

class size at Bainbridge Elementary in fourth grade. However, it would add to the number of students in first and fourth grades at Roachdale Elementary.

Thirty-four students would be impacted by the bus route change. There are five students who will attend fifth grade at Bainbridge Elementary during the 2010-2011 school year. The students would be given the opportunity to remain at Bainbridge Elementary for fifth grade. Currently, a shuttle runs between Bainbridge and Roachdale schools. Therefore, there will be no additional transportation costs with the proposal.

Dr. Lovejoy provided an overview of the projected class sizes at Bainbridge Elementary and Roachdale Elementary for 2010-2011 and the change with re-routing bus #5 and bus #18.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Treasurer's Report [Attached hereto]

B. Approval of Claims:

Claim approvals: 4/23/10 –4/30/10 Voucher Numbers 221-224, 282-289, 23882-23885
05/01/10 – 05/21/10 Voucher Numbers 23905-23913, 1-117

C. School Fund Reports [Attached hereto]

Jon Buser motioned to approve all claims above as presented. Debbie Sillery seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

V. CONTRACTS FOR APPROVAL

A. Educational Service Consultants:

President Andy Beck noted the school corporation has applied for a Qualified School Construction Bond to replace the roof at the high school and windows at the middle school. The Board received a copy of the agreement between NPCSC and Educational Service Consultants (ESC) to allow ESC to serve as financial advisor if the corporation is successful in receiving a 2010 Qualified School Construction Bond. The work needed at the middle school and high school will cost approximately \$2,000,000.

B. Gibraltar Architectural Firm:

Dr. Lovejoy discussed an agreement with NPCSC and Gibraltar Architectural Firm. The agreement would allow Gibraltar to serve as the architectural firm in the roofing and window replacement project at the middle school and high school if NPCSC receives a Qualified Construction Bond.

Gene Hostetter, NPCSC Attorney, reviewed the agreement and noted a few changes needed to be made by Gibraltar Architectural Firm. Gene Hostetter did not feel there were any legal issues, but only adjustments to the architectural agreement. The Board agreed to approve the agreement subject to revisions to the architectural section as per Gene Hostetter and only if NPCSC receives the Qualified Construction Bond.

Jon Buser motioned to approve all agreements above as presented with stipulations. Debbie Sillery seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second Reading of Board Policy # 6231 Attendance Policy [Revised]

Debbie Sillery motioned to approve the second reading of Attendance Policy #6231. Jon Buser seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Bainbridge/Roachdale Bus Route Change:

Dr. Lovejoy is requesting approval of the Bainbridge Elementary and Roachdale Elementary bus route changes.

Carl Blau motioned to approve the bus route change for Bainbridge and Roachdale. Debbie Sillery seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

B. Permission to Begin Reduction in Force of Classified Staff:

As discussed during the April 15 and April 29 Board Executive Sessions, Dr. Lovejoy is seeking permission to notify classified staff of reductions in force. Dr. Lovejoy noted NPCSC will be looking into contracting with Sodexo Education to provide custodial and cleaning services to the corporation.

Debbie Sillery motioned to grant permission to begin reduction in force of classified staff. Jackie Simpson seconded the motion, and it carried by a 5 – 2 vote (Andy Beck and Mark Hoke nay).

C. Approval of 2010-2011 Student Handbooks:

Board members received revised discipline and attendance guidelines from the student handbooks for Bainbridge Elementary, Roachdale Elementary, NPMS, and NPHS. Charlie Boller asked if students would be allowed to make-up homework for unexcused absences. He thought this was unclear in the handbook. Dr. Lovejoy noted that students with excused absences are permitted to make-up homework and tests, but unexcused students would not be given the opportunity to make-up work and tests.

Board members agreed to approve student handbooks with the stipulation that make-up work policy for unexcused absences is clearly stated in the handbook.

Jackie Simpson motioned to approve the student handbooks for 2010-2011 with the stipulation that students with unexcused absences would not be allowed to make-up homework and tests. Jon Buser seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

D. Approval of 2010-2011 Athletic Handbooks:

A policy on hazing and a parent/student signature page have been added to the athletic handbooks for 2010-2011.

Mark Hoke motioned to approve the 2010-2011 athletic handbooks. Charlie Boller seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

E. Approval of 2010-2011 Mathematics Textbooks:

Scott Spencer noted that administrators began the process of looking at mathematics textbooks in October. Administrators, teachers and parents reviewed sample materials provided by the publishers to determine which textbooks would align with the Indian Academic Standards. In March, textbook companies were invited to make presentations to the elementary, middle school, and high school members of Textbook Adoption Committee. At the elementary level, the committee is recommending the adoption of enVision. This was a difficult decision, and the teachers worked hard to reach a consensus. Teachers at Roachdale were concerned that choosing to use a textbook other than Saxon may reduce their mathematics ISTEP+ test scores. The recommendation for the middle school mathematics textbook is Prentice Hall. At the high school level, the recommended textbook publishers vary among the different classes. It is recommended that we continue to use the same textbooks for Honors Geometry, Integrated Math II, and Integrated Math III. The teachers feel the current geometry book meets the needs of students. The integrated math courses are being phased out; therefore, it is not necessary to purchase a new textbook. Board member, Jackie Simpson served on the committee. Ms. Simpson feels the enVision Program will be very good fit for students.

President Andy Beck asked if administrators received input from high school students when selecting textbooks. Scott Spencer and Jason Chew noted that input from 30 high school students was received. President Andy Beck asked why Algebra I and Algebra II textbooks were more expensive. Jason Chew explained that the high school will be “phasing out” Integrated Math. Students would take Algebra classes in place of Integrated Math.

Debbie Sillery asked if the students who provided input had varying math skills. Jason Chew confirmed that the students who provided input had varying math skills.

One patron commented that the mathematics textbooks chosen were more appropriate for high ability students. The patron felt that teachers have the option of changing class lessons to meet the needs of each student and feels this needs to take place.

Dr. Lovejoy commended the teachers for the amount of time spent on committees reviewing the textbooks. Their dedication is appreciated.

Carl Blau motioned to approve the 2010-2011 mathematics handbooks. Jackie Simpson seconded the motion, and it carried by a 6 – 1 vote (Debbie Sillery nay).

F. Approval of 2010-2011 Textbook Rental:

The Board received proposed textbook rentals and fee schedules. Dr. Lovejoy noted that rental fees for textbooks will be affected by mathematics textbooks. Some of the changes include increasing art fees at the elementary and middle school levels, increasing technology fees at the middle school and high school, and increasing fees for Novels course, Intermediate Concert Band, and the Earth Science Laboratory Workbook for the high school. The increased technology fees are used to cover costs of paper, ink, toner, and additional supplies for operating technology equipment.

President Andy Beck asked why the schools do not charge for Advanced PE and Physical Education. Alan Zerkel commented that in the past students had to buy a shirt and shorts for PE class. Alan Zerkel noted that the definition of a “fee” means students must receive something from the class.

Mark Hoke commented that one section for the middle school shows a technology fee of ten dollars, while another section shows five dollars. Kevin Emsweller verified that the technology fee is five dollars. Debbie Sillery asked if this discussion could be tabled giving administrators time to meet as a group to discuss PE fees.

Debbie Sillery motioned to approve the 2010-2011 textbook rentals with the stipulation that administrators would meet to look at PE fees. Charlie Boller seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

G. Permission to Transfer Debt Service Funds to Rainy Day Fund:

Dr. Lovejoy is requesting approval to transfer \$372,000 from the Debt Service Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. This will allow the corporation to pay for fuel.

Jon Buser motioned to approve the transfer of funds to the Rainy Day Fund. Debbie Sillery seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

H. Permission to Advertise Bids for Procurement of Cash Flow Management Loan:

Dr. Lovejoy is seeking permission to advertise for a \$3.5 million dollar loan. The loan will be used to pay off the current \$2.5 million dollar loan that is due June 30, 2010. The additional \$1 million dollars is needed to meet our lease obligations in the event we do not receive our anticipated tax draw on time. The corporation’s current interest rate is 2.14%. Dr. Lovejoy hopes the corporation will receive a lower interest rate by advertising the loan. The \$1 million dollars will be paid back once the corporation receives the anticipated tax draw.

Debbie Sillery motioned to grant permission to advertise bids for loan. Carl Blau seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

I. Permission to Establish Committee to Study Attendance Centers:

Dr. Lovejoy is requesting permission to form a committee of teachers, administrators, and parents to study attendance centers.

Mark Hoke motioned to grant permission to establish committee to study attendance centers. Debbie Sillery seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

J. Permission to Begin Work on Bainbridge Elementary Cougar D.E.N.:

Bainbridge Elementary teachers are working on plans for an outdoor learning classroom, Discovering Education through Nature (D.E.N.), to help develop, enhance, and encourage hands-on learning within the curriculum. An outdoor classroom will be beneficial to many different academic areas. Creating realistic experiences is vital in a child's learning process and could be developed easily for language arts, math, writing, and art in the outdoor classroom. Numerous standards in science, K-5, are also directly based on activities that could be generated within this outdoor environment.

The school's immediate goal is to have enough picnic tables and space for an entire classroom to sit, discover, and immerse themselves in their learning. The outdoor classroom would include flower gardens, a trellis, habitats for birds, insects, and small mammals, a shelter house, and possibly a mini-greenhouse. It is the school's goal to have the bare necessities completed by the fall of 2010. In order to do this, plans must be made before the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

The school is turning to Bainbridge parents and community members for help in this venture. The school will need many volunteers and donations in the future. The goals for the summer include the following.

1. Excavating (clearing off grass and creating a smooth palate)
2. Obtaining/Hauling mulch and/or small river rock
3. Cement work (putting in sidewalks)
4. Picnic Tables (purchasing)

All work and materials will come from volunteers and donations. The Cougar D.E.N. would be of no expense to the school corporation. Please contact Jennifer Conley with any questions.

Debbie Sillery motioned to grant to begin work on Cougar D.E.N. Carl Blau seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

K. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG):

Jason Hartmann has been notified by the Office of Energy Development (OED) that the Town of Bainbridge has been selected for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG). A total of \$115,351 has been approved for activities in the area of LED Traffic & Street Lighting (\$61,270) and Area 2 - Lighting Retrofits for Government-Owned Structures (\$54,081). This project includes new lighting for the Bainbridge Elementary, Roachdale Elementary, NPMS, and NPHS.

Charlie Boller asked when the process would be implemented. Dr. Lovejoy responded that the corporation does not know when it will be implemented. Debbie Sillery wanted to recognize Jason Hartman and the

Town of Bainbridge for all their hard work in obtaining the grant. Jason Hartman and the Town of Bainbridge should be commended.

Mark Hoke motioned to accept the EECBG Grant for lighting. Debbie Sillery seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

L. Permission for Two Elementary Teachers to Attend High Ability Conference:

Two elementary teachers are requesting permission to attend a High Ability Conference June 21 – June 23. The total cost of the conference will be \$585.

Jackie Simpson motioned to grant permission for High Ability Conference. Charlie Boller seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

M. Special Olympics Overnight Field Trip to Terre Haute, Indiana:

The Putnam County Special Olympics Spring Sports teams have competed in many activities this season. Sixty athletes have qualified to attend Summer Games at Indiana State University (Terre Haute, Indiana) on June 4 – 6. All athletes, coaches, and chaperones will be housed in one of the dorms at ISU throughout the Summer Games. The cost for housing and food for the event is \$90 per athlete, coach, and chaperone. This expense has been paid by the Putnam County Special Olympics.

Bus transportation will need to be provided for athletes, coaches, and chaperones. The Putnam County Special Olympics is requesting the use of one large bus to transport the group to ISU. The bus will be funded by the Putnam County Special Olympics.

Charlie Boller motioned to grant permission for Special Olympics overnight field trip. Jon Buser seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

N. FFA Livestock Judging Team Overnight Field Trip to West Lafayette, Indiana:

The FFA Livestock Judging Team is requesting approval for an overnight trip to West Lafayette on May 21, 2010. The team will be competing in the state livestock judging contest at Purdue University on May 22, 2010.

Debbie Sillery motioned to grant permission for FFA Livestock Judging Team overnight field trip. Jon Buser seconded the motion, and it carried by a 6 – 1 vote (Andy Beck abstained).

O. Permission for Roachdale PTO Fundraiser:

The Roachdale PTO is requesting permission to have a fundraiser. Students will be selling trash bags at \$12 each.

Debbie Sillery motioned to grant permission for Roachdale PTO Fundraiser. Mark Hoke seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

P. Permission for Middle School to Attend Project-Based Learning Conference:

Teachers at NPMS are requesting permission to attend a project-based learning conference June 28 – July 1.

Charlie Boller motioned to grant permission for Learning Conference. Mark Hoke seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

VIII. PERSONNEL

1. Employment – Certified:

Charlie Boller asked if certified personnel positions could be tabled until the next meeting after further discussion.

Charlie Boller motioned to table the above certified personnel. Carl Blau seconded the motion, and it carried by a 4 – 3 vote (Andy Beck, Debbie Sillery, and Jon Buser nay).

2. Medical Leave – Certified:

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date	Reason for Leave
Dennis Rightsell	NPMS	Speech/English Teacher	04/15/2010 thru End of 2009-2010 School Year	Medical Leave

Debbie Sillery motioned to approve the above medical leave request. Mark Hoke seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 - 0 vote.

3. Non-renewal Cancellation of Reduction in Force Bus Drivers’ Contracts:

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date
Naomi Davis	Transportation	Bus Driver	End of 2009-2010 School Year
Steve Joyce - RIF	Transportation	Bus Driver	End of 2009-2010 School Year
David Marksberry - RIF	Transportation	Bus Driver	End of 2009-2010 School Year

Debbie Sillery motioned to approve the above non-renewal of contracts. Mark Hoke seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 - 0 vote.

4. New Employment – Extra-Curricular:

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date	Reason for Employment
Lori Baker	NPMS	Academic Coach - LA	04/2010	Helped coach academic competition.
Randy Funk	NPMS	Academic Competition Coordinator	04/2010	Helped coordinate academic competition.
Jenny Hanchet	NPMS/NPHS	Instructor – W. Wind	Summer 2010	Summer Staff
Jeff McKinney	NPMS/NPHS	Instructor - Guard	Summer 2010	Summer Staff
Kirsten Mindiola	NPMS/NPHS	Instructor - Guard	Summer 2010	Summer Staff
Dan Peo	NPMS/NPHS	Instructor - Brass	Summer 2010	Summer Staff
Rachel Pierce	NPMS/NPHS	Instructor – W. Wind	Summer 2010	Summer Staff
David Perkins	NPMS/NPHS	Instructor – Brass	Summer 2010	Summer Staff
Ann Ruble	NPMS/NPHS	Instructor – Percussion	Summer 2010	Summer Staff
Warren Rush	NPMS	Academic Coach – SS	04/2010	Helped coach academic competition.
Amber Russell	NPMS	Academic Coach – Math	04/2010	Helped coach academic competition.
Name	Building	Position	Effective Date	Reason for Employment
Ann Wynn	NPMS	Academic Coach – Science	04/2010	Helped coach academic competition.

President Andy Beck asked where the money comes from to fund the summer band instructors. Dr. Lovejoy noted it is funded through a Summer School Grant. Debbie Sillery asked why academic coaches were not submitted earlier. The original list inadvertently was not sent for approval.

Charlie Boller motioned to approve the above ECA personnel as presented. Jon Buser seconded the motion, and it carried with a 6 - 1 vote (Andy Beck nay).

IX. ITEMS FROM SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

During the April 15 Board meeting, President Andy Beck asked Board members to turn in suggestions on what cuts could be made to the budget. Charlie Boller read the suggestions to the audience. Dr. Lovejoy noted that some of the suggestions are realistic and will be carefully considered. Dr. Lovejoy reiterated that the items on the list are only suggestions. Mr. Beck requested these suggestions be read at the Board meeting.

Debbie Sillery thanked the staff and community for being patient with the Board during the hard times recently. The Board has had to make some very hard decisions and the support is appreciated.

Charlie Boller noted that the Town of Bainbridge put in a couple of benches at the basketball court north of the Central Office. Bainbridge Elementary used to be in this area. Charlie Boller requested that a sign that reads 'Bainbridge Pointers' be posted to honor the Bainbridge Elementary basketball program from many years ago. Mark Hoke noted that he was asked to mention the name 'Pointer Park' to be posted on the sign.

X. ITEMS AFTER 4:00 P.M. – May 27, 2010

A. Recycling Update for Bainbridge Elementary:

Kristie Hankins provided an update on the Recycling Program at Bainbridge Elementary. The Recycling Program saved the corporation \$2,230 in trash collection fees. The types of recycling occurring at Bainbridge Elementary include paper, cereal containers, cardboard, aluminum, steel, glass containers, paper towels, plastic bags, glue bottles and glue stick containers, drink pouches, used writing instruments, lunch kits, and chip bags. The school has been collecting ink cartridges since November 2009. The school earns \$3 per cartridge and up to \$30 per month for in-store credit. The school has collected 675 ink cartridges this school year. Since November, the program has been able to give back \$180 to each grade level since November to use for school materials and supplies. This is a total of \$1,260 for Bainbridge Elementary. The school started collecting cellular phones through Pace Butler. Currently, the school has sent in 62 cellular phones and received \$65 in extra revenue.

Goals for 2010-2011 school year include moving from milk cartons to milk bottles, establishing a recycling "Green Team" club for fourth and fifth grades, working on future collection bins, continuing to decrease waste going to the landfill, continuing to bring in extra revenue to the school, and providing students with more hands-on lessons in recycling.

B. Fitness Program at Bainbridge Elementary:

Kristie Hankins discussed a new Fitness Program at Bainbridge Elementary. The Fitness Trail will be located at the perimeter of the school's playground area. The trail will be ¼ of a mile in length. The fitness/walking trail will be used during recess and for other teacher directed activities as part of a "healthier lifestyle" awareness program. The program will allow students to participate in physical activity that will be rewarding and fun. The data collected from this program will be used to set a school-wide "miles walked" goal, as well as goals for grade levels, individual classrooms, and individual students. Students will receive special awards/prizes for every five miles they walk. The aim is to help students realize that an active lifestyle leads to a healthy lifestyle. All walking trail materials and necessary labor for installation will be supplied by Whitesville Mill Steel. A \$1,000 Wal-Mart grant has been received to assist with program

implementation and other funding will come from the PTO, donations, community “matching funds”, and fundraisers. The Fitness Program will be of no cost to the corporation.

Jon Buser motioned to approve the above Fitness Program at Bainbridge Elementary. Debbie Sillery seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

C. Personnel:

1. Resignation – Classified:

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date
Ann Wood	Transportation	Bus Driver	08/11/2010

Charlie Boller motioned to approve the above After 4 P.M. personnel. Debbie Sillery seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

2. New Employment – Extra-Curricular:

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date	Reason for Employment
Jason Chew	NPHS	Driver’s Education Coordinator	Effective for the 2010 Summer	He will coordinate the summer driver’s education program.
Phil Myers	NPHS	Driving Instructor	Effective for the 2010 Summer	He will be a driving instructor for summer driver’s education classes.
John Nees	NPHS	Driving Instructor	Effective for the 2010 Summer	He will be the driving instructor for summer driver’s education classes.
Kyle Shipp	NPHS	Classroom Instructor/Testing	Effective for the 2010 Summer	He will be the classroom/testing instructor for summer driver’s education classes.

Mark Hoke motioned to approve the above After 4 P.M. personnel. Charlie Boller seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY:

Marsha Davidson asked if the certified personnel section that was tabled had to do with teachers being called back. Dr. Lovejoy noted that it does not take the Board to recall a teacher back. Dr. Lovejoy confirmed that two teachers have been “called back”. Dr. Lovejoy has been in contact with the two teachers.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Jon Buser moved for adjournment of the meeting. Debbie Sillery seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

Andrew Beck, President

Jon Buser, Member

Debra Sillery, Vice-President

Mark Hoke, Member

Charlie Boller, Secretary

Jacquelyn Simpson, Member

Carl Blau, Member