

Regular Board Meeting
March 18, 2019

The Board of Education of Wabash Community Unit School District #348 met in Regular Session on Monday, March 18, 2019 in the library of Mt. Carmel Elementary School.

President Schuler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary Janice Alka called the roll. Attending in addition to the secretary were Kyle Peach, Theresa Hocking, Jared Alka, Ryan Peter, and Tim Schuler. Neil Earnest was absent.

Also present were Superintendent Dr. Chuck Bleyer, Mt. Carmel High School (MCHS) Principal Jake Newkirk, Mt. Carmel Junior High School (MCJHS) Principal Steve Holt, Mt. Carmel Grade School(MCGS) Principal Chris Taylor, Mt. Carmel Elementary School (MCES) Principal Sheila Odom, Karen Stoneberger –Transportation Director, Sharon Thombleson –Transportation, Dawn Drone –WCEA, Kevin Madden –WSJD, Todd Gill – Guest, Tracy Gill –Guest, Rachel Gill –Guest, Nina Geiling –MCHS Ag Teacher, Eva Hocking –FFA, Meredith Jones –FFA, Greg Stoltz –FFA, and District Secretary Kim Zimmer.

Schuler led the pledge to the flag.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of Past Board Meetings
-February 25, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

- b. Approval of Monthly Bills
-Invoices Paid February 2019
-Bills Payable March 2019

- c. Approval of Financial Report
Account balances were:

Cash Deposits	\$ 112,767.40
Investments	\$ 4,729,945.62
4 Fund	\$ 4,128,908.00
5 Fund	\$ 4,653,334.00
Breakfast-Lunch	\$ 33,106.06

- d. Approval of Correspondence
-Margaret Ernest retiring as 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher end of the 2018-19 school year
-Nick Toothman resigning as 6th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach effective March 6, 2019
-Logan Crum resigning as Assistant Football Coach effective February 22, 2019
-Julia Lynn Wheeler resigning as F/T Night Custodian at MCGS effective March 27, 2019

- e. Approve Administrative Reports
-Mt. Carmel Elementary School Principal Sheila Odom
-Mt. Carmel Grade School Principal Chris Taylor
-Mt. Carmel Junior High School Principal Steve Holt
-Mt. Carmel High School Principal Jake Newkirk
-Director of Instruction Shelley Richardson
-Superintendent Dr. Chuck Bleyer

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Janice Alka and seconded by Jared Alka. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted Aye. ***Motion Carried.*** Earnest was absent.

Earnest entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Dr. Bleyer noted that the State of Illinois had a new Superintendent –Carmen Ayala. He also said a bill was waiting to be passed which would reinstate a 5 hour school day. After the bill is passed, the 2019-2020 school calendar will be presented to the board for approval.

Reports

Nina Geiling - FFA

A group of high school FFA students (Eva Hocking, Meredith Jones, and Greg Stoltz) spoke to the Board about the many different facets of FFA. Some of the topics they covered were: Intro to Ag, Electricity, small engines, welding, public speaking, job interviews, veterinarian services, and horticulture. They also noted there were 112 members in the Mt. Carmel FFA.

Move to go to Closed Session

At 7:21 p.m., Hocking moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act: “The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.” The motion was seconded by Peach. All present voted Aye. ***Motion Carried.***

Open Session

A motion to return to open session was made by Peach and seconded by Jared Alka. All present voted Aye. ***Motion Carried.*** The meeting returned to open session at 8:01 p.m.

Closed Minutes Approved

Hocking moved to approve the minutes of the closed session as read in closed session. Janice Alka seconded the motion. All present voted Aye. ***Motion Carried.***

New Business

Resolution Regarding the Sale of Real Estate to Wabash General Hospital

The resolution was read aloud by Dr. Bleyer and Kyle Peach. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Janice Alka and seconded by Peach. All present voted Aye. ***Motion Carried.***

Personnel Matters

ADMINISTRATIVE

A motion to approve the following employment recommendations was made by Peach and seconded by Jared Alka:

- Sharon Thombleson -District Transportation Director effective the start of the 2019-2020 school year
Michael Brewer -District Curriculum and Grant Coordinator effective the start of the 2019-2020 school year

All present voted Aye. ***Motion Carried.***

VOLUNTEERS

A motion to approve the following volunteer recommendations was made by Peter and seconded by Earnest:

- Trevor Kennard -MCHS Volunteer Football Coach effective upon board approval
Tony Banks -MCHS Volunteer Softball Coach effective upon board approval
Ed Drone - MCHS Volunteer Softball Coach effective upon board approval
Billy Stinson - MCHS Volunteer Softball Coach effective upon board approval

All present voted Aye. ***Motion Carried.***

TRANSFERS

A motion to approve the following transfer recommendation was made by Janice Alka and seconded by Hocking.

- Kristi Perry -MCGS 6th Grade Math Teacher effective start of the 2019-2020 school year

All present voted Aye. ***Motion Carried.***

Release of Specific Employee – Resolution for Non-Reemployment of Certified Staff Member

Dr. Bleyer read the resolution aloud concerning the non-reemployment for the 2019-2020 school year of Crystal Mefford as MCHS Special Education Teacher. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Hocking and seconded by Peach. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted Aye. ***Motion Carried.***

Statement

President Schuler asked the Board if any of them had any interest in changing the Board Policy regarding home school students participating in District #348 extra-curricular activities. No one said they wanted to pursue this request which was made by a parent during the February 25, 2019 board meeting. The matter was considered closed.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Janice Alka and seconded by Hocking. All present voted aye. ***Motion Carried.*** Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.