

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
WHITKO COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

The Whitko Board of School Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 16, 2009 at the Whitko Administration Office, 432 South First Street, in Pierceton, Indiana with the following members present: Vice President Roger Boggs, Pete Mitchell, Terry Eberly and Cindy Kreger. Others present were Steve Clason – Superintendent, Tom McFarland – Director of Financial Operations, and Barbara Smelser – Administrative Assistant. Others included George Roth – Principal of South Whitley Elementary School, Barb Ihnen – Principal of Pierceton Elementary School, Jerry Klausung – Principal of Whitko Middle School, and Parrish Kruger – Principal of Whitko High School. Others attending were Patty Weybright and members of the Whitko High School SADD and their parents, members of the WHS English Dept., Brett Bailey, Judy Hinora, Mary Helen Gensch, members of the WHS Wrestling Team and their parents, and Kelley Sheiss of Post and Mail.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 P.M. Members of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice President Boggs thanked the South Whitley Elementary art students for decorating the Board room for the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER  
PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE**

Vice President Boggs presented minutes of the executive session and regular meeting on Monday, February 16, 2009, and the Board of Finance Meeting on Monday, February 16, 2009. Motion was made by Pete Mitchell, seconded by Cynthia Kreger, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Superintendent Clason presented the following:

**SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT**

- Ashlee Rudd, Alex Winger and Gail Peters, members of Mrs. Meyer’s English class at Whitko High School, read selections of their poetry to the Board.
- Members of SADD made a presentation to the board. The SADD Program is directed by Patricia Weybright.
- Mr. Kruger introduced Coach Matt Koontz and members of the WHS Wrestling Team. They were recognized for their accomplishments during the 2008-2009 school year. A Certificate of Excellence was presented to them by the Board.
- Recognized Whitko High School art students for their accomplishments in the 2009 High School Art Exhibit at Huntington University, **EXHIBIT A.**
- Discussion of the latest information from the state legislation.
- A grant update for the 2008-2009 school year, **EXHIBIT B.** Motion

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made by Pete Mitchell, seconded by Cynthia Kreger to approve the *Project Lead the Way Grant*, as presented. Motion carried.

### In Building and Department Reports:

Building updates were presented by the following principals:

- Pierceton Elementary School (Barb Ihnen)
- South Whitley Elementary School (George Roth)
- Whitko High School (Parrish Kruger)
- Whitko Middle School (Jerry Klausing)

Copies are included as part of these minutes, **EXHIBIT C.**

The following department update was presented:

Tom McFarland, Director of Informational Services, presented a financial update on the proposed budget, **EXHIBIT D.**

Vice President Boggs opened the meeting to the public for comments. There were none.

### In the Consent Agenda:

Vice President Boggs questioned if any items on the consent agenda needed to be removed. There were none. The following items on the consent agenda were passed as presented:

- Claims for March 2009, **EXHIBIT E.**
- Financial reports, **EXHIBIT F.**, including:
  - Fund Comparison Report
  - All Funds Report
  - Revenue Report
  - Other Reports
- Extra Curricular Reports, **EXHIBIT G.**, including:
  - February 2009:
    - Pierceton Elementary School
    - South Whitley Elementary School
    - Whitko Middle School
    - Whitko High School

### In Old Business:

None at this time.

### REPORTS

#### Building Updates

#### BUSINESS DEPT. UPDATE

#### Financial Update

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Claims Financial Reports

#### Extra Curricular Reports

#### OLD BUSINESS

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**In New Business:**

Motion was made by Cindy Kreger, seconded by Pete Mitchell, to approve the following personnel issues:

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Personnel**

**Retirements/Resignations/Terminations:**

**Erin Eastgate** – maternity leave as Grade 7 Math teacher at WMS, effective April 13, 2009 through May 29, 2009.

**Jessica Nettrouer** – maternity leave as Grade 5 teacher at SWES, effective August 12, 2009 thru November 16, 2009.

**Rick Hobbs** – discontinued as assistant track coach at WMS, effective February 12, 2009.

**Employment Actions:**

**Frank Baumgartner** – assistant wrestling coach at WMS, effective February 1, 2009.

**Heather Helton** – homebound instructor at SWES, effective February 23, 2009.

**Robbie McKerr** – assistant girls' track coach at WHS, effective February 16, 2009.

**Jill Eberly** – resource assistant at WHS as maternity leave replacement, effective March 2, 2009.

**Terri Socha** – part time custodian at SWES, effective March 30, 2009.

**Lauren Roberts** – special ed. assistant, AM at PES, effective March 4, 2009.

**Other Employment Issues:**

**Substitute Teachers for the 2008-2009 School Year  
(EXHIBIT H.)**

Terry Eberly abstained from voting. Motion carried with majority vote.

Motion was made by Pete Mitchell, seconded by Terry Eberly, to approve the one (1) field trip, as presented. Motion carried. A copy of the field trip is kept at Central Office.

**Approval of  
Field Trip**

Motion was made by Cindy Kreger, seconded by Pete Mitchell, to adopt the Social Studies texts and materials as recommended by the committee. Motion carried. A copy of the approved textbooks is included as part of these minutes, **EXHIBIT I.**

**Approval of 2009-  
2010 School Year  
Textbook Adoption**

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**In Miscellaneous Administrative Items:**

Mr. Clason advised that the Reorganization of the Whitko Board of School Trustees election process has been approved by the state and will go into effect during the next school board candidate election. A copy of the Resolution and process is included as part of these minutes, **EXHIBIT J.**

**MISCELLANEOUS  
Announce New  
School Board  
Election Process**

**In Miscellaneous Board Items:**

Vice President Boggs announced the next Board meeting:

**April 20, 2009 Whitko Administration Office**

6:30 P.M. Executive Session

7:30 P.M. Regular Meeting

**MISCELLANEOUS  
Announce Future  
Board Meetings**

**March 25, 2009 Legislative Update - Indianapolis**

With no further business, motion was made by Pete Mitchell, seconded by Terry Eberly to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes approved April 20, 2009

Deborah Collier, President

Roger Boggs, Vice-President

Cynthia Kreger, Secretary

Pete Mitchell, Member

Terry Eberly, Member