

**Executive Session
Northeastern Wayne School Corporation
Board of School Trustees, September 23, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**

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

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

IC: 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9)

This is to certify that no subject matter was discussed in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

Mr. Hester

Mr. Jay

Mr. Dingwerth

Mr. Austerman

Mr. Webster

**Regular Meeting
Board of School Trustees, September 23, 2015; 7:00 p.m.
Northeastern Wayne School Corporation**

Mr. Hester called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Austerman 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. Pierson, and Mrs. Webb were also present.

Others: Mrs. Cooper, Ms. Wetzel, Mrs. Tudor, Ms. Hendrickson, Mrs. Coddington,
Mrs. McNew, Mr. and Mrs. Day, Mr. and Mrs. Lacey, Mrs. Breitenbach, Ms.
Williams, students, parents, and patrons.

Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the September 9, 2015, Regular Board Meeting.
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Jay. Vote 5-0

Claims: The Board approved claims #4007 through #4076.
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Austerman. Vote 5-0

Student Recognition

Mr. Angel introduced Alex Stiner to the Board as the September High School Student of the Month. This senior is involved in many high school activities including Empower NHS, yearbook club and sports. He was nominated by the Social Studies department. Alex was presented with a certificate by Mrs. Blessing and congratulated by each of the board members.

Community Comments:

Mrs. Berger spoke to the board regarding her concern for education. Mr. Lacey commented on the capital projects plan. Mr. Burgess thanked the elementary school for continuing to display a veteran's welcome home flag.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent – Mrs. Blessing updated the Board on the following:

- Application process begins for a Title II Grant to be used for professional development. Applications are also being submitted for a Rural Schools Grant for technology equipment and a High Ability Grant that will pay for training, supplies, AP testing fees, and academic team fees.
- Super Council will begin at the High School. Includes eight students (two from each grade) who will meet with Mr. Green and Mrs. Blessing giving feedback on the many facets of high school life.
- Mrs. Blessing and Mr. Hester will attend the Fall Indiana School Board Conference in Indianapolis next week.

High School Principal – Mr. Angel informed the Board:

- Homecoming events have begun with a "Safe Rave" drug awareness event sponsored by Empower NHS. It began with a dance and finished with a visit from Pat Tudor of the Wayne County Drug Task Force. Officer Kerry Martin spoke to the group regarding the role of dogs in the fight against drugs. Highlight of the evening was a balloon drop.

- NHS hosting a fall leadership conference in partnership with Purdue/Polytechnic for student leaders at the high school.
- Friday night is the big game; Saturday evening is the homecoming dance.
- Gave each board member information about a standards based grading system from a book entitled “Fixes to Broken Grades”.

Middle School Principal – Mrs. Sonsini informed the Board:

- Math and Language Arts teachers have been meeting to map standards.
- Seventh and eighth grade had a bullying convocation.
- Visited Jay County Middle School to investigate “Read 180” a remediation program.
- Thanked Mr. Truesdell for taking the middle school volleyball team to Purdue to see a collegiate volleyball game.
- Next week is College Go Week. Students and staff are to wear apparel from their favorite college or university.
- Middle School Homecoming is October 9th.
- Academic team coaches will be going to Indianapolis for training.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for October 13th.
- Four teachers will be attending the AMLE Conference in October.

Elementary School Principal – Mr. Pritchard informed the Board:

- Fall Festival sponsored by PTO; first time in 9 years that it rained and had to be held inside.
- Family Eye Care Center donated their time to give vision screenings to all kindergarten students.
- Fifth grade is preparing for their overnight camping trip on October 7-9.
- A service dog visited second grade classrooms.
- Book Fair begins tomorrow; Grandparents’s Days begin next week.
- Mrs. McNew and Mrs. Bell will attend training in Indianapolis for a K-5 program of “Project Lead The Way” called “Launch”. This is all a part of the STEM Initiative.

Assistant Superintendent – Mr. Green shared with the Board:

- Has certified NWS safety plans with the DOE.
- Working on gang and gang related activity policy and plan.
- Will transition into the Middle School as Mrs. Sonsini begins maternity leave.

Athletic Director - Mr. Pierson informed the Board:

- Football and volleyball are going strong.
- The cross country team plays in the TEC tournament next week.
- NHS will host the Tennis TEC tournament on Saturday.
- Girls golf team finished their season with a victory.

**Unfinished
Business:**

Mrs. Blessing informed the Board that a tentative agreement has been reached. Mrs. Blessing recommended that the Board approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Northeastern Wayne Classroom Teachers Association.

The Board approved on a motion by Mr. Webster and a second by Mr. Austerman.

Vote 4 – 1

Mr. Dingwerth voted against.

**New
Business:**

Public Hearing

Mr. Hester asked for comments about the 2016 Budget.
There were no comments.

Mr. Hester asked for comments about the 2016 Capital Projects Plan.
There were no comments.

Mr. Hester asked for comments regarding the 2016-2017 Bus Replacement plan.
There were no comments.

Tuition Transfer
Applications

Mrs. Blessing recommended the following tuition transfer students be approved for the 2015-2016 school year:

Marcus Hollingsworth	Grade 6
Carolyn Hollingsworth	Grade 8
Ricky Hollinsworth, Jr.	Grade 7

Motion Mr. Austerman. Second Mr. Jay.

Vote 5-0

Andrew Stonesifer – The Board voted to hire Andrew Stonesifer as Honor Society sponsor, shared position, for the 2015-2016 school year.
Motion Mr. Jay. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0

Other
Business:

Field Trip The Board approved a field trip to Today’s Harvest near New Paris, Ohio
For Mrs. McDugle’s Lifeskills Class.
Motion Mr. Jay. Second Mr. Austerman. Vote 5-0

**Employee
Comments:**

Mrs. Sonsini announced that Eighth Grade DC Trip students will be selling donuts after the game this week. Mr. Pierson added that Youth Night will be observed at the home game this weekend. Mr. Pritchard announced that a Safety Patrol has been formed with 5th grade students assisting in the mornings as elementary students come to school.

**Board
Comments:**

Mr. Austerman expressed appreciation for the efforts of Mr. Pierson in preparing and organizing the football game at Ball State University last weekend.

Adjournment
7:50 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Austerman and second by Mr. Dingwerth, the Board voted to adjourn. Vote 5-0

Mr. Hester

Mr. Jay

Mr. Dingwerth

Mr. Austerman

Mr. Webster

