

Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees, January 8, 2014; 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Hester opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Mr. Hester, Mr. Dingwerth, Mr. Thurston, Mr. Jay, and Mr. Webster were present.
Mrs. Blessing, Mr. Chidester, and Mrs. Webb were also present.
Others: None

Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the December 18, 2013, Board Meeting.
Motion Mr. Jay. Second Mr. Thurston. Vote 5-0

**Administrative
Reports:**

Superintendent - There was no student recognition this evening because school was closed today due to bad weather. Mrs. Blessing explained to the Board that the state has offered waivers for two days of missed school on account of inclement weather. As soon as the waivers are available, Mrs. Blessing will be submitting a waiver for January 6th and January 7th.

Mrs. Blessing has received the final budget appropriations for 2014 from the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF).

The science classroom renovation project continues to wait on the arrival of the HVAC unit.

The application for the Northeastern Alternative School has been accepted by the state. We expect a site visit sometime in the spring from state officials.

**Unfinished
Business:** None

**New
Business:**

Personnel Mrs. Blessing presented the following recommendations for Board approval:

Marcia Myers – The Board accepted Ms. Myers request to retire at the end of the 2013-2014 school year with appreciation.
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Jay. Vote 5-0

**Allowance of
Transfers** On a motion by Mr. Dingwerth and second by Mr. Jay, the allowance of transfers will be tabled until the next board meeting. Vote 5-0

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Corporation A contract between Northeastern Wayne School Corporation and
Attorney Mr. Walt Chidester was approved by the Board.
Contract Motion Mr. Jay. Second Mr. Webster Vote 5-0

Patron

Comments: None

Board

Comments:

Walt Chidester brought to the Board's attention that, as Corporation Counsel for Northeastern, he had received a report that school board member Keith Webster had taken 2 packages, without any message or note, to the Northeastern Elementary School and left them there for Sam Pritchard, the Elementary School principal, on the last day of school for 2013. Inside one of the packages was a camping axe. Mr. Chidester stated that under Indiana law the axe was considered a weapon (and could be used as a weapon) and was not to be brought onto Northeastern school property. Mr. Chidester further stated he had discussed this matter with Mr. Webster, who stated he had first checked with law enforcement personnel prior to bring the axe onto school property and that the packages were presents for Mr. Pritchard. The blade of the axe was enclosed with a rubber protector and still in the store-bought package. Mr. Chidester stated that with the national and state situation with school violence that all Northeastern parents, as well as school board members, should be careful as to ensure that no items brought onto school property are weapons or could be considered weapons or pose a danger to our students. No action was taken by the Board.

Adjournment

8:44 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Webster and second by Mr. Jay, the Board voted to adjourn.
Vote 5-0

Mr. Hester

Mr. Webster

Mr. Dingwerth

Mr. Jay

Mr. Thurston

