

Concord-O-Gram



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The Concord Board of School Trustees met at the Concord Education Center on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. for their Regular meeting.

The following business was then conducted after the Pledge of Allegiance:

2017 Scholastic Art Show

Recognition: The 2017 Scholastic Art Show is being held at the Warner Gallery in the Century Center January 28 through March 11. Concord Junior High School had thirty-five pieces selected for awards and the High School has five. There are three Junior High students who submitted pieces to the Scholastic Writing Competition that were selected for awards as well. Students were invited to attend the meeting and be recognized for their achievements. Board members presented certificates to the students present and offered their congratulations on their accomplishments. The Warner Gallery is open Tuesday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,

and Saturday and Sunday noon to 5:00 p.m.

2017 Make A Wish

Campaign: Concord Junior High School is gearing up for the Make A Wish campaign which occurs every other year. Opening ceremony is March 9 at 8:40 a.m. in the Junior High Cafetorium. Events and fundraising activities are planned up to the closing ceremony on March 31, at 8:40 a.m. The activities teach the students to help others with sacrifice and service. Concord Junior High has been recognized as the highest fund raiser for junior high schools in the nation, totaling \$342,617.19 from 1995 to date. The goal this year is to raise funds to grant three local children their wishes through the Make A Wish foundation.

The Board accepted a donation from TK Steele in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the High School Boys Tennis team. A donation from OhioPyle Prints was received in the amount of \$3194 for the High School extracurricular

activities. Concord Rotary donated \$250.00 toward funding a student council member to attend the LEAD conference. Feed the Children has donated 7,754 pounds of school supplies, books, and other sundry items to the school corporation for classroom use.

The Board approved the employments of Sherry Gimson, High School Building Services Custodian; Sheila Urednick, High School English Teacher (temporary); Mark Kraus, High School English as Second Language Teacher – 50% (temporary); Taira Sotebeer, Ox Bow Elementary Instructional Paraprofessional; Jackie Vite, West Side Elementary Parent Liaison; Judy Heinen, West Side Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional; Morgan Lee, West Side Elementary English as Second Language Paraprofessional; Rosa Lopez, West Side Elementary Food Services Lunchroom Assistant; Brittney Cisneros, South Side Elementary Instructional

Paraprofessional; Stephanie Craigo, South Side Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional; Mercede Gonzalez, Nathan Hazard, Intermediate School Instructional Paraprofessionals; Geniese Brown, West Side Elementary Grade 3 classroom teacher (temporary).

The Board accepted resignations from Judith Gallegos, West Side Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional; Abigail Riley, South Side Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional; Elena Garcia, Junior High School English as Second Language Paraprofessional.

The Board approved the Extra Duty Employment of Vivian Bowen, Education Center Webmaster

The Board approved a new position of Attendance Secretary/Bilingual for the High School.

The Board approved the employments for the Adult English as Second Language classes at East Side Elementary: Kim Bradshaw, Site Coordinator/Paraprofessional; Jena Kennedy, Krista Vahala, Teachers; Cathy Stouder, Erminia Islas, Ella Kononenko, Gina Vergonet, Linda Eby, Lindsay Bachman, Paraprofessionals. Employments for the Adult English as Second Language classes at West Side Elementary: Amber Salazar, Site Coordinator/Paraprofessional; Joanne Camarillo, Nancy Bontreger, Teachers; Lorena Paredes, Cynthia

Rodriguez, James Foster, Alexis Castellanos, Jenine Kish, Cara Cornish, Paraprofessionals.

The Board approved the educational conference requests for 22 employees for the months of February, March, and April.

The Board held a hearing on the General Obligation Bond for the proposed 2017 construction project. The public was provided the opportunity to comment and ask questions regarding the project. The scope of the project is for High School HVAC and mechanical renovations for the boiler system. The financial impact will cause no tax impact. The interest rate financing the project will be 1.9%, and the bond paid off in three years. Mr. Myers asked for any public input; there being no comments or remonstrance from the public, he declared the hearing closed.

The Board approved the General Obligation Bond for the High School Renovation and improvements. The three resolutions approved provide the funding for the project, and outline the reimbursement procedure.

The Board approved the bid award for the renovation of the High School Tennis Courts to Walsh & Kelly, Inc. for a base bid of \$1,095,492.00. Walsh & Kelly also received the bid award for the logos and lighting alternates totaling \$54,500.00. Construction work will begin immediately after spring break, with a completion of the project in August.

The Board approved bid awards for the reroofing projects to Northern Indiana Roofing & Sheet Metal. Base Bid A for \$404,270 - East Side Elementary; Base Bid B for West Side Elementary \$281,640; Base Bid C for South Side and Ox Bow Elementary Schools \$227,720. Work will begin based on weather conditions, and conclude during the summer months.

The Board held a public hearing on the Superintendent's contract as required by law. Mr. Myers outlined the provisions of the contract. The public was offered the opportunity to question or comment on the contract. Upon hearing no comment or remonstrance, Mr. Myers declared the hearing closed. The Board must wait at least seven days before voting to approve the contract.

The Board approved the Resolution for form a Concord Police Department. This is the first official step toward maximizing school safety by creating a Concord Police Department. A number of school districts around the state, including locally, have established police departments. Funding will be sourced from the General Fund, as well as grants.

The Board afforded the public in attendance the opportunity to address the Board on non-agenda items at this time.

The Board will meet March 7 at 8:30 a.m. at the Elkhart Area Career Center. They will tour the

facility after the meeting. March 20 the Board will meet at the Education Center at 7:00 p.m. March 24 -27 the Board will attend the National School Board Association Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado. April 17 the Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Education Center. May 1 and May 15 the Board will meet at 5:00 p.m. at the Education Center. May 17 at 6:00 p.m. is the ISBA Region 2 Spring Update in Plymouth. Board meetings are open to the public.