



There being no further nominations, Carl Blau motioned to close the nominations, Mark Hoke seconded the motion and it carried with a 6 – 0 vote (Charlie Boller abstained).

President Beck asked for a vote to keep the Board meetings on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. with the meetings being held at the Central Office.

Debbie Sillery motioned to approve the date, time, and location of the monthly Board meetings. Jon Buser seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

President Beck asked for a vote to retain the current North Putnam Community School Corporation Treasurer.

Debbie Sillery motioned to approve Tanya Pearson as the Corporation Treasurer. Jon Buser seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

President Beck asked for a vote to retain the current ECA Treasurers of Jennifer Nelson for Bainbridge, Vicki Windmiller for Roachdale, Kara Smith for the middle school, and David Weaver for the high school.

Jon Buser motioned to approve the ECA Treasurers. Debbie Sillery seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

President Beck asked for a vote to retain the current North Putnam Community School Corporation Attorney, Gene Hostetter.

Debbie Sillery motioned to approve Mr. Hostetter as the Corporation Attorney for 2010. Jon Buser seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

President Beck recessed for the Board of Finance meeting. President Beck asked for approval of officers for the Board of Finance.

Charlie Boller motioned to keep the Board of Finance officers the same as the current Board of School Trustees officers. Debbie Sillery seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Beck asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes.

Jon Buser motioned to approve the following minutes:

December 17, 2009, Regular Session Meeting  
December 17, 2009, Executive Session Meeting

Dale McGaughey seconded the motion, and it carried with a 6 – 0 vote (Mark Hoke abstained).

## **III. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY**

The FFA Food Science Team from NPHS recently won the Food Science competition at Purdue University and became the State Champions. The team, coached by Mrs. Skirvin, will participate in the National Competition at the 2010 FFA National Convention. Team members were Laura McGaughey, Valerie Scott, Tari Straziscar, and Tatum Straziscar. Dr. Lovejoy presented certificates to the team members and congratulated them on their success. The Board, School Corporation, and community are very proud of each of them. Mrs. Skirvin thanked Dr. Lovejoy and the Board for their continued support of the FFA.

Mr. Chew discussed two philanthropy projects at NPHS. The FCA will be raising money for Haiti at the February 5, 2010, homecoming dance. The Athletic Department is raising awareness about cancer with the Coaches versus Cancer campaign. The Athletic Department took donations at several sporting events to raise money for cancer and provide awareness.

NPHS has been trying to find ways to keep students more involved and successful in high school. The School Corporation wants students to reach their goals for post secondary education, training, or work. On January 27, 2010, a presentation on factors that contribute to the decision to drop out will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Everyone in the community is invited to attend. Input will be requested from participants on methods and programs the schools and community can explore and implement to increase the number of students earning a diploma.

#### **IV. INFORMATION REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

##### **A. KEYS Inventory:**

The North Putnam Community School Corporation will begin using the KEYS survey. The online survey can be completed from any computer and is available February 1 through February 21. Teachers, staff, parents, and community members can complete the survey at their convenience. Responses will be compiled and analyzed to identify the strengths and weaknesses of each school, determine how we compare to other schools, pinpoint areas of needed improvement, and create an informed blueprint for change. To take the survey, please go to North Putnam Community School Corporation's website at [www.nputnam.k12.in.us](http://www.nputnam.k12.in.us) and click on the KEYS icon. If you do not have access to a computer or to the internet, please call one of our schools, and arrangements will be made for you to access the online survey. Results will be shared with our teachers, staff, parents, and community members prior to the close of the 2009-2010 school year.

##### **B. 2010-2011 Bus Bids:**

Kevin Emsweller discussed bus bids for 2010-2011 and the school bus replacement plan. There are two buses that need to be replaced. The Corporation wants to trade-in the buses and purchase two more. One bus has 106,000 miles and the other has 103,000 miles. There was some concern expressed over buying buses with the current financial situation of the corporation. Dr. Lovejoy informed the Board that the School Bus Replacement Fund could not be used for anything other than bus replacement. Jon Buser suggested putting it off for one to two years and Carl Blau agreed about putting it off for at least one year. Dr. Lovejoy expressed concern that if the buses are not replaced now the Corporation will have issues next year if more buses have to be purchased. Randy Neeley noted that the Corporation used to be on a ten year turnaround and now it is a twelve year turnaround. Randy Neeley discussed engines for the buses. If the Corporation waits until after January 31, 2010, the price of an engine will go up by \$8,000. The Corporation used West Central Indiana Education Service Center (WCIES) for bids. WCIES received bids on September 17, 2009, from Kerlin, MacAllister, and Midwest Transit. Midwest Transit had the lowest bid. The Corporation chose Midwest Transit with a cost for the two buses at \$169,094 with the trade in of the two retired buses.

Dale McGaughey motioned to approve the replacement of two school buses using the bid from Midwest Transit. Debbie Sillery seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

#### **V. FINANCIAL REPORT**

##### **A. Treasurer's Report [Attached hereto]**

Jon Buser motioned to approve the claims as presented. Dale McGaughey seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

B. Approval of Claims:

Claim approvals: 12/15/09 –12/31/09 Voucher Numbers 199-203, 223-233, 23292-23294, 23307-23309  
01/01/10 – 01/21/10 Voucher Numbers 23310-23321, 23342-23344, 1-109

Dr. Lovejoy noted an adjustment to the cost of the Smartboards. The current amount due is \$186,669.52. There is a prepay penalty of \$5,659.39 and an interest charge of \$1,976.82 making the total balance \$194,305.73. Charlie Boller questioned where the prepay penalty is written in the policy and if the Corporation should pay the loan off early. Tanya Pearson noted she did not see a prepay penalty noted in the policy. Tanya will check the documentation and call the bank for clarification on the loan. Even though the prepay penalty and interest totals \$7,636.21, the Corporation will still save almost \$9,000 by paying it off early.

Debbie Sillery motioned to approve the loan payoff amount of \$194,305.73. Carl Blau seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

C. School Fund Reports [Attached hereto]

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

D. Disposition of Outstanding Checks

All checks outstanding and unpaid for two years as of December 31, 2009, are void.

Jon Buser motioned to approve the disposal of outstanding checks ending December 31, 2009. Debbie Sillery seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

E. Amended Order #1026602

Dr. Lovejoy noted the Corporation received approval from the Department of Local Government Finance for additional appropriations of \$45,000 for Pre-School Special Education, \$45,000 for Debt Service, and \$10,000 for Bus Replacement. No approval is needed from the Board.

**VI. CONTRACTS FOR APPROVAL**

None

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Dr. Lovejoy requested permission to dispose of surplus items valued under \$1,000 and to seek sealed bids for items valued over \$1,000. Dr. Lovejoy will be meeting with Jason Hartman, Town of Bainbridge, about a truck he wants to donate to the School Corporation. Dr. Lovejoy will report more to the Board following the meeting with Jason Hartman.

Mark Hoke motioned to grant permission to dispose of surplus items. Carl Blau seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

## IX. PERSONNEL

### A. Certified Staff:

#### 1. Medical Leave - Certified:

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date	Reason for Leave
Kirstie McClamroch	Bainbridge	Counselor	03/25/2010 thru close of 2009-2010 school year	Medical leave

Charlie Boller motioned to approve the above certified personnel. Mark Hoke seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

#### 2. New Employment – Certified:

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date	Degree	Years of Experience	Reason for Employment
Pamela Rogers	NPBS	Math Teacher	Upon Board Approval 01/22/2010	Math	24	Medical leave for Doreen Muncy
Jennifer Stranger	NPBS	English/Speech Teacher	Upon Board Approval 01/22/2010	English	None	Medical leave for Dennis Rightsell

Debbie Sillery motioned to approve the above certified personnel. Jon Buser seconded the motion, and it carried by a 6 – 0 vote (Andy Beck nay).

### B. Non-Certified Staff:

#### 1. Resignations – Classified:

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date
Rosemary Walker	Bainbridge	Cafeteria	01/11/2010

Debbie Sillery motioned to approve the above non-certified personnel. Jon Buser seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

#### 2. New Employment – Classified:

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date	Reason for Employment
Steve Joyce	Transportation	Bus Driver	Upon Board Approval	Replaces Nancy Thomas on Route #27
David Marksberry	Transportation	Bus Driver	Upon Board Approval	Extended medical leave for Judi Skinner Route #12
Heather Stewart	Bainbridge	Cafeteria	Upon Board Approval	Replaces Rosemary Walker
Debra White	NPMS	Cafeteria	Upon Board Approval	Replaces Tina Farmer

Jon Buser motioned to approve the above non-certified personnel. Dale McGaughey seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

C. Extra Curricular Staff:

1. *New Employment – Extra-Curricular:*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Reason for Employment</b>
Brooke Miller	NPHS	Assistant Softball Coach (Volunteer)	Effective for the 2010 Spring Season	Would be working on a part time basis as a volunteer. Would work weekends with pitchers.
Robert Schmitz	NPHS	Assistant Softball Coach (Volunteer)	Effective for the 2010 Spring Season	Would be working on a part time basis as a volunteer. Currently works with the traveling middle school program as hitting instructor and assists with JV softball.

Jon Buser motioned to approve the extra-curricular personnel. Carl Blau seconded the motion, and it carried with a 5 - 0 vote (Mark Hoke abstained and Charlie Boller nay).

**X. ITEMS FROM SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

The Board thanked the community for attending the Work Session on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The Board appreciated the input from the community. Debbie Sillery announced there would be another Work Session scheduled in February to discuss reduction in force. An Instant Alert will be sent to notify the community.

**XI. ITEMS AFTER 4:00 P.M. – January 21, 2010**

I. Facility-Use Request/Biddy Ball

Pat Porter requested the use of the Roachdale and Bainbridge Elementary gymnasiums for biddy ball. Biddy ball will run from January 23 through March 6.

Debbie Sillery motioned to approve the biddy ball facility use request. Jon Buser seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

II. Fundraiser – Hoosier Heartland State Bank

Hoosier Heartland State Bank (HHSB) has designed checks bearing the North Putnam cougar logo. Scott Rader, HHSB, requested selling the checks to customers with part of the proceeds being donated to the North Putnam Community School Corporation. For every box of checks sold, HHSB will donate \$5.00 to the Corporation.

Mark Hoke motioned to approve the Hoosier Heartland State Bank fundraiser. Jon Buser seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

## **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.

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*Andrew Beck, President*

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*Jon Buser, Member*

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*Debbie Sillery, Vice-President*

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*Mark Hoke, Member*

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*Charlie Boller, Secretary*

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*Dale A. McGaughey, Member*

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*Carl Blau, Member*