

**MSD of NEW DURHAM TOWNSHIP**

**School Board Public Hearing**

**Minutes of March 10, 2021**

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**Executive Session: None**

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**Those in Attendance:**

**Board Members**

Mark Parkman  
Lynn Wilson  
Vicki Hannon  
Wayne Hodge

**Staff**

Dr. Sandra Wood Superintendent

**Absent**

Karen Jedrysek

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**Reorganization Session**

**1) Call to Order**

Mrs. Hannon, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3) Roll Call**

**4) Community Input**

Stephanie Fenters: Spoke on behalf of the Westville Teachers Association in regards to the Indiana House Bill 1005.

**5) Superintendent's Report**

Elementary Good News Report was read by Claire Papke, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader and a member of the Student Council. Katelyn O'Neal will be representing Westville in the county Spelling Bee. Shout out to Mrs. Zaiko and Mrs. Fanson for doing a fabulous job with the talent show. Student Council raised \$742 for a student in need. Student Council, with the help of Elementary families, was able to donate over 2,000 items to the Westville Food Pantry.

The Blackhawk Pride Award winners read why they are proud to be a Blackhawk. The Blackhawk Pride winners that attended the meeting are Hannah Patton 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Preslie Marshall 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and Kaylee Biller 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

Secondary level Good News Report was read by Mrs. Schnick, principle of Westville Middle / High School. Mr. Smith and the FFA Chapter hosted a spirit week for high school students as well as a petting zoo for the elementary students. Last month seven seventh grade students were chosen to be on a remote Mission Control Crew to manage an astronaut. Mark Wert an eighth grader won the Westville virtual Spelling Bee and will be competing in the regional Spelling Bee.

Mrs. Schnick spoke on behalf of the Building Blackhawks Mentoring Program. Mrs. Schnick introduced Brayden Yahrmatter a mentee in the program and Luke Daurer a mentor in the program. Luke and Brayden spoke about their experiences and gave insight into the mentoring program. Mrs. Schnick finished with their success story and how well Building Blackhawks is working.

Dr. Wood followed up with additional information in regards to the Indiana House Bill 1005. As well as gave a covid-19 update: our advisory level is now blue and we have 1 active case.

#### **6) Solar Update**

Dr. Wood gave an update on the Solar Panels.

#### **7) Approval of January 13, 2021 School Board Minutes**

Mrs. Hannon made a motion to approve the February 10, 2021 School Board Minutes and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **8) Personnel**

##### **A. Resignations**

- **Mark Ritter / Custodian**

##### **B. Recommendations**

- **Shannon Abraham / Substitute Nurse**
- **Krystal Wert / Elementary Instructional Assistant**
- **Jessica Hammonds / Full Time Custodian**
- **Tim Bimler / Science Olympiad Coach**
- **Toni Biancardi / Science Olympiad Coach**
- **Zach Sajdera / Substitute**
- **Mike Mikulich / Interim Assistant Baseball Coach**
- **Grayce Roach / Head boys & Girls Track Coach**
- **Lucas Daurer / Assistant Boys Track Coach**
- **Brody Kutch / Interim Head Baseball Coach**

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the Personnel Resignations and Recommendations and Mr. Parkman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **9) Professional Leave Requests**

#### **Alissa Schnick is to attend IPLI Graduation**

Mr. Hodge made a motion to approve Alissa Schnick to attend IPLI Graduation and Mrs. Hannon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **10) Donations**

#### **Approval for a donation to the following clubs from Westville Tri Kappa**

- a) Media Center – \$500.00
- b) Band - \$150.00
- c) Choir - \$150.00
- d) FFA - \$200.00
- e) High School Art - \$150.00

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve the donation from Westville Tri Kappa towards the clubs as stated and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **11) Approval of 2021 Summer School**

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve Summer School for 2021 and Mr. Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **12) Recommendation to Move Forward with 2020 Construction Project as Originally Proposed**

- a) **Project scope to include renovation areas of roof, chiller, parking lots, and High School office area**
- b) **Borrowing amount of \$2,525,000**
- c) **Loan repayment term of (7 years 8 months OR 10 years 8 months)**

Mr. Hodge made a motion to approve the 2020 construction project as originally proposed and as stated on a, b, and c with a loan repayment term of 10 years 8 months and Mrs. Hannon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **13) Information on Excessive Fund Transfer**

Dr. Wood provided information on the excessive fund transfer that occurred in 2020. 15.148% of the Education Fund revenue was transferred to the Operations Fund, which is 0.148% more than the recommended target transfer. This excess was due to a clerical error and the intention was to transfer 15%. Multiple measures have been implemented to address the error and ensure it will not occur again. Dr. Wood shared detailed information with the Board and it will also be posted to our website.

**14) Financials**

Mrs. Hannon made a motion to approve the Financials and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**15) Correspondence**

**Building a Legacy – In memory of Edward L. Forney and Jenni Mellen Thome**

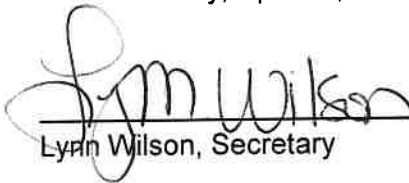
A total of 8 books were donated to Westville School Library in their memory.

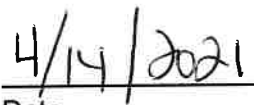
**16) Adjournment**

Mr. Parkman adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

**Next Regular Meeting Date:**

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 - 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center

  
Lynn Wilson, Secretary

  
Date