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Board Meeting Highlights

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The Concord Board of School Trustees met on January 8, 2018, in workshop session at 5:00 p.m. and in regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Concord Education Center.

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

Superintendent Trout opened the meeting, welcoming everyone to the beginning of the new board year.

Superintendent Trout opened the floor for election of the Board officer slate for 2018. Kami Wait made a motion to nominate the officer slate as listed for the 2018 calendar year. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Davis. There being no objections, the Board officer slate for 2018 was nominated and approved as Tim Yoder, President; Kami Wait, Vice President, Jennifer Davis, Secretary, Randy Myers, Assistant Secretary. The remainder of the appointed positions nominated are Legislative Liaison Tim Yoder;

Policy Liaison Jennifer Davis; ISBA Annual Meeting Delegate Tim Yoder; Construction Liaison Randy Myers; Corporation Treasurer Susan Oakley; Legal Counsel Warrick & Boyn. The Board meeting schedule for 2018 was initially approved on October 16, 2017.

The Board gave permission to move two items from the Superintendent's Report, First Lego League Robotics Recognition and Dual Credit at Concord High School, to the January 22, 2018, board meeting.

The Board accepted a donation from Dunlap United Methodist Church in the amount of \$71.30 for Anne's Kits for Kids for South Side Elementary School.

The Board approved the employment of Kendra Schroen, High School Instructional Paraprofessional.

The Board approved the transfer of Paul Huneryager to Technology Advanced Technician from Technology Technician.

The Board approved the Extra Duty Employments of Blake Sandberg, High School Boys Basketball Freshman Lay Coach; Courtney Boots, High School Varsity Cheer Lay Coach.

The Board approved educational conference requests for 15 employees for the months of December, January, February, and March.

The Board approved the 2018 Board meeting schedule with revisions. An additional board meeting was added on Monday, January 22, 2018, and the February 5 meeting time was changed from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It was also confirmed that the March 5 meeting would be at 5:00 p.m. to accommodate the beginning band concert at 7:30 p.m. that evening.

The Board approved two certified retirement requests for the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Amy Sargent has been in education twenty-five total years, fourteen years at Concord Schools. She taught Grades 1 and

2 at East Side Elementary for five years, and Grade 2 at West Side Elementary for nine years. She received her Bachelor's degree from Ball State University, and her Master's from Indiana University.

Wendy Cassady has been in education thirty-five years, all at Concord Community Schools. She taught Grade 6 for twenty-six years at South Side Elementary, one year at East Side Elementary, and eight years at the Intermediate School. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Purdue University, and her Master's from Indiana University South Bend. Both Mrs. Sargent and Mrs. Cassady will be recognized at the end of year employee celebration.

The Board approved the appointment of the entire Board as the Finance Committee, and appointed Tim Yoder as President of the Finance Committee, and Jennifer Davis as Secretary. This is a requirement under Indiana Code 5-13-7-6 or organize a Finance Committee prior to the last day in January.

The Board approved the request to purchase a third police vehicle to provide for the new officer to be employed in the near future. Mr. Tahara provided the vehicle specifications which are the same as the vehicles driven by our current officers. Delivery of the new vehicle will take approximately twelve weeks.

The Board approved the request from the High School Jazz Bands I and II for on overnight

trip. They will travel to Chicago to attend the Chicago Day of Jazz. The first stop will be clinic for both bands at DePauw University. They will perform at Misericordia Home for special needs children. They will then attend the Jazz Showcase concert that evening. They will travel the next day to the University of Notre Dame to attend the Jazz Festival provided by collegiate jazz ensembles.

Third House Session: Mr. Trout provided the dates and times for the Third House legislative updates in Elkhart County. The Elkhart Chamber of Commerce will host the updates on Saturday, January 20 at 10:00 a.m.; Friday, February 9, at 12:00 p.m.; Friday, March 9, at 12:00 p.m. The Goshen Chamber of Commerce will host sessions on Friday January 19, at 8:00 a.m.; Friday February 9, at 8:00 a.m. and Friday March 2, at 8:00 a.m. The sessions will be held in the respective Chamber of Commerce offices. This is a short session. Legislators will be present to provide information on pending bills and updates. Mr. Trout urged the Board and those present to express their opposition to Senate Bill 7 which would force schools to begin the school year no earlier than the fourth Monday in August each year.

The Board will be in workshop training on the electronic board program January 17 at 5:30 p.m. The Board will meet at 5:00 p.m. on January 22 in the Education

Center. February 5 the Board will meet at 5:00 p.m. at the Education Center, and February 20 at 4:00 p.m. March 5 and March 19 the Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Education Center. Board meetings are open to the public.