

**Executive Session
Northeastern Wayne School Corporation
Board of School Trustees, January 14, 2015**

Present: Mr. Hester, Mr. Dingwerth, Mr. Webster, Mr. Jay, and Mr. Austerman.
Also present: Mrs. Blessing, Mr. Green, Mrs. Sonsini, Mr. Pritchard, and Mr. Truesdell.

The general substance of the matter discussed in Executive Session was to discuss job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.
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Mr. Hester

Mr. Jay

Mr. Dingwerth

Mr. Austerman

Mr. Webster

**Regular Meeting
Board of School Trustees, January 14, 2015; 7:00 p.m.
Northeastern Wayne School Corporation**

Mr. Hester called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Jay opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Mr. Hester, Mr. Dingwerth, Mr. Webster, Mr. Jay, and Mr. Austerman were present.
Mrs. Blessing, Mr. Chidester, Mr. Green, Mr. Angel, Mr. Pritchard, Mrs. Sonsini, Mr. Truesdell, and Mrs. Webb were also present.

Others: Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Breitenbach, students, parents and patrons.

Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the December 10, 2014, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Austerman.

Vote 5-0

Claims: The Board approved claims #2709 through #2771.
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Jay.

Vote 5-0

**Student
Recognition:**

Mrs. Sonsini recognized Miss Morgan Hunt, as the November Middle School Student of the Month. Mrs. Sonsini shared some of the reasons for Morgan's nomination with the Board. Morgan's family was present as Morgan was congratulated by Mrs. Blessing and each Board member.

Johnny O'Neal was introduced by Mrs. Sonsini as the December Student of the Month. Johnny's family was also present as Mrs. Sonsini told the Board about his favorite teacher and his infectious attitude. Johnny was presented with a certificate by Mrs. Blessing and congratulated by each of the Board members.

**Community
Comments:** None

**Administrative
Reports:**

Superintendent – School was cancelled because of snow and cold temperatures last week according to Mrs. Blessing. Northeastern will use January 19th and February 16th as make-up days. A third snow make-up day is scheduled in March if it is needed. Mrs. Blessing applauded the County Highway Department for their work on Monday morning. Our crews were out on Sunday preparing for the ice predicted on Monday morning.

Over winter break, big, new, colorful lockers were installed at the High School. Today, construction on the new choir room began as well as the installation of a heating and cooling system for that area.

As second semester begins, staffing needs for the next school year are being examined. More information will be shared in February.

Mrs. Blessing also mentioned that we have not yet received our 1782 notice from the Department of Local Government Finance, which means that the budget is not yet finalized.

High School Principal – Mr. Angel informed the Board that the second semester at the High School kicked off with a combination pep and information session with some friendly competition between Classes. The Senior Class won and was rewarded with doughnuts.

The Northeastern Boys Varsity Basketball team won the Wayne County Basketball Tournament. Two NHS wrestlers, Pete McDaniel and Chase Mosley also won Wayne County titles.

Northeastern Damsels are returning to Winterguard competition this weekend in Plainfield, Indiana, for the first time in many years. Good Luck to those ladies this Saturday.

Mr. Angel reported that ECA results are in. The remediation team is exploring new ways to assist those students who need extra support with that testing.

Middle School Principal – The Middle School experienced their first “Club Day”. Mrs. Sonsini and staff prepared several opportunities for students to explore various interests. Students had several options to choose from including service projects, cooking club, and gaming club.

Mrs. Sonsini informed the Board that Acuity Testing has been wrapped up. A mini-grant has been received from Dick’s Sporting Goods of pedometers for students to use as a learning tool. Tomorrow evening, Mrs. Sonsini and her team will meet with parents of current sixth graders. These students will soon have the option to take an iPad home to use.

Mrs. Sonsini shared that she is looking forward to grade level awards this Friday. She also mentioned a new format of daily announcements for the Middle School that is being prepared by Mr. Lawson and a group of students.

Elementary School Principal – Grade level meetings that focus on plans for this semester and upcoming assessments are currently being held. Professional Development time is being spent looking at student data in preparation for student testing. Mr. Pritchard also mentioned that Northeastern Elementary fourth grade has been selected to participate in the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) test this year.

The first game of elementary basketball season is tonight. Winter weather has delayed the beginning of the season.

Assistant Superintendent – Mr. Green informed the Board that the Department of Education Safety team did visit in December. They had good things to say about Northeastern and suggestions for things to change. A new bus for the Northeastern fleet should arrive within the next two weeks. Mr. Green continues to prepare policy changes for the Board’s review.

**Unfinished
Business:** None

**New
Business:**

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| Allowance Of Transfers | The Board approved the allowance of transfers as recommended by Mrs. Blessing. Motion Mr. Austerman. Second Mr. Dingwerth. | Vote 5-0 |
| Tuition Transfer | The Board approved the following students for tuition transfer on a motion by Mr. Dingwerth. Second by Mr. Thurston. Brandon Grubb Grade 9 Garrett Carpenter Grade 7 | Vote 5-0 |
| Fundraisers | The following fundraisers were approved by the Board: Music Department Butterbraid Sale Jr. Class Afterprom Chili supper Cheerleaders Cotton Candy/Snow Cones Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Austerman. | Vote 5-0 |
| | Varsity Basketball T-Shirt Sale Varsity Baseball Discount Cards Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. | Vote 5-0 |
| Resolution 2015-01 | Mrs. Blessing recommended that the Board approve a resolution adding MetLife as a 403(b) provider. Motion Mr. Jay. Second Mr. Webster. | Vote 5-0 |
| Memorandum Of Understanding | The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Northeastern Wayne Classroom Teachers Association and the Northeastern Wayne School Corporation regarding Performance Grant money from the state of Indiana for school performance award funds for the school year 2013-2014. Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. | Vote 5-0 |
| Board/ Superintendent Agreement | The Board approved the Northeastern Wayne Schools Board/Superintendent Communication Expectation agreement. Motion Mr. Jay. Second Mr. Austerman. | Vote 5-0 |

Personnel Mrs. Blessing recommended the following personnel:

Brandi May – The Board approved Brandi May as a part time LatchKey assistant.
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Jay. Vote 5-0

Titus Morris – The Board approved Titus Morris as a volunteer High School track coach.
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0

Employee

Comments: Mrs. Blessing read a letter from Mrs. Ashley Reed-Kimble, elementary social worker, that gave a recap of how many children and families were assisted through Christmas food and gift drive. Mrs. Reed-Kimble expressed appreciation for all the support and kindness from the community, school organizations, and staff at Northeastern Wayne Schools.

Board

Comments: Mr. Dingwerth welcomed Mr. Ben Austerman, a new Board member.

Adjournment

7:50 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Austerman and second by Mr. Jay, the Board voted to adjourn. Vote 5-0

Mr. Hester

Mr. Jay

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