

BOARD BRIEF

April 16, 2019

Board members met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. and conducted the following business:

- The board meeting agenda was amended. Item 6H (Accept Pool Project Architect Contract) was removed as the contract is still under review. A committee appointment was added to the consent agenda.
- Bridget Arnold, State Speech Champion in Informative Speaking, presented her award-winning speech to the school board. Dr. Grate recognized the speech & debate coaches, Ralph Robinson and Holly Reineking. Mr. Robinson shared that the speech & debate team is only 7 years old and that they qualified 4 students to compete in nationals. This competition will take place in June in Dallas.
- Robin Lynch, Principal at Oak Trace Elementary, shared information about the Response to Intervention Process and early reading interventions at Oak Trace. She shared the benefits of targeted early literacy assistance and the approach the Oak Trace team takes. Mrs. Lynch had three students in attendance (now seniors) who were a part of the program while at Oak Trace and introduced the early literacy team. She also shared some video of students talking about their love of reading.
- Mike Hall, Principal at Monon Trail Elementary, introduced a team of 1st and 2nd grade teachers along with Assistant Principal, Hether Darnell, to talk about the why and how of co-teaching. Specialists and classroom teachers are co-teaching in a total of 5 classrooms at MTES. The teacher and specialist do lesson planning together and share the teaching responsibilities equally in the classroom. They are learning from each other and seen equally by both the students and the teachers. It was clear that the teachers truly embraced this style of teaching and believe it is benefitting all the students at their school.
- Victor Landfair, Skillman Corporation, presented his monthly Construction Update to the board. He noted that the intermediate and middle school projects are at their midpoint and about one half complete. The high school is about 20-25% complete. He shared a slide presentation showing work done in the last 30 days and work projected to be completed in the next 30 days on each of the building projects at WIS, WMS and WHS. [Construction Update presentations](#) are located on our website.
- Chris Baldwin and Brian Tomamichel presented four policies for first reading. The policies will be presented at the May meeting for adoption.
 - 4000-03 – Purchasing
 - 4000-11 – Investment of Funds
 - 7000-24 – Pre-Employment Investigations and Duty to Report
 - 10000-03 – Legal Settlement

- Approved right of way easements for the Casey Road property. Citizens Water will be running water and sewage lines along the property. The capacity will be able to accommodate any future projects we might have on the land.
- Accepted the Indiana Literacy Early Learning Grant Part II. These funds total \$809.38 and are in addition to funds received earlier this year. These funds will be used for professional development for a reading specialist trained in dyslexia to meet the new requirements of SEA 217.
- Accepted the Career and Technical Education grant for Spring 2018-19. These funds total \$15,499.00 and will be spent on secondary career and technical education expenditures that are directly related to increasing CTE credits, dual credits, senior concentrators and completers and attainment of industry recognized credentials.
- Approved the farmland lease for our properties at Casey Road and Towne Road. These properties will be leased for \$165.00/per acre (Total \$7,198.95/annually) by the Roberts family. They have been farming the Towne Road property for the last several years and have been great stewards of the land.
- Approved three overnight field trips/athletic camps for WHS. These include an International Career Development Conference for DECA students from April 26-May 1, 2019 in Orlando, the boys and girls Cross Country Teams camp July 23-July 26, 2019 at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, IN and a boys Tennis Tournament August 23-24, 2019 in South Bend, IN.
- Approved the Construction Manager at Risk contract with the Skillman Corporation for the WWS Natatorium project.
- Approved the civil engineering contract with Kimley Horn. Kimley Horn will do the engineering for both the natatorium project and the YMCA. We will split the cost of these services with the YMCA. The total is approved for up to \$90,000 with WWS portion not to exceed \$45,000.

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