

JANUARY 4, 2024 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the January 4, 2024 board meeting was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 21, 2023 were approved as presented.

Annual Reorganization of the Board of School Trustees for the 2024 Calendar Year

President

The Board elected Paul Hansard to serve as President of the Board of School Trustees for the 2024 calendar year.

(Passing of the Gavel) - The new president, if present, will preside over the remainder of the meeting.

Vice President

The Board elected Alan Wright to serve as Vice President of the Board of School Trustees for the 2024 calendar year.

Secretary

The Board elected Kim Campbell to serve as Secretary of the Board of School Trustees for the 2024 calendar year.

Appointment of Treasurer

The Board appointed Janet McIntosh to serve as Treasurer of the Cowan Community School Corporation for the 2024 calendar year.

Appointment of Deputy Treasurer

The Board appointed Sheryl Marshall to serve as Deputy Treasurer of the Cowan Community School Corporation for the 2024 calendar year.

Board Meeting Dates & Time

The Board established the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. as being the meeting days and time for the regular meetings of the Board of School Trustees during the 2024 calendar year.

Designation of Newspaper for Advertising

The Board designated the Muncie Star Press as the print media representative in which the school corporation's legal advertising will be published during the 2024 calendar year.

Indiana School Boards Association Legislative Liaison

The Board appointed Kim Campbell to serve as the ISBA Legislative Liaison during the 2024 calendar year.

Reports: Superintendent – Mr. Timothy Brown

1. Mr. Brown and the Board took a few minutes to discuss the compensation package for all board members for 2024. A final draft will be ready for Board approval at the next meeting.
2. Mr. Brown informed the Board that a camera was run down the pipes of the culinary arts room and the south restrooms in preparation for future project work. The pipes are in working order and ready to support our future work. We will continue to work with our architect to finalize all drawings in preparation for a request for quotes in the next few months. With the addition of a new electrical outlet over break, the elementary cafeteria is ready for the installation of the design elements scheduled to begin on January 12th.
3. Mr. Brown let the board know that we received our final budget order for 2024. The total tax rate was what we expected at \$1.0365. Mr. Brown showed and discussed with the Board the 2024 tax rates for all Delaware County Schools.
4. Mr. Brown and the Board reviewed the Neola board policies that were up for first reading at the last board meeting on December 22, 2023. These policies will be up for approval later in the agenda.
5. Mr. Brown let the Board know that the annual Board of Finance meeting will start at 5:40 p.m. before the regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on January 18, 2024.
6. Mr. Brown reminded the Board that ISBA will be having a Statehouse Day on February 6, 2024. Kim Campbell will be representing the Board at the meeting.
7. Professional leave requests approved by the Superintendent as of Tuesday, January 2, 2024, were presented.

Opportunity for Public Comments

(No negative comments toward Corporation employees are permitted during the public meeting. Alleged misconduct by a Corporation employee is to be addressed in an Executive session of the Board following meeting with appropriate members of the Administration.)

None

Business Office Recommendations

Treasurer's Report and Approval of Claim Docket

The claims #23747 to #23797 and the payroll of December 22, 2023 as listed in Appendix #2324 were approved for payment.

Acceptance of Conflict of Interest Statement

The Board accepted the Conflict of Interest Statement as submitted in Appendix #2325.

Resolution for Recurring Transfers

The Board adopted the Resolution for Recurring Transfers from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund as submitted in Appendix #2326.

Donation

The Board accepted the donation received by the corporation as listed in Appendix #2327.

Personnel

Resignation

The Board accepted the resignation of Hannah Owen as the Elementary Math Bowl Coach effective January 2, 2024.

Employment

The Board approved Hannah Owen as an Elementary Teacher effective January 8, 2024.

Policy Update

The Board approved the Special Policy updates as presented in Appendix #2328.

Opportunity for Board Communication:

Mr. Alan Wright thanked Mr. Rick Jones for being a good school board president during the 2023 calendar year!

Mr. Vick Conway wished good luck to Emma Jones as she participates in the girls' wrestling semi-state.

Mr. Rick Jones wished good luck to the boys' wrestling team for the team state meet in Rochester this Saturday!

Adjournment

The January 4, 2024, regular board meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.