

## **Regular Board Meeting of November 5, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Whitehall School District 4, 47 and 2 of Madison and Jefferson Counties was held on November 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Whitehall Middle School Library.

### Board Members:

Gina Ossello  
Jeff Briggs  
Scott Prevost  
Bill Whitehurst  
Sharon Howard  
Paul Shaw

### Administrators:

John T. Sullivan, Superintendent  
Patti Drake, District Clerk  
Hannah Nieskens, 6-12 Principal  
Kurtis Koenig, K-5 Principal

Visitors: None

## **AGENDA**

### **ITEM:**

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Gina Ossello

#### **Flag Salute**

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Jeff Briggs made a joint motion to approve the agenda.  
Sharon Howard seconded the motion.  
In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, Scott Prevost,  
Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst  
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.

#### **Minutes**

Scott Prevost made a joint motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 3, 2018.  
Sharon Howard seconded the motion.  
In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, Scott Prevost,  
Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

#### **Public Comment**

None

#### **Correspondence**

Karen Flood sent a thank you for the use of the Home Ec. Room that was read by Mr. Sullivan.

## **REPORTS:**

#### **Elementary Principal**

(See attached)

#### **High School Principal**

(See attached) There was some discussion on keeping the speech/debate team. Mr. Sullivan asked the board for some guidance. We currently have three seniors that have been involved for three years and one other student and possibly one more, which would be a total of

five students, we also have a community member that is willing to coach the team. Mr. Sullivan recommended that we continue it for one more year and only run the program next year if we have someone on staff that is willing to coach and recruit members. After much discussion it was decided that we would continue the program for another year.

### **Superintendent**

(See attached) Mr. Sullivan informed the board that the lunch program is off to a great start, in October they served 7,269 meals, 5,090 student meals, the average for a day is 242 lunches and 103 breakfasts. He also thanked Casey Harris and his dad for helping the students refurbish the welding benches and helping them make stands that they use to hold their projects when they are welding. He said Mr. Koenig is off to a good start and thanked Ms. Nieskens for mentoring him.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **School PA System**

Mr. Sullivan informed the board that the PA System is in place and working. The system is campus wide and easy to use. The whole district can be locked down at once, which is great for safety reasons.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Non-Tenured Teacher Evaluations**

Mr. Koenig informed the board that the following non-tenured teachers have been evaluated, Mr. Hayes, Ms. Foley, Ms. Moen, Mr. Vial, Ms. Stevens and Mrs. Forcella. The evaluations were informative. He gave them feedback on things that they are doing well and things that need improvement. He has no concerns with any of them.

Ms. Nieskens informed the board that she too has completed the evaluations for the following non-tenured teachers, Ms. Clarkson, Mr. Harris, Mr. Kozicky, Ms. Menig, Ms. Todd and Ms. Walter. They have all been given ideas on things to work on and praise for things they are doing well. She has no concerns.

#### **Facility Update**

Work has been done on the boilers in the Middle School, hopefully this will take care of the hot water issue. With the recent power outage, we discovered that the back-up lights were not working in the High School and Elementary, these have been fixed. We put digital clocks in the Varsity Gym and Tia Kober Gym. New sidewalks have been poured outside of the Shop and Home Ec. Room.

#### **Staff Travel – Meal Allotment**

Mr. Sullivan asked the board to change the meal allotment for lunches for the staff, if they are traveling for the district, from \$10 to \$12. The amount will be \$12 for both lunch and dinner.

Paul Shaw made a joint motion to change the meal allotment from \$10 to \$12 for staff lunches

Jeff Briggs seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, Scott Prevost, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried

**Camera/Security Bids**

Mr. Sullivan presented the board two bids for upgrading the security system in the High School and putting in a new security system in the Middle School. The two bids were from Cooney’s Locksmith & Security for \$15,811.84 and from Fox Alarm & Technology, Inc. for \$52,824.95. He recommended the board award the bid to Cooney’s Locksmith & Security.

Jeff Briggs made a joint motion to award the bid to Cooney’s Locksmith & Security for the new camera system.

Sharon Howard seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, Scott Prevost, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried

**Claims and Accounts**

Claims approval list was presented to the board.

Bill Whitehurst made a high school motion to approve payment of the high school claims for November as submitted.

Paul Shaw seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, Scott Prevost, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Sharon Howard made an elementary motion to approve payment of the elementary claims for November as submitted.

Scott Prevost seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, Scott Prevost

Opposed: None

Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Jeff Briggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Scott Prevost seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, Scott Prevost, Pau Shaw, Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Signed:

ATTEST:

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Chairman

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Clerk