

Concord-O-Gram



Preparing All Students for Success

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The Concord Board of School Trustees met in Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. in Regular Session at the Education Center.

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

Recognition of 2017

Science fair Winners: District and Building level science Fairs were held in December and January. Students who placed in award categories were invited to attend the Board meeting to be recognized for their achievements. Several students also qualified for the regional level science fair held at Notre Dame on March 4. Students were awarded certificates of achievement by the Board members.

2017 Teacher Orientation

Program Recognition: The 2016-2017 Teacher Orientation Program participants were invited to attend the Board meeting to be recognized for completion of the professional development

sessions offered throughout the school year, as well as the week-long session held prior to the beginning of the school year. New teachers and teachers new to Concord with prior experience were part of the program as they learned instructional strategies and how to support their students. Each TOP participant was presented a certificate by Board members. The teachers were commended for their dedication and attendance at the TOP meetings.

2015-2016 Annual

Performance Report: Mrs. Cocanower shared that the Indiana Department of Education publishes the annual performance report for each school corporation in the State. This is a compilation of several data reports schools are required to submit to the State each year. She provided the Board with a brief synopsis of the information the State will publish. She has been in contact with the State to make sure the information to be

published is correct. Publication is required to be made no later than March 31, and she will secure the date with the State.

Sharing from the Board:

Board members commented that the meeting held at the Elkhart Area Career Center was enjoyable, which was concurred by all other Board members. The High School Spring musical was well done and “done right” as Board members appreciated the performances.

The Board approved the donation of nine self-contained breathing apparatus units to the Elkhart Area Career Center for training tools in the firefighting class. The units are not used in the mechanical rooms where they are currently installed. The Board accepted a donation in the amount of \$31,050 from Micah Staley to purchase a portable practice management system for the football program. A donation in the amount of \$500.00 was received from the Dunlap Lions

Club to purchase athletic spirit packs for student athletes.

The Board approved the employments of Marlin Mejia, Katya Dolgykh, Junior High School English as Second Language Paraprofessionals; Elizabeth Newton, High School Special Education Paraprofessional; Carina Losa, Junior High School Attendance Secretary.

The Board accepted resignations from Ryan Eckart, Corporation Director of Elementary Education; Sandra Davis, Corporation Payroll Coordinator/Facilities and Records Retention Management Coordinator; Stephanie Pairitz, High School Dance/Color Guard Instructor, Teacher.

The Board approved the employments for High School Summer School staff: Travis Swanson, Phillip Habecker, Andrew Cowells, Jessica Pugsley, Government Teachers; Martha Shoff, Biology Teacher; Peg Kelly, Chris Swartout, PE/Health Teachers; Fabiola Garcia, Elizabeth Celis, Paraprofessionals.

The Board approved the terminations of William Swearingin, Corporation Bus Driver; Seth Donnelly, High School/Junior High School Swim Instructor/Lay Coach.

The Board approved the Extra Duty Employments of Kari Waltz, West Side Elementary After School Homework #2 Sponsor; Sherry Bezi, West Side Elementary After School Coding Club Sponsor.

The Board approved a paternity leave of absences for William Christensen, High School Art Teacher, March 29 through April 14, 2017; a maternity Leave of absence for Jenna Mansfield, High School Spanish Teacher, May 9 through August 13, 2017.

The Board approved the educational conference requests for 18 employees for the months of March, April, May, and September.

The Board reluctantly accepted the resignation received from Ryan Eckart, Corporation Director of Elementary Education, effective at the end of the school year. Mr. Eckart has accepted a position with his former school corporation as Principal of the Jane Ball Elementary School in the Hanover Schools. He has been with Concord Schools the past two years, and has made significant contributions in the academic programming, as well as provided leadership for the elementary level administrators and teachers. He was wished the best in his future endeavors.

The Board accepted several letters of retirement from certified staff members. Ms. Sherrie Huang is a Kindergarten Teacher at Ox Bow Elementary. She has been in education for thirty-seven years, twenty-six years with Concord Schools, and all at Ox Bow Elementary. She holds a Bachelors and a Master's degree from Indiana University. Mrs. Gail Sands is a Grade 6 Teacher at Concord Intermediate School. She has been in education

twenty-nine years, all with Concord Community Schools. She began her career at South Side Elementary as a Grade 2 Teacher for three years, transferred to Ox Bow where she taught Grade 2 and 6 for nineteen years. After one year at West Side Elementary, she transferred to the Intermediate School where she has taught Grade 6 for seven years. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Ball State University, and a Master's degree at Indiana University South Bend. Mrs. Janis Minsel is a Special Education teacher at the Junior High School. She has been in education a total of forty years, thirty of those with Concord Schools, and all at the Junior High School. She received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Ball State University. Shelley Gove has submitted a letter of retirement from her position as Ox Bow Elementary Deaf/Hard of Hearing teacher. She is officially employed by the Goshen Community Schools through the Elkhart County Special Education Cooperative. Her retirement was recognized by Goshen Schools at a recent meeting.

The Board approved a resolution that must be maintained on file to issue normal and customary financial obligation payments between board meetings. These would be payments like utility bills, and contract payments that would be due prior to a board meeting date, and would cause late

payments if payment has to wait until a meeting approval.

The Board held an additional appropriation hearing on an upcoming construction project at Concord High School. The project will cover upgrades to Concord High School, including HVAC Improvements. After no comments or remonstrance was heard, Board President Randy Myers declared the hearing closed.

The Board approved the resolution for an additional appropriation for the upgrades to Concord High School, including HVAC Improvements.

The Board gave permission to send 112 cafeteria tables from the K-4 buildings to auction. Ten additional tables will be retained for use in the buildings. New tables are to be purchased from the food services funds. Hahn and Associates will be the auctioneer to sell the tables.

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

March 24 -27 the Board will attend the National School Boards 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. May 25 is the Employee end of year breakfast and celebration at the High School. June 1 is the High

School Commencement at Jake Field 7:00 p.m. for the Class of 2017. The Board will meet June 5 at 5:00 p.m. in the Education Center Community Room, and June 29 at 9:00 a.m. Board meetings are open to the public.