and oversaw an estimated \$20,000,000 in improvements to the campus. He is proud of the Board for continuously upholding the school's fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers of the school district. He offered congratulations to the new board members.
- Mr. Merlau welcomed the new board members.

7 Adjournment

Mr. John Merlau, J.D., Board President

Minutes

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Pardue to adjourn the regular session at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed 6 yes/0 no.

8 Reception

Dr. Shane Robbins, Superintendent

The NWCS of Shelby County invites you to stay recognize, congratulate, and celebrate three board members for their many years of service to the community. Tonight's meeting marks the final meeting for the following board members;

Mary Pardue- 1998-2014 (16 years)

John Merlau- 1996-2014 (18 years)
Terry Morgan- 1994-2014 (20 years)

Minutes

Following the regular session, Resolutions "In Recognition and Profound Appreciation of Distinguished Service" and mantle clocks were presented to Mr. Morgan, Mr. Merlau and Mrs. Pardue in recognition of their years of service to the Board of School Trustees.


Approved:

_____ Todd Brandman

 _____ Wendy Gearlds

 _____ Tim Kelly

_____ Jeremy Miller

 _____ Ken Polston

 _____ Vincent Sanders

_____ Steve Steele