

- D. Donation Report**
- E. Field Trip Report**
- F. Fundraiser Report**
- G. Personnel Report**

Amber Greene motioned to approve the above consent agenda as presented. Mark Hoke seconded the motion and it carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Adoption of Resolution Opposing House Bill 1005:

This resolution opposes House Bill 1005 involving the establishment of Education Savings Accounts (ESAs). This bill would allow for money to be used to further promote school choice and not attending the school of home residence. ESAs give parents a portion of per-pupil state funding to spend like a taxpayer-funded debit card on education products and services, including private school tuition, unregulated home schools, and tutoring. Public funds should be invested in public schools, which serve all children. Non-public schools lack fiscal transparency, public oversight, and taxpayer accountability. ESAs would be funded out of the K-12 tuition support appropriation at the expense of funding to support public schools. This legislation would further erode the financial support provided to Indiana’s public schools, which serve over 90% of Indiana’s students, and divert resources away from improving Indiana public school teachers’ salaries as recommended by the Governor’s Teacher Compensation Commission report released on December 14, 2020. The Board opposes and condemns the establishment of ESAs and the expansion of the Indiana Choice Scholarship Program as proposed by members of Indiana’s General Assembly in House Bill 1005 and Senate Bill 412.

Mark Hoke motioned to approve the above resolution opposing House Bill 1005. Rachel Mandeville seconded the motion and it carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

B. Adoption of Resolution Opposing House Bill 1266:

This resolution opposes House Bill 1266 involving Education Building and Transportation Authorities and the matter Fleeting Optimization and Routing Efficiency. This bill skips any evaluation or analysis of the current state of the governance oversight of school facilities and school bus transportation, it does not propose a gap analysis, or a study report with findings and recommendations, and jumps to an RFI process to prepare for request for proposals (RFPs) to remove governing bodies and school administrators from their oversight and management responsibilities. This bill imposes a concept of privatization of school facilities and transportation management to the lowest-cost for-profit provider to undue local control.

We encompass 6 townships and drive an average of 1,620 miles daily with 21 regular school owned busses. This does not include the multiple mid-day routes and after school activities. We continually work to streamline our service using the latest technologies available and taking full advantage of our Service Center purchasing power. We are efficient and self-supporting.

Rachel Mandeville motioned to approve the above resolution opposing House Bill 1266. Amber Greene seconded the motion and it carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

C. Recommendation for Long-Range Planner:

As the district begins to think about what teaching and learning will look like in the coming years, it will be beneficial to engage the services of a long-range planner. A long-range planner will be able to review data presented to the Board and lead them through the process of goal review and future planning. The service would be offered at an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Dr. Singer-Allee recommends the Board approves the use of a long-range planner from Stifel, Chad Blacklock. He provided the financial reviews to the Board in January and February.

Mark Hoke motioned to approve Chad Blacklock, Stifel, as a long-range planner for the corporation. Eric Oliver seconded the motion and it carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

D. Approval of Resolution Extending Covid Leave:

Dr. Singer-Allee noted that we were able to extend benefits for the Expanded Paid Leave Act (EPSLA) through March 31, 2021. This has expired, but we are able to continue to provide the leave benefits for Covid relief beyond March 31, 2021. It is recommended that the Board continue to provide paid leave for its employees as provided in the EPSLA and its regulations retroactively from April 1, 2021 until June 30, 2021. An additional five days will be allowed extending the total number of days to fifteen and proof of quarantine, testing, and/or dependent care will need to be provided.

Rachel Mandeville motioned to approve the request to extend Covid leave for staff. Amber Greene seconded the motion and it carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

E. Approval of 2022 Washington DC Proposed Trip:

Bucky Kramer is proposing a trip to Washington DC as has been done in the past. This will be the fourth trip to Washington DC and is planned for 2022. It's a great trip for students. He will work with World Strides again to provide a safe and organized trip. Travis Lambermont asked if there is a minimum number of students needed to attend this trip. Bucky Kramer noted that the lowest they have ever taken is 25, but they get a tremendous response for this and he believes the numbers will be at least that if not higher.

Mark Hoke motioned to approve the above 2022 Washington DC trip. Eric Oliver seconded the motion and it carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

F. Permission to Advertise Request for Qualifications (RFQ):

We are asking permission to advertise RFQ for Energy Service Providers. We will receive sealed proposals for a Guaranteed Savings Contract and selection of an Energy Services Company. A big part of this would cover the HVAC at Bainbridge Elementary, but would include the other buildings as needed. This is mostly for heating and cooling. She would have a recommendation to the Board at the June meeting.

Mark Hoke motioned to grant permission to advertise RFQ for energy services. Amber Greene seconded the motion and it carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

V. REPORTS

A. Superintendent (Dr. Singer-Allee):

We received a planning allocation today related to Covid. We initially received Cares Act money in the amount of \$207,912.54. A couple of months ago, we found out the final allocation was \$740,976.08. We have until next month to determine what the money will go. The third round of this money was \$1,664,127.01 making the total \$2,613,015.63. There have been several planning sessions on how to use the money. Some of the funds are restricted and some are not. We are looking into purchasing programming, technology, and social and emotional options for staff and students.

It's great to see activities resuming to near normal. The Spring Musical was nice and the sporting events have been great. She will have a feasibility study for them in May. She has spent a fair amount of time with the insurance trust. They are looking at the Health Clinics and how well they serve our staff. She appreciates the opportunity to be able to serve on this.

B. Treasurer (Tanya Pearson):

She is working on grants and planning for our upcoming budget.

C. Director of Operations (Terry Tippin):

He is planning for summer work and the summer transition. Next month, he will bring forward a proposal for transportation for students who are involved in after school activities.

D. Administrators:

Rodney Simpson noted that this week they are preparing for ILearn testing next week. IRead scores came back and they had 90% passing. The staff and students have worked very hard. The Health Department

approved his plan for a 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony, but it will have to be held at the high school. This is planned for May 17, 2021.

Scott Miller congratulated Alyssa Chew, 7th Grade Science Teacher, on being selected as a recipient of the 2021-2022 Armstrong Teacher Educator Award by Indiana University. She is the first Putnam County educator to earn the award. All recipients are invited to the campus in Bloomington to participate in panel discussions on current issues in education during the fall semester. The award also provides financial support for the recipients to work with IU faculty and undergraduates in the classroom through early field experiences. She is one of 14 teachers from schools across the state who will be part of the program. She is very excited to work with the university and students.

They are getting ready for ILearn testing. This will begin on April 26, 2021.

Jason Chew wanted to congratulate Grace Timm on being selected as a 2021 Indiana Academic All-Star. This is quite an honor. Brandon Wagler noted that as part of the application, each nominee was asked to write a short essay on their most Influential Educator. She had to work extremely hard on the application process. She will receive a plaque honoring her. The educator chosen will also receive a plaque. This is an outstanding honor and we are very proud of her.

The FFA Department has two new District Chapter Officers. Jayden Simpson will be President and Seth Ariens will be Vice President. This is a great honor. We will get to hold events at the high school next year. AP testing is coming up as well as final exams and awards programs. Rachel Mandeville asked about prom and graduation. Jason Chew commented that prom will be held at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds on April 24, 2021. The students will have to wear masks. He doesn't have any information for graduation yet. They want to wait and see what the Governor's new executive order will be and see what it looks like before finalizing graduation.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS:

Mark Hoke commented that he emailed the Board about Senate Bills 412 and 413. He just wants them to keep an eye on them. Rachel Mandeville thanked the administrators and teachers for coming to the meeting. She appreciates them and their support. Eric Oliver commented that it is good to hear the positive feedback. Congrats to Grace Timm, Joseph Cialkowski, and Alyssa Chew. Thanks to the administration. Amber Greene commented on what great educators we have. She thanked everyone for their hard work.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Travis Lambermont moved for adjournment of the meeting. Mark Hoke seconded the motion and it carried with a 5 – 0 vote. The next meeting will be held on May 20, 2021 at the high school.

Travis Lambermont, President

Joanie Knapp, Member

Mark Hoke, Vice President

Eric Oliver, Member

Rachel Mandeville, Secretary

Ron Spencer, Member

Amber Greene, Member