

THE MEETING SITE IS FULLY ACCESSIBLE. ANY PERSON REQUIRING FURTHER ACCOMMODATION SHOULD CONTACT CHERYL HIRST, SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, AT 747-5205 OR TDD 747-5383 BY NOON, JULY 14, 2015.

THE MISSION OF THE MUNCIE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IS TO PROVIDE A QUALITY EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT THAT ALLOWS EVERY STUDENT TO MAXIMIZE HIS OR HER POTENTIAL AND, UPON GRADUATION, POSSESS THE BASIC SKILLS NECESSARY TO BE A POSITIVE, PRODUCTIVE, CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF SOCIETY.

Meeting of the Board of School Trustees, Tuesday, July 14, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order by the Board President

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:	Robert A. Warrner, President	<u>Present</u>
	Michael M. Long, Vice President	<u>Present</u>
	Debbie D. Feick, Secretary	<u>Present</u>
	Bev K. Kelley, Member	<u>Present</u>
	Anthony J. Costello, Member	<u>Present</u>
	Steven M. Baule, Superintendent	<u>Present</u>

This meeting is a meeting of the School Board in public for the purpose of conducting the School Corporation's business and is not to be considered a public forum. There will be time for public participation as indicated in the agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** - It was recommended that the Agenda for the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2015, be adopted as presented.

Motion by Mrs. Feick
Seconded by Mrs. Kelley
Vote 5-0

2. **RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS, FRIENDS**

None

3. **COMMUNICATION WITH M.T.A.**

Mrs. Kennedy welcomed Dr. Baule, who will be the eighth superintendent she has worked with.

4. **COMMUNICATION WITH PARENT ASSOCIATIONS**

None

5. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR**

None

6. **COMMENTS/ RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Baule informed the Board that he has been busy meeting and working with several people. The Curriculum Director interviews have been completed by Dr. Baule, Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. Grim and a recommendation will be made soon. He thanked Kathy Ray and Traci Harper for implementing AppliTrack Recruitment. He recognized DiLynn Phelps and Dr. Lehman, with their help there are more than 30 principal candidates. Steve Brookbank and Randy Davis have diligently been working on setting up a new email system which is more efficient, has more flexibility, and will save the corporation approximately \$35,000 annually and another \$50,000 in archiving cost which is a federal requirement. Calvin McGlaughlin took Dr. Baule on a tour of the facilities including the service center, rooftops, and boiler rooms; he did a great job and was professional.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. **Minutes** – It was recommended that the Minutes for the Board Meeting held Tuesday, June 23, 2015, be approved as submitted.
- B. **Travel for Conferences & Workshops** - None
- C. **Donations** - It was recommended that the Board accept donations as listed in Appendix II.
- D. **Fundraisers**- It was recommended that the Board approve the fundraisers as listed in Appendix III to the Agenda.
- E. **Resignations** - It was recommended that the Board accept the resignations as submitted in Appendix IV.

Motion by Mr. Costello
Seconded by Mrs. Feick
Vote 5-0

8. **BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Mrs. Deborah Williams, Chief Financial Officer –

- A. **Financial Reports** – It was recommended that the Board approve five sections of claims totaling \$4,586,466.32 for payment as submitted and that the June, 2015, General Fund Budget Report be received as a matter of Board information.

Motion by Mr. Costello
Seconded by Mrs. Feick
Vote 5-0

- B. **Transportation Resolution** - It was recommended that the Board consider adoption of a resolution formally notifying the Indiana Department of Education and Muncie Community Schools (MCS) patrons of the intention of MCS to terminate discretionary school bus transportation services effective three (3) years from the date of adoption of this resolution per Indiana Code 20-27-13-3.

Dr. Baule met with Senator Tim Lanane and Representative Sue Errington to discuss the bus issue. He thanked the newspaper for the recent articles informing the public on how we got to this point. He said this is not a recommendation that he would like to make but we have to get the message to the general assembly. The state legislature set a law to ensure school districts don't default on bond payments which created a problem with transportation funds. Federal law requires the schools provide special education buses. The resolution is to prepare for the worst case scenario and we need to err on the protective side of the classroom.

Senator Lanane recognized Mr. Costello for testifying at the state three years ago to get the current waiver passed. He said he has reason to hope that serious discussion will take place at the next legislative session.

Mr. Long asked how the Board and the community could help. Senator Lanane said the community needs to begin rallying around the state and get the attention of the statehouse. Mr. Costello said we are incredibly fortunate to have Senator Lanane and Representative Errington representing us.

Mrs. Feick stated this was a difficult decision for all of the members of the Board. It is essential to send a message to the statehouse. The last thing any of the members want to do is to act on this.

Currently about 2,400 students use the school buses. The waiver to help keep \$3.3 million in the transportation fund will end in 2016.

There are 67 school districts across the state relying on the waiver and MCS is the fifth district to pass the resolution.

Motion by Mr. Costello
Seconded by Mrs. Feick
Vote 5-0

- C. 2015 Budget Reductions Resolution** – It was recommended that the Board approve the Budget Reductions for the following funds so that the Muncie Community Schools approved budget appropriations reflect the appropriate Circuit Breaker losses:

a)	Capital Projects Fund	\$2,409,254.84
b)	Transportation Fund	\$1,019,346.04

Motion by Mr. Long
Seconded by Mrs. Feick
Vote 5-0

- D. Waste Collection** – It was recommended that the Board authorize the receipt of proposals from qualified providers for waste collection services.

The contract was awarded to Big B Waste Services for a two year period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017. They submitted the lowest bid, are our current vendor, and provide excellent service. They also provide recycling containers and Mrs. Williams will be working with the principals to promote recycling throughout the district.

Motion by Mrs. Feick
Seconded by
Vote 5-0

- E. **Financial Analysis Software** – It was recommended that the Board approve the purchase of 5Cast and 5Sight software as proposed.

Dr. Baule stated the software will provide a more accurate and in depth look at our finances for long-term forecasting which impacts staffing, facilities, etc. Mrs. Williams stated this was a dynamic software providing more data than our current software and we can compare our figures to other districts.

Mr. Costello asked if we could go back to harvest information to see where we've been and where we're going. Dr. Baule stated the program will give a 5 year overview, future and past, it will show trends over time.

Motion by Mr. Long
Seconded by Mrs. Feick
Vote 5-0

9. **PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**
- Mrs. Kathy Ray, Director of Human Resources –

- A. **Administrative Recommendation(s)** - It was recommended that the Board approve the administrative recommendation(s) as submitted.

Kelly Scott — Principal — Storer Elementary School

Motion by Mr. Costello
Seconded by Mrs. Feick
Vote 5-0

- B. **Other Recommendations** - It was recommended that the Board approve the recommendations as submitted.

Taryn Beckman — English/Language Arts Teacher — Southside Middle School
Tara Gudger — Head Girls' Cross Country Coach — Central High School
Gabe Haworth — Head Boys' Cross Country Coach — Central High School
Amy Pieczko — English/Language Arts and Spanish Teacher — Southside Middle School
Deborah Pittenger — Elementary Teacher — Southside Middle School
Sarah Price — Administrative Assistant — Sutton Elementary School

Motion by Mrs. Kelley
Seconded by Mrs. Feick
Vote 5-0

- C. **Job Description** – It was recommended that the Board approve the proposed changes in the Director of Curriculum job description.

Due to the elimination of the position of Director of Elementary Education and High Ability Education and with the recent resignation of the Director of Secondary Education the positions were combined. A draft copy was distributed at the June 23rd Board Meeting.

Motion by Mr. Long
Seconded by Mrs. Feick

Vote 5-0

10. **INSTRUCTIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS** – Mrs. Ermalene Faulkner, Chief Academic Officer

- A. **Memorandum of Agreement – Extended Contracts** - It was recommended that the Board approve a Memorandum of Agreement for extended contracts for 2015/2016 for the named positions.

High School Guidance Department - 130 additional hours
Each Middle School Guidance Department - 30 additional hours

Motion by Mr. Long
Seconded by Mrs. Feick
Vote 5-0

11. **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

- A. **Financial Status Update**, Mrs. Deborah Williams, Chief Financial Officer

Mrs. Williams deferred to a later meeting.

12. **OLD BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

None

13. **DIALOGUE OF THE BOARD**

None

14. **OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

Mr. Costello presented each member of the board and board attorney, Bill Hughes a letter of resignation. He thanked Emma Kate Fittes (The Star Press) for her recent articles and wished her a long successful career. He also thanked the Southside High School graduates that declared their respect even though they didn't always agree with him. He acknowledged several organizations, committees, and people that he was honored to be a part of.

- Spirit of Muncie, 2014 State Band Champions he stated the Band-O-Rama proved that the Spirit was still alive
- Scholar athletes and coaches at all of the secondary schools
- Musicians and performers at the middle schools and high schools
- Art students and art teachers, kindergarten through 12th grade, creativity is a precious gift
- JROTC and the instructors
- Superintendent Baule
- Mrs. Williams
- The entire faculty and staff
- Mr. Heller and his quote, "I can't fix stupid"
- Carmen, his wife

Mr. Warrner thanked Mr. Costello for his service and said he will be remembered as an "outstanding" member. He has been extremely active in the schools and has represented MCS very well at the state level.

The Board has 30 days to fill the vacancy; the plan is to vote on the replacement at the August 11th meeting.

15. **RECOMMENDATIONS, REPORTS, REQUESTS FOR ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**
(Direction by Board to Superintendent)

None

16. **NEW BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

Mrs. Feick noted that Dr. Baule will be a panelist at the Black Expo Conference at the Indiana Convention Center, Thursday, July 16, 2015.

Dr. Baule and Mrs. Williams will be attending the Foodie Friday event at Cannon Commons Friday, July 24, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. to meet with the public.

- A. **Permission for the Superintendent to Hire** - It was recommended that the Board grant the superintendent permission to fill vacancies that might occur between now and the next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees on August 11, 2015.

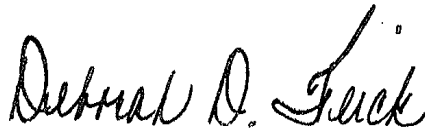
Motion by Mr. Long
Seconded by Mrs. Feick
Vote 5-0

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

7:15 p.m.



Robert A. Warner, President



Deborah D. Feick, Secretary

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