

North Judson-San Pierre School Board of Trustees
Minutes of a Public Hearing, Budget Adoption, & Regular Board Meeting
Central Office Board Meeting Room
Tuesday, September 17, 2019

The North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees met for a Public Hearing, Budget Adoption and a Regular Session on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at 5:30 P.M. in the Central Office Board Meeting Room. Board President Derrick Stalbaum called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The Board members present were President Derrick Stalbaum, Vice President Sandra Kersting-Rudd, Secretary Gerald Bacon and members Jim Menis and Jeri Brewer. Others present were Superintendent Dr. Annette Zupin and Business Manager/Treasurer Guy Richie. There were a few patrons in attendance for the meeting. A list of patrons that attended the meeting is on file at the Central Administrative Office.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

Mr. Stalbaum opened the Public Hearing at 5:30 P.M. for the 2020 Capital Projects Plan and the Bus Replacement Plan. Mr. Richie explained the process of the public hearing. There was no public input. Mr. Bacon made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 5:31 P.M. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kersting-Rudd; motion carried 5-0.

Budget Adoption

Mr. Stalbaum opened the Budget Adoption meeting at 5:31 P.M.

Mr. Menis made a motion to approve the adoption of the 2020 Capital Projects Plan as presented Mrs. Brewer seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Brewer made a motion to adopt the 2020 Bus Replacement Plan as presented. Mr. Menis seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Kersting-Rudd made a motion to adopt the advertised Budget Reduction Resolution as presented. Mr. Menis seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Bacon made a motion to approve the adoption of the Resolution to Transfer Amounts from Education Fund to Operations Fund as presented. Mrs. Brewer seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Kersting-Rudd made a motion to adjourn the Budget Adoption at 5:33 P.M., seconded by Mr. Menis; motion passed 5-0.

Regular Meeting

Mr. Stalbaum opened the Regular Meeting at 5:33 P.M.

Consent Items

Mr. Menis made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2019, Regular Board Meeting as presented. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0. Mrs. Brewer made a motion to approve the personnel actions as presented. Mrs. Kersting-Rudd seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Bacon made a motion to approve the financial reports and claims as presented. Mr. Menis seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

NAME	POSITION	RECOMMENDATION
Amber Taulbee	Substitute Teacher	Recommended to hire
Matthew Zervos	Custodian	Recommended to hire
ECA POSITIONS		
Caitlin Dvorscak	Jr-Sr High Assistant Swim Coach	Recommended to hire
Danielle Bailey	Girls Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach	Recommended to hire

Approval to Purchase Food Service Van

Mrs. Kersting-Rudd made a motion to approve the Purchase of Food Service Van as presented. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Unusable Item

Mrs. Brewer made a motion to approve the Unusable Item as presented. Mr. Menis seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Approval of School Resource Officer-MOU

Mrs. Kersting-Rudd made a motion to approve the School Resource Officer-MOU as presented. Mrs. Brewer seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Graduation Date (May 31, 2020) as Presented

Mrs. Kersting-Rudd made a motion to approve Graduation Date as May 31, 2020 as presented. Mr. Menis seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Service Agreement with Bowen Center

Mrs. Kersting-Rudd made a motion to approve the Service Agreement with Bowen Center as presented. Mrs. Brewer seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Approval of October 15, 2019 Regular Board Meeting to be Moved

Mr. Menis made a motion to approve the October 15, 2019 Regular Board Meeting to be moved to October 22, 2019 as presented. Mrs. Brewer seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

School Improvement Plans - Presentations

Dr. Zupin introduced elementary principal Julie Berndt and junior-senior high principal Jim Polite to present the high lights of each school’s School Improvement Plan. Both principals discussed accomplishments, areas of needed improvement, and went over a summary of goals.

Mrs. Berndt spoke of goals for Grades 3-6 English ILearn scores to increase by 5-8% and K-2 by 60% or higher. Grades 3-6 Math scores to also increase by 5-8% and a 60% benchmark for the lower grades and specific goals for special needs to increase ILearn scores by 5-8%. Mrs. Berndt talked about strategy and making time to collaborate how to access data and revise our math throughout the year. Collaboration on reading strategies and screening for dyslexia to take place a week before Fall Break. Another focus area is math, collaboration to look at data and data mapping and focus on process standards and how to implement these things in the classroom. Mrs. Berndt discussed special needs and working on a schedule that works with the classrooms and using the staff the best we can. Title I has five different special education teachers getting proper training and RTI for reading. The Bluejay Way incentives were discussed and she was pleased to report Technology with iPads have been great.

Mr. Polite spoke of a 3 year plan at the Jr-Sr High, looking at a multitude of data points and information to develop goals. The four focus areas mentioned were increasing our graduation attendance rate, student proficiency levels; how proficient are they according to mastery level benchmarks, growth being another focus stating “If we can demonstrate the progress being made then we can see the student’s growth”. The fourth focus area being on students with disabilities. The four smart goals Mr. Polite discussed were graduation rate, proficiency, growth and special education. Monitoring graduation pathways, attendance and college and career readiness. Proficiency increases with ILearn and ISTEP focusing on 4 curriculum elements, what maps look like, are they up to state standards and monitoring them. Growth being another focus, will look at ILearn data in math and language arts and develop instructional priorities. The fourth goal, focusing on special education proficiency and growth for ILearn and benchmarks, co-teaching and fine tuning to be more effective. Mr. Polite discussed building a common language of models in addressing this school year. The board thanked Mr. Polite and Mrs. Berndt for their presentations.

Approval of School Improvement Plans

Mr. Bacon made a motion to approve the School Improvement Plans as presented. Mrs. Kersting-Rudd seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Zupin reported the elementary school has 14 students regularly attending Our Kid’s Excel, focusing on reading and math skills.

Dr. Zupin gave an update on Fanning & Howey’s Elementary Project, stating the scope of work to be plumbing, lighting, HVAC and modernization. Greater analysis in the gym and cafeteria- decisions about placement and construction will have to be made, noting plenty of time for analysis and decisions. The Baker and Tilly meeting is scheduled this month to discuss debt capacity. This project will be done without raising the tax rate.

Dr. Zupin talked about ILearn, stating drops in statewide proficiency rates. NJ-SP math scores were near or above state average. NJ-SP will focus on ELA/Reading- specifically, non-fiction reading and comprehension. Dr. Zupin stated “September 13 ADM count was down from last year, we matched our staffing to enrollment this year and we budgeted for fewer students. Many of our decisions regarding spending are based on enrollment numbers. We have been watching closely for the past several years. We have to find a balance between sustaining programs and maintaining a healthy cash balance.”

Dr. Zupin discussed a Pre-K opportunity for NJ-SP. SEED’s North Judson (Schools Engaging Early Development) is a company ran by Max’s Playhouse. A classroom of mixed age group Preschool students at the NJ-SP Middle School with one classroom initially and aspirations of a second. Max’s Playhouse was recipient of a \$59,000 grant from the State of Indiana to bring 20 high quality preschool seats to Starke County. SEED’s is looking to lease 1-2 classrooms and vend lunch from us.

Other

None.

Recognition of Visitors

No one spoke.

Adjournment

Mr. Bacon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 P.M. Mrs. Kersting-Rudd seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

_____ Derrick Stalbaum, President

_____ Sandra Kersting-Rudd, Vice President

_____ Gerald Bacon, Secretary

_____ Jim Menis, Member

_____ Jeri Brewer, Member