

**Regular Meeting**  
**Board of School Trustees, October 28, 2015; 7:00 p.m.**  
**Northeastern Wayne School Corporation**

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

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

Others: Mrs. Tudor, students, parents, and patrons.

**Minutes:** The Board approved the minutes of the October 14, 2015, Regular Board Meeting.  
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0

**Claims:** The Board approved claims #4220 through #4314.  
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Austerman. Vote 5-0

**Community**  
**Comments:** None

**Administrative**  
**Reports:**

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

- Appreciation was expressed for the “Trick or Treat” goodies prepared for middle school and high school staff by administrators and office staff. The elementary faculty and staff are preparing for a “Soup Cook Off” next Friday.
- A Certificate of No Remonstrance on the NWS 2016 Budget was received today from the Wayne County Auditor. Mrs. Blessing sent all required budget forms to the Department of Local Government Finance representative today.
- Announced that the Communities In Schools Annual Dinner is coming up on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Invitations were given to the Board.
- There is only one board meeting per month scheduled for November and December. Dates are November 18<sup>th</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup>.

High School Principal – Mr. Angel informed the Board:

- Parent/Teacher conferences were held before Fall Break. There were 54 individual and 8 family conferences at the high school.

- Mr. Angel invited the Board to a corporation wide Veterans Day Celebration scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a reception for Veterans in cafeteria at 9:00 am. The convocation is scheduled for 10:00 am.

Middle School Assistant Principal – Mr. Wisner informed the Board:

- Four middle school teachers attended the annual Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE) Conference in October.
- Fifty-three families attended middle school parent/teacher conferences.

Elementary School Principal – Mr. Pritchard informed the Board:

- Mr. Pritchard explained more about the upcoming Soup Cook Off. The “Golden Soup Label” trophy is currently held by Mrs. Cofield.
- Over 90% of parents attended parent/teacher conferences at the elementary.
- Appreciation was expressed for how teachers worked out schedules in order to conduct parent/teacher conferences.
- Boys and girls basketball season is underway. A second grade boys team has been added this year. Wrestling club has also begun.
- New lights were installed in the gymnasium over fall break.
- Red Ribbon Week kicked off with a visit from Officers Tudor, Kircher, and Martin with his canine of the Wayne County Drug Task Force. The week is sponsored by student council and Mrs. Parrish.
- Acuity testing is underway for grades 3,4, and 5.
- Mr. Pritchard and Mr. Truesdell recently met with Dr. Vicki DeMao, a consultant for AdvancedEd, preparing for the accreditation process.

Assistant Superintendent – Mr. Green shared with the Board:

- Continues to work on a school safety grant.
- An external audit will soon be conducted of capital assets.
- The next phase of technology plan is preparing for a “switch” health check.

**Unfinished  
Business:**

None

**New  
Business:**

Fundraisers The following fundraisers were approved by the Board on a motion by  
Mr. Austerman and second by Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0

Music Boosters Donuts and drinks sale  
Chili supper at concert

Personnel Mrs. Blessing recommended the following personnel:

Heidi Thurston – The Board voted to accept the resignation of Mrs. Heidi  
Thurston, assistant band director, effective at the end of the 2015-2016  
school year, with considerable deliberation and appreciation.  
Motion Mr. Austerman. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0

Mrs. Blessing recommended that Mr. Tim Fagan, technology analyst and Mr.  
Berger, head bus mechanic, receive the same health insurance benefit for a  
family policy as certified staff beginning January 1, 2016.  
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Austerman. Vote 5-0

Hannah Hess – The Board voted to hire Hannah Hess as ECA Elementary  
Choir director for the 2015-2016 school year.  
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0

Amy Wiley – The Board voted to hire Amy Wiley as PTO Representative  
#1 for the 2015-2016 school year.  
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0

Carrie Ingalls- The Board voted to hire Carrie Ingalls as PTO Representative  
#2 for the 2015-2016 school year.  
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0

Lori Brotz – The Board voted to hire Lori Brotz as Elementary Spell Bowl  
sponsor for the 2015-2016 school year.  
Motion Mr. Austerman. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0

Krista Oler – The Board voted to hire Krista Oler as Elementary Science Fair  
sponsor for the 2015-2016 school year.  
Motion Mr. Austerman. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0

Carrie Mitchell – The Board voted to hire Carrie Mitchell as High School  
Drama Club sponsor for the 2015-2016 school year.  
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0

**Employee**

**Comments:**

Mrs. Tudor expressed appreciation for Northeastern staff members having access to the weight room.

Mr. Chidester recognized the accomplishments of student, Paul Merkamp, who is one of two Indiana students to perform with a concert band as part of the 2015 All-National Honor Ensembles at the national conference of the National Association for Music Education.

**Board**

**Comments:**

None

**Adjournment**

7:30 p.m.

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

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