

GREENWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Greenwood, Indiana 46142

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

7:30 PM

Regular School Board Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Mr. Mike Metzger, *School Board President*, called the School Board Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Present were Mr. Mike Metzger, Mr. Brian Ford, Mr. Chris Zaborowsky, Mr. Jack Napier and Mrs. Deanna Burton. A quorum was met. Due to heavy snow, Mrs. Lisa Harkness, Mrs. Jenna Cooper and Mrs. Jill Lambert joined the meeting via Zoom.

The minutes of the executive session and regular school board meeting held January 12, 2021, the regular and prepaid vouchers, and personnel report were approved upon a motion by Mr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Napier. (5 yeas, 0 nays)

Mr. Pritchett, *Assistant Superintendent*, recommended approval of the year end appropriation transfers. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Zaborowsky and seconded by Mr. Ford. (5 yeas, 0 nays)

Mr. Pritchett, *Assistant Superintendent*, recommended approval to cancel outstanding checks two years or older. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Zaborowsky and seconded by Mrs. Burton. (5 yeas, 0 nays)

Mr. Pritchett, *Assistant Superintendent*, requested approval of a utility easement with Duke Energy. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Zaborowsky. (5 yeas, 0 nays)

Reports:

Mr. Metzger, *Central Nine Representative*, reported: 1) The Greenwood High School students named as Students of the Month for February were: Jayden Gregor, for *Cosmetology*, Jacob Sullivan, for *Culinary Arts* and Drake Denny, for *Visual Communication*. 2) He met with the C-9 School Board and had their reorganization meeting. He was voted as Secretary of their Board. 3) He was appointed to C-9 Design Committee with two other C-9 board members. The board voted to approve a design firm for potential future work. The plan is to design the work to be done in phases. Mr. Metzger explained his position representing Greenwood Schools and his conservative approach to funding the project with the unknown future state of school funding. Dr. DeKoninck shares this approach. The major need and first phase would be the expansion of

the welding program. 4) The C-9 Board Meeting Calendar was approved 5) The board approved the updating of the schools internet 6) The next meeting is March 11, 2021.

Mrs. Jenna Cooper, Director of Technology, reported: 1) Devices: a) 2850 Chromebooks K-8 b) Reusing 1000 Windows laptops 9-12 c) Excited to be able to give the students 24/7 access to technology d) Only experiencing 5% breakage of computers, all being fixed onsite e) GEER grant money has been spent on 1317 new Chromebooks for the high school next year

2) Infrastructure: a) Team has done a lot of work behind the scenes to stabilize our network such as replacing the content filter, updating all switches and servers, and moving the majority of servers to the cloud. b) We still have 4-6 critical servers being housed in the middle school server room. The cloud storage has been a cost-saving move for the district as we are no longer supporting the hardware, paying a third party to back up our systems, or utilizing that energy onsite.

3) Tech Team: a) Hired a Help Desk Specialist and two new elementary techs b) Added help desk email support for parents - over 1100 email threads since March 2020 c) Closed 3,233 help desk tickets since March 2020 (up 20% from the past year)

4) Planning Ahead: a) Utilizing matching federal dollars to be proactive and get new network equipment: (1) Backup power supplies for all network closets (2) New access points for elementary buildings

Mr. Hildebrand, *Director of Operations*, reported that capital projects have begun, including roofing and asphalt. Quotes should start coming in for these projects soon.

Mrs. Harkness, *Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment*, reported: 1) We are currently in the middle of Federal and State testing with WIDA (EL students) and ISTEP+. 2) Arrangements have been made for our remote learners to come to school on Wednesdays for WIDA/ISTEP+ 3) Due to the pandemic, last year's Sophomores were unable to take ISTEP+, so they are currently taking the mandated ISTEP+ as Juniors 4) In addition to WIDA and ISTEP+, Mrs. Bricker, our REACH coordinator is currently administering CoGAT. 5) The IREAD3 and HEARN windows will be coming up in the near future and principals will provide ways to test our remote learners in a safe environment.

Mrs. Jill Lambert, *Director of Student Services*, reported on social emotional learning. Alongside Cheryl Moss, Mrs. Lambert met with all 4 elementary assistants to the school principals, behavior coaches and student service advisors to develop a common framework for each classroom's morning meeting process. All four schools will be teaching common skill sets each month, utilizing common language.

Mr. Pritchett, *Assistant Superintendent*, had no formal report.

Dr. DeKoninck, *Superintendent*, expressed his appreciation to the maintenance and grounds crew for their unbelievable work in getting snow plowed at the schools. He reported the February 2021 ADM count was 3916, which started the 2020-2021 school year at 3952.

A motion was made by Mr. Metzger and seconded by Mr. Napier to adjourn the school board meeting at 8:30 p.m. (5 yeas, 0 nays)

Jed Metzger
Brian Stead

Chris Ziemann
John Napier

M. Napier

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