

## **Regular Board Meeting of October 3, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Whitehall School District 4, 47 and 2 of Madison and Jefferson Counties was held on October 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Whitehall Middle School Library.

### Board Members:

Michelle LaFontaine, Chair  
Jeff Briggs  
Sharon Howard  
Gina Ossello  
James Reiff  
Sue Pullman  
Paul Shaw

### Administrators:

John T. Sullivan, Superintendent  
Patti Drake, District Clerk  
Hannah Neiskens, 6-12 Principal  
Britt McLean, K-5 Principal

Visitors: Holly Harper, Martha Farrand, Tamara Kidwell, Kathy Coughlin, Chris Gooch, Stormy Wassberg, Patti Pettersen, Dorothy Pendarvis, Elizabeth Clarkson

## **AGENDA**

### **ITEM:**

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair, Michelle LaFontaine

#### **Flag Salute**

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Sharon Howard made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. James Reiff seconded the motion.

In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, James, Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, Gina Ossello, Sue Pullman, Paul Shaw

Opposed: None

Motion carried

#### **Visitors**

The visitors were welcomed to the meeting and were told that a public comment period for matters of a general nature would be held later in the meeting.

#### **Public Comment**

Mr. Sullivan introduced the new staff to the board: Elizabeth Clarkson – Math, Patti Pettersen – Paraprofessional, Stormy Wassberg – Cook’s Helper, Barb Bowman – Cook’s Helper and Chris Gooch – Sub for the kitchen. Each new staff member told the board a little about themselves.

Martha Farrand and Tamara Kidwell gave a brief presentation about the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program. They reported that the summer program went very well and they currently have 62 students enrolled in the after-school program. They are working on community service projects, the 4-5 graders will be visiting the manor to interview residents, the K-1 go to the library on Thursdays to work on painting projects, they are also making a calendar that the Ledger will publish and will be sold. One of the community projects is to see if they can get one of the drinking fountains replaced in the elementary.

Holly Harper explained to the board what the MTSS (Multi-tiered Systems of Support) program that is currently being used in the Middle

School and High School. The Elementary is in the beginning phase of the program. This program helps with placing students in the correct classes to help the student be successful in Reading, English and Math. Holly handed out a Pathways flow chart that explains how the students are placed in classes.

**Minutes**

Gina Ossello made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 12, 2017.  
Sharon Howard seconded the motion  
In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, Gina Ossello, Sue Pullman, Paul Shaw  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

**Correspondence**

None

**REPORTS:**

**Elementary Principal**

(See attached)

**High School Principal**

(See attached)

**Superintendent**

(See attached)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OPI Reporting Process**

Mr. Sullivan informed the board that this is the time of year that reports must be turned into OPI. We are currently working on the TEAMS report. Patti enters information for the TOE and after she completes the report then the administration can begin working on the TEAMS report.

**Staff Resignations**

Mr. Sullivan informed that we have two resignations: Savannah Gendreau and Erlinda Bushilla. He recommended the board approve the resignations.

James Reiff made an elementary motion to approve the resignation of Savannah Gendreau.

Gina Ossello seconded the motion.

In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, Gina Ossello

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Paul Shaw made a motion to approve the resignation of Erlinda Bushilla.

Jeff Briggs seconded the motion.

In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, Gina Ossello, Sue Pullman, Paul Shaw

Opposed: None

Motion carried

**Substitute Staff**

Mr. Sullivan informed the board that we have one more application for a substitute: Ryan Popalis. He recommended the board approve Ryan Popalis as a sub.

James Reiff made a motion to approve Ryan Popalis as a sub.  
Paul Shaw seconded the motion.  
In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, Gina Ossello, Sue Pullman, Paul Shaw

**New Staff**

Mr. Sullivan recommended the board hire Shannon Stevens as the Elementary Counselor. All of the members of the hiring committee are in agreeance with this recommendation.

Gina Ossello made an elementary motion to hire Shannon Stevens as the Elementary Counselor.  
Sharon Howard seconded the motion.  
In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, Gina Ossello

**Claims and Accounts**

The Claim Approval list was presented to the board.

**Claims**

Paul Shaw made a motion to approve payment of the high school claims for October as submitted.  
Jeff Briggs seconded the motion.  
In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, Gina Ossello, Sue Pullman, Paul Shaw  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

Sharon Howard made a motion to approve payment of the elementary claims for October as submitted.  
James Reiff seconded the motion.  
In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, Gina Ossello  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Gina Ossello made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
James Reiff seconded the motion.  
In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, Gina Ossello, Sue Pullman, Paul Shaw  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Signed:

ATTEST:

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Chairman

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Clerk