

**NORTH PUTNAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
AUGUST 20, 2009 MINUTES**

The members of the Board of School Trustees of the North Putnam Community School Corporation held their Regular Session meeting, on Thursday, August 20, 2009, 7:00 P.M. at North Putnam Community School Corporation, Administration Office, 300 North Washington Street, Bainbridge, Indiana.

Board members present:                      Debra Sillery  
    Carl Blau  
    Mark Fordice  
    Andy Beck  
    Charlie Boller  
    Jon Buser  
    Dale McGaughey

Board members absent:                      None

Superintendent present:                      Mary Sugg Lovejoy, Ph.D.

Assistant to the Superintendent present:      Kevin Emsweller

Attorney present:                              Gene Hostetter

**I.      CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Debbie Sillery called the meeting to order at 7: 00 P.M. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II.     APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Andy Beck motioned to approve the following minutes:

July 16, 2009, Regular Session  
July 16, 2009, Executive Session

Jon Buser seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

**III.    COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY**

- Scott Spencer updated the Board on his meeting with the Roachdale baseball league.
- Kevin Emsweller informed the Board that the art work currently displayed in the Board room would be replaced with new art work in September.
- Alan Zerkel stated that the start of school at the high school was very positive.

- Dean Cook stated that the recycling program at Bainbridge is going well and bins for paper have been established.
- Terry Tippin stated that the Middle School is off to their best start ever.
- Scott Spencer reported a successful Open House at Roachdale.
- Jessyca South stated that the Learn and Serve Grant has expired, but they are working on other grant opportunities.

### **Board Commendation**

Dr. Lovejoy presented Randy Neeley, Chief Mechanic, with a Certificate of Commendation. She informed the Board that 100% of the corporation buses passed the State Police inspection with no modifications or revisions.

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

- A. Harmony Demonstration:  
Mr. Emsweller and Mr. England gave a brief demonstration of our new student management system.
- B. Opening of School:  
Dr. Lovejoy informed the Board of the dates and times for each school Open House.
- C. Parent/Teacher Conference update:  
Members of the North Putnam Community School Corporation Discussion Team met on Monday, August 17, 2009, to discuss how the school corporation could provide an opportunity for parents to conference with teachers this school year. They developed recommendations that will be taken to the Discussion Committee meeting on Monday, August 24.
- D. H1N1 Update:  
Dr. Lovejoy and Mr. Emsweller met with a representative from the Putnam County Health Department to discuss H1N1 inoculations. Mass inoculations for our students and staff were discussed. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.
- E. Land Exchange:  
Mr. Hostetter informed the Board that the land exchange has been completed (Copies of the Sales Disclosure Form, Settlement Statement and Warrant Deed are attached hereto). Mr. Hostetter recommended approval of the attached Resolution to complete the exchange.
- Mark Fordice motioned to approve the resolution as recommended by Mr. Hostetter. Jon Buser seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.
- F. ISBA Fall Conference:  
The ISBA Fall Conference, “Educating Indiana’s Youth During a Time of Continuous Change: The Challenge for School Boards and Superintendents” will be September 28-29 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. Any Board member wishing to attend should contact Mrs. McGaughey at the Central Office.

## **V. FINANCIAL REPORT**

A. Treasurer's Report (Attached hereto)

B. Approval of Claims:

08/01/09 – 08/07/09 Voucher Numbers 22530 – 22540, Lease Payments

08/10/09 – 08/14/09 Voucher Numbers 1 - 110

Mr. Fordice requested the Board be updated on the final expenses for the fuel tank replacement project upon its completion.

Andy Beck motioned to approve the claims as presented. After discussion, Mark Fordice seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

C. School Fund Reports (Attached hereto)

## **VI. CONTRACTS FOR APPROVAL**

Dr. Lovejoy recommended all corporation administrators receive a two-year contract and that a 0% pay increase be reflected in the contracts. They will receive their experience increment.

Mr. Blau expressed concerns about giving employees an experience increment. He feels more research should be done on reward for performance raises.

Jon Buser motioned to approve the two-year administrator contracts with a 0% pay increase and experience increment. Dale McGaughey seconded the motion, and it carried with a 5-2 vote (2 nays- Debbie Sillery and Andy Beck).

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Dr. Lovejoy requested approval for publication:

- North Putnam Community School Corporation 2010 Budgets
- Capital Projects Plan
- School Bus Replacement Plan

Carl Blau motioned to grant approval to publish the North Putnam Community School Corporation 2010 Budgets, Capital Project Plan and School Bus Replacement Plan. Mark Fordice seconded the motion, and it carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

B. Consideration of Recommendation to Award Insurance Package:

Dr. Lovejoy informed the Board that two insurance companies submitted bids to North Putnam Community School Corporation on August 10. Indiana Insurance submitted a base bid of \$119,649.00,





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|    | LeeAnn Davidson | MS 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coaches         |
| f. | Joe Kreider     | MS 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Assistant Coach |
| g. | Taylor Alles    | MS 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Assistant Coach |

Dale McGaughey motioned to approve the extra-curricular staff personnel. Jon Buser seconded the motion, and it carried with a 5 – 2 vote (nays-Andy Beck and Debbie Sillery).

**X. ITEMS FROM SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

Debbie Sillery thanked all who attended the Open House in honor of Dr. Lovejoy.

Dr. Lovejoy thanked everyone for making her feel welcome and a part of the North Putnam family.

Debbie Sillery congratulated the Putnam County and State Fair participants.

The custodians and maintenance staff were recognized for having the buildings ready for the Board walk through and the first day of school.

Terry Tippin updated the Board on the activities of the North Putnam Alumni Association.

Andy Beck stated that the Dollars for Scholars fundraiser dinner will be prior to the football game on August 28.

Dr Lovejoy thanked the Board for the extra time they have taken away from their families and devoted to the school corporation.

**XI. ITEMS AFTER 4:00 P.M. – AUGUST 14, 2009**

I. McCormick’s Creek Field Trip

Andy Beck motioned to approve the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade McCormick’s Creek field trip on September 30, October 1 and October 2, 2009, with the stipulation that the \$25.00 charge to each student be removed from the recommendation. Mark Fordice seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

II. Personnel:

A. Support Staff Personnel:

1. Employment:

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| a. | Kelli Aynes    | Bainbridge Elementary<br>Instructional Assistant<br>Replace: Heather Lawson<br>Effective: August 18, 2009    |
| b. | Julia Papoccia | Roachdale Elementary<br>Instructional Assistant<br>Replace: Marilyn McCollough<br>Effective: August 18, 2009 |

Mark Fordice motioned to approve the above personnel After 4:00 P.M. items. Dale McGaughey 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 at 7:50 P.M. Dale McGaughey seconded the motion, and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

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*Debra Sillery, President*

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*Jon Buser, Member*

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*Carl Blau, Vice-President*

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*Charlie Boller, Member*

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*Mark Fordice, Secretary*

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*Dale A. McGaughey, Member*

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*Andrew Beck, Member*