

MINUTES

November 22, 2021

The Board of School Trustees of the Attica Consolidated School Corporation met at 5:31 p.m. for a regular meeting in the Attica High School Library, 211 E. Sycamore Street, Attica, IN 47918. Members present were Kelly Hiller, Jill Mandeville (present virtually), Chris Gayler, Chris VanDeWater and Laurie Pierce. Also present were Sheri Hardman, Superintendent, Deanna Hutts, Treasurer, Chris Goris, Deputy Treasurer Dusty Goodwin, Elementary School Principal and Kara Skinner, High School Principal, Dj Jensen, Assistant High School Principal.

AGENDA AND MINUTES

Laurie Pierce made a motion the board approve the agenda and the minutes of the October 25, 2021 meetings, seconded by Chris Gayler and passed 5-0.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

AES-

1st Grade

Arya Cole- Mrs Martin shared that Arya is caring, kind, and compassionate. She is eager to learn and asks great questions. She has made huge academic gains this school year. Arya is a great example to her peers and is helpful to them.

Brayden Nichols- Mrs Tague shared that Brayden has a smile that lights up a room and has the cutest giggle. He has a great sense of humor and tends to be one of the few that gets her jokes. Brayden is respectful to adults, works well with others and gives his best effort and his confidence has grown as a result.

AHS- Junior High Math

Caitlin Galloway- Mrs Skinner shared on behalf of Mrs Goings that Caitlyn is a hard worker and always has a smile on her face, is kind and trustworthy. She is self-sufficient and self motivated which has assisted with her success during quarantines.

Kara Gregory- Mrs Skinner shared on behalf of Mrs Goings that Kara recently moved to Attica schools although you would never know that as she has enmeshed herself with the right amount of confidence. Kara goes out of her way to help others and works hard at school and home.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD

Kudos extended to the cast and crew for a fantastic performance of the recent fall play "The Ransom of Miss Elverna Dower".

The School Board also recognized Mrs Skinner as this was her last board meeting with ACSC.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. Open Public Hearing for a preliminary determination regarding the proposed 2022 Safety, Security, Modernization and Improvement Project of the Attica Schools. It was explained to the board that under Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5 whenever a school corporation proposes to enter

into a lease agreement and/or issue bonds for the construction or renovation of a school building resulting in total costs in excess of certain thresholds, the school corporation is required to hold two public hearings on its preliminary determination to issue such bonds and enter into such lease agreement.

The purpose of the hearing is two-fold: (1) to inform the public as to the proposed Projects; and (2) to allow all interested parties, taxpayers and patrons of the School Corporation to voice their opinions as to the Projects and ask questions. After the purpose of the hearings was explained, the presentations regarding the need for the Projects were given. An evaluation of the existing facilities was presented, including the building plan explaining the proposed Projects. The estimated cost and schedule for the Projects were then presented to the public. It was explained how these Projects could be funded and the tax rate impact the Projects would have on the community.

After the above presentations, the Board President announced that the Board would now hear testimony and questions from the public. The public present were given the opportunity to make comments and ask any questions regarding the project.

2. Chris Gayler made a motion that the Board approve the resolution to reduce the appropriations by \$300,000 in the Rainy Day Fund for the 2021 budget , seconded by VanDeWater, motion passed 5-0.
3. Chris VanDeWater made a motion that the Board approve the resolution to transfer funds from the Operations Fund to the Rainy Day Fund, seconded by Chris Gayler, motion passed 5-0.
4. Laurie Pierce made a motion that the Board approve the resolution to transfer funds from the Education Fund to the Rainy Day Fund, seconded by Chris VanDeWater, motion passed 5-0.
5. Laurie Pierce, made a motion that the Board review the 2022-23 ACSC Academic Calendar, seconded by Chris VanDeWater, motion passed 5-0.
6. Open Public Hearing for the 2021-2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Attica Classroom Teachers Association. President Hiller opened the meeting to the public to hear any public input.
7. Chris VanDeWater made a motion that the Board approve the 2021-22 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Attica Classroom Teachers Association, seconded by Chris Gayler, motion passed 5-0.
8. Laurie Pierce made a motion that the Board review Board Policy Handbook revised policy 7540.03 - Student Education Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (second reading), seconded by Chris VanDeWater, motion passed 5-0.
9. Laurie Pierce made a motion that the Board review Board Policy Handbook revised policy 7540.04 - Staff Education Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (second reading), seconded by Chris Gayler, motion passed 5-0.
10. Chris VanDeWater made a motion that the Board approve the Board Policy Handbook updated policies Vol 33, No 2 (final reading): 1220 Employment of the Superintendent (revised), 2240 Controversial Issues (revised), 2260.01 Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability (revised), 2266 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities (revised), 3120 Employment of Professional Staff (revised), 4120 Employment of Support Staff (revised), 4425 Nursing Mothers (new), 4430 Leaves of Absence (revised), 5111 Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for Enrollment of Students without Legal Settlement in the Corporation (revised), 5410 Promotion, Placement, and Retention (revised), 6250 Required ADM Counts for the Purpose of State Funding and Verification of Residency for Membership (revised), 7440.01 Electronic Monitoring and Recording (revised), 7450 Property Inventory (revised), 7455 Accounting Systems for Capital Assets (revised), 7530.02 Staff Use of Personal Communication Devices (revised), 8500 Food Service Program (revised), 8510

Wellness (new), 8606 Bus Drivers and Cellular Telephone Use (new) , seconded by Laurie Pierce, motion passed 5-0.

11. Chris Gayler made a motion the Board assign David Jensen to the position of AHS Interim Principal until a search process for a high school principal is complete, seconded by Chris VanDeWater and motion passed 5-0.
12. Chris VanDeWater made a motion that the Board approve the personnel sheet for November 22, 2021 for the hiring of AHS Instructional Assistant- Denise Current, 6th Grade Class Sponsor- Jill DeAnda, Volunteer Assistant Basketball Coach- Eli Kirkpatrick, Volunteer Assistant Basketball Coach- Carson Davis and the resignation of AHS Principal- Kara Skinner, AES Teacher- Brittany Connell, AHS Instructional Assistant- Brittney Bushman, seconded by Chris Gayler, motion passed 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS OF INTEREST

Update on Bond information - ACSC recently took out a General Obligation Bond to help with school updates at the Attica High School and the school is expected to receive the funds from the bond on November 23, 2021 and the school should receive just under \$800,000 after the cost of issuance of the bonds is paid. The Bond will be appropriated to the construction fund.

Teacher Appreciation Grant- Teacher Appreciation Grant information was received by the school on November 19, 2021 which is much later than usual. The funds for the grant are scheduled to arrive at the school on December 6th, 2021 and will be issued to respective staff members on the December 20th payroll. Grant monies will be issued to 2020-2021 staff members still on staff with ACSC that receive an evaluation rating of effective or highly effective.

Staff Recognition Assembly- The AHS assembly was held November 22 and the AES assembly will be held on November 23. Staff recognized for the 2021-22 school year include:

Jessica Galloway - AHS Instructional Assistant - 5 years

Sonja Gan - AES Custodian - 5 years

Meghan Gattrel - AES Custodian - 5 years

Andrew Hall - ACSC Transportation Director/Bus Driver - 5 years

DJ Jensen - AHS Assistant Principal - 5 years

Kyle Neal - AHS PE/AES PE - 5 years

Vanessa Stafford - AES Instructional Assistant/2nd/3rd Social Studies & Science - 5 years

Kaylyn Stockdell - AHS English - 5 years

Dean Branstetter - AHS Science/PE - 10 years

Elisha Goodwin - AHS Secretary - 10 years

Robin Kennedy - AES Instructional Assistant - 10 years

Dusty Goodwin - AES Principal - 15 years

Brian Duncan - AHS Math - 20 years

Deb Nunnally - ACSC Bus Driver - 25 years

January Reorganizational Meeting- January 5th, 2022 at 6:00pm in the ACSC Business Office Board of Education Room

REPORT OF CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS

Monthly financial reports and necessary claims were presented to the board to be approved as well as the approval of the monthly transfer from the Education fund to the Operations fund in the amount of \$50,000. Chris Gayler made a motion to combine and approve the financial claims for the month of November and monthly transfer amount from Education fund to Operations fund, seconded by Laurie Pierce, and passed 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Chris VanDeWater made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

_____ President
Kelly Hiller

_____ Member
Chris Gayler

_____ Vice President
Jill Mandeville (present virtually)

_____ Member
Chris VanDeWater

_____ Secretary
Laurie Pierce