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The Concord Board of School Trustees met on July 17, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in Executive Session and at 7:00 p.m. in Regular Session at the Education Center.

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

Financial Update: Mrs. Smith presented current financial statements for all funds which are current as of June 30, 2017. The expenditures are on target for the funds at this time. The Referendum Fund is at fifty percent of the tax funding received. Capital Projects Fund is a little more than twenty-six percent received due to the circuit breaker. The appeal by Meijer has created a \$614,000.00 dent in the distribution of tax receipts. End of the 2016-2017 expenditures will be available in the July report.

Progress on Summer Construction Projects: Mr. Koets shared a comprehensive list of the projects underway throughout the corporation this summer. The

roofing projects at complete at Ox Bow and South Side Elementary Schools. East Side Elementary is fifty percent complete, and West Side is sixty percent done. High School Tennis courts are on target for completion by mid-August. Elementary cafeterias at East Side, West Side and Ox Bow are close to completion. The asphalt paving projects at West Side and South Side Elementary Schools will start the week of July 24. The bridge between the High School and Intermediate School has been repaired and painted. The Transportation lot is undergoing repairs to the pavement and drainage. New lighting has been completed. All buildings in the school district have been rekeyed and new keys are being distributed to employees. The retaining wall and fence for the Education Center parking lot have been repaired and replaced. The Technology work space at the Education Center and the portable classroom move from South Side to West Side will be in

process in the near future. Asphalt repairs have been completed in the Intermediate School, Education Center, and QuadMed parking lots. A secure entrance at the Education Center is in process. New main boilers and chillers have been replaced at the High School, and the HVAC system has been replaced. Building controls for the High School, South Side, and East Side are complete. The typical summer projects of landscaping, painting, mulching, cleaning, and carpet replacements are in process as well.

Summer High School Construction Projects: Mr. Koets shared more information on specific summer projects. Photos of the bridge repair and the softball field area were featured.

Sharing from the Board: The Dollars for Scholars 9th Annual Larry Jackowiak Golf Outing was held on Thursday, July 13. A total of 38 teams were registered to play. Organizers were appreciative that the rain held off

throughout the day. Mr. Yoder commented that the Elkhart Distinguished Young Woman title was won by Concord student Elise Boessler.

The Board approved the employments of Dana Ferman, Education Center Grants and Assessment Coordinator; Kelsey Peachey, Ox Bow Elementary Kindergarten Teacher; Alexis Briganti, Ox Bow Elementary Grade 4 Teacher; Eric Lemmon, Ox Bow Elementary School Counselor; Christopher Braden, Intermediate School Life Skills Teacher; Ray Caldwell, Intermediate School Dean of Students; Nathan Geise, Intermediate School Grade 5 Teacher; Christine Baldrige, Junior High School Assistant Principal; Alyssa Varacalli, Junior High English as Second Language Teacher; Shannon Sheely, Junior High School Business Education Teacher; Ricardo Ramos, High School Math Teacher; David Miller, Corporation Probationary Bus Driver.

The Board approved the transfers of Jerry Stutzman, Intermediate School Building Services Custodian from the High School; Katy Scukanec, Grade 6 Teacher from Bridge Academy/Liaison; Betsy McEachern, Junior High Dean of Students from South Side Elementary Grade 4 Teacher; Gay Burton, High School Associate Principal from Junior High Assistant Principal; Travis Swanson, High School Assistant

Principal from Junior High Social Studies Teacher.

The Board accepted resignation from Krystalle Johnson, High School Art Teacher.

The Board approved summer band employments for Angela Gigler, Katie LeSesne, Beginning Orchestra; Cameron Bradley, Bryan Golden, Ben Runkel, Beginning Band and High School Marching Band; Steve Peterson, Jack Hinkle, and High School Marching Band; Ryan Pr3ebys, Summer Color Guard staff; Summer Band Staff Megan Wietstock, Jacey Kirchner, Hannah Bowerman, Caitlin Machek, Austin Machek, Alex Gattman, Nicki Wilhelm, Sammy Hernandez, Reid Brace, Mary Balentine, Bryce Chiddister, MacKenzie Porter, Cordell Zehr, Blake Bowdoin, Tyrus Tucker, Shakurah Grumbacher, Bria Prugh, Sara Zou.

The Board approved the extra duty employments of Jessica Pugsley, High School Junior Class Sponsor; Amy Short, High School Newspaper Sponsor; Susan Utey, High school FAC Department Chair.

The Board approved the educational conference requests for 14 employees for the months of July and August

The Board approved the Resolution to Appear in Court for Lydia Jones, Administrative Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Human Resources. The Resolution allows Mrs. Jones to appear in court on

behalf of the School Corporation for delinquent book rental fees, overdue fees, and non-sufficient funds checks without legal counsel present.

The Board approved the addition of three certified teaching positions and three paraprofessional positions at the Intermediate School for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved the transfer of Kent Myers to the position of Principal of the Intermediate School. Mr. Myers has been the Principal of Ox Bow Elementary for five years, preceded by three years as the Assistant at the Intermediate School.

The Board approved the transfer of Javier Jimenez to the position of Principal at Ox Bow Elementary School. Mr. Jimenez has been the Assistant Principal for the past year and a half at the High School. He was Academic Dean of Students at Hawthorne Elementary and taught Spanish at Jimtown High School.

The Board held the first of two public hearings on the High School construction project that will include maintenance and renovation to accommodate the growing population at Concord High School. The projected enrollment by 2025 is over 2,000 students. The High School is currently built to house 1,250 students. Current enrollment is approximately 1,750, and increases yearly. The addition of classrooms wider hallways, and renovation to several other areas will provide

much needed space. Real life experiences in the career readiness programs will be a large part of the expansion which will be located on the west side of the building. A “dirty lab” will include instructional programs in welding and mechanical instruction. The “clean lab” will offer CAD drawing, working with 3-D printers and other programs. Currently there are several High School teachers who use a mobile cart as their ‘desk’ and move from room to room for their classes when there is a vacant room while the regular teacher is on prep time. Mr. Myers, Board President, opened the public hearing for questions and comments. A specific question asked if a second level was feasible. The logistics and additional support systems, including stairways and elevator, would make a second level cost prohibitive. Mr. Myers noted that this construction project is Phase 3 of the construction projects from ten years ago, but was taken off the table due to the tax caps implemented at that time. Upon hearing no further comments or questions, the hearing was closed. The Board approved the Reimbursement Resolution and the publication of the Notice of Second Public Hearing to be held on August 7, 2017.

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

The Board will meet August 7, and August 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Education Center. August 15 at

7:00 a.m. is the Employee Back to School Breakfast, followed by Employee Opening Program at 8:00 a.m. A budget workshop will be held August 21 at 5:30 p.m. prior to the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. September 5 the Board will meeting at Ox Bow Elementary at 7:00 p.m. September 18 East Side Elementary will host the Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Indiana School Boards Association Annual Fall Conference will be October 2 and 3 in Indianapolis. October 4 the Board will meeting at South Side Elementary. October 16 the High School will host the 7:00 p.m. meeting. The November 6 Board meeting will be at the Junior High School at 5:00 p.m.