

Regular Meeting
Board of School Trustees, December 16, 2015; 7:00 p.m.
Northeastern Wayne School Corporation

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

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

Others: Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Hicks, students, parents, and
patrons.

Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the November 18, 2015, Regular Board
Meeting.
Motion Mr. Austerman. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 4-0

Claims: The Board approved claims #4507 through #4641.
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Jay. Vote 4-0

**Student
Recognition:**

Mr. Angel introduced Grant Lawson, senior, as the high school December Student
of the Month. Grant was nominated by the Math Department represented by Mr.
Chad Wilson. Grant was presented with a certificate by Mrs. Blessing and
congratulated by each of the board members.

Mrs. Sonsini introduced seventh grade student, Matt Mills, as the middle school
December Student of the Month. Mrs. Tina Hicks explained to the Board the reasons
for Matt's nomination. Matt was presented with a certificate by Mrs. Blessing and
congratulated by each of the board members.

Mrs. Sonsini also announced that Mrs. Tina Hicks was nominated by middle school
teachers as Teacher of the Month for the first quarter of the 2015-2016 school year.

Community

Comments: Mrs. Berger commented on issues of pre-school, on-line classes, and fifth grade
curriculum. Mr. Berger expressed concern about an open science position.

**Administrative
Reports:**

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

- Mr. Austerman, Mr. Angel, Mrs. Blessing attended a workshop at the Connersville Educational Service Center that explored standards based grading. Mrs. Blessing and Mr. Austerman shared thoughts about the workshop.
- Mr. Angel, Mr. Pritchard, Mrs. Sonsini, and Mrs. Blessing recently visited Garrett Keyser Butler School District. The district does a lot with technology, STEM, Project Lead The Way courses and many innovative ways of teaching.
- Mrs. Blessing and Mr. Green attended the annual superintendents' conference in Indianapolis earlier this week. Mrs. Blessing reported that the new state education standards are extremely rigorous.
- Pre-school committee will meet this week exploring the possibilities of starting a general education pre-school. A survey of Northeastern families has been completed. The committee will review that data and explore two grant possibilities.

High School Principal – Mr. Angel informed the Board:

- The high school is wrapping up first semester with final exams this week.
- Today was a "Spirit Day" with everyone wearing Christmas sweaters.
- Expressed appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Lawson for presenting AR360 to teaching staff.
- High School band recently performed their winter concert. The choir has been caroling at area retirement homes.
- Drama Club did a very nice job with "Murder on Center Stage" under the direction of Mrs. Mitchell.
- Dakota Green was nominated to the All State team for football.
- Kudos to David Berger and Zach Haager for their outstanding achievements at a recent wrestling meet.
- Expressed appreciation to Mr. Kerkhoff and Mrs. Gaddis for their extra time given to chemistry classes the last three weeks of the first semester.

Middle School Principal – Mrs. Sonsini informed the Board:

- Shared photo of staff wearing their "Ugly Sweaters".
- The first "School Is Cool" event was held this week.
- Mrs. Sonsini recently attended the Indiana School Principal's conference in Indianapolis.
- Recognized Stephanie Gropp as the new CIS representative at NMS/NHS.

- On January 12th, 60 middle school math teachers from around the area will meet at Northeastern Middle School for curriculum instruction from the Indiana Department of Education. There is also a day planned with language arts teachers later in January.
- The IDOE will visit the middle school for a three hour safety audit this Friday.
- The middle school choir performed their winter concert last evening
- Mrs. Price and four sixth grade students, Ashtyn Martin, Kennedy Seals, Logan Dalton, and Jason Glass demonstrated their "Spheros". Mrs. Price took special training in order to present this to the entire sixth grade class. The students are learning to code the sphero using a special application named "Lightning Lab".
- Expressed appreciation to Fountain City Order of Eastern Star and the Whitewater Lodge 159 for their generous contributions to the middle school Christmas Fund.

Assistant Superintendent – Mr. Green shared with the Board:

- Mr. Green shared thoughts about Northeastern students, the arts and the many options and possibilities that are open to them.

**Unfinished
Business:**

None

**New
Business:**

Tuition Transfer On a motion by Mr. Austerman and second by Mr. Webster, the Board approved the following applications for tuition transfer:

D'Shaun Harper	Grade 4
Daniel Elmore	Grade 4

Vote 4-0

Fundraisers The following fundraisers were approved on a motion by Mr. Webster and a second by Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 4-0

Music Boosters
Indoor Percussion
Girls Basketball

Art Club

Pizza Dinner before concerts
"GoFundMe" online donations
Selling old gear
Halftime "Shoot A Shot" Contest
6th Player T-Shirt sale
Bake Sale

Donations On a motion by Mr. Webster, second by Mr. Austerman, the Board approved two donations of five hundred dollars each to the Elementary family outreach program and two donations to the Middle School. The Fountain City Order of Eastern Star donated \$150 and Whitewater Lodge 159 donated \$100 to the Middle School Christmas Fund.
Vote 4-0

Personnel Mrs. Blessing made the following recommendations:

Lorie Lindley – The Board voted to accept the resignation of Mrs. Lorie Lindley as teaching assistant effective December 18, 2015. Motion Mr. Austerman. Second Mr. Jay. Vote 4-0

Janet Prows – The Board voted to accept the resignation of Ms. Janet Prows, as Latchkey assistant and teaching assistant. Motion Mr. Austerman. Second Mr. Jay. Vote 4-0

Mark Bevins – The Board voted to accept the resignation of Mr. Bevins as varsity girls golf coach. Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Jay. Vote 4-0

Mark Kerkhoff – The Board voted to accept the resignation of Mr. Kerkhoff as varsity boys and varsity girls track coach. Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Jay. Vote 4-0

Megan Moreland – The Board voted to accept the resignation of Mrs. Moreland as assistant varsity boys and girls track coach. Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Jay. Vote 4-0

Allison Osborn Roach – The Board voted to hire Mrs. Roach as a fourth grade teacher for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Austerman. Vote 4-0

Kevin Shane – The Board voted to hire Mr. Kevin Shane as a high school science teacher replacing Mr. Dick. Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Jay. Vote 4-0

Jennifer Gaddis – The Board voted to hire Mrs. Gaddis as a homebound instructor two hours per week at her hourly rate. Motion Mr. Austerman. Second Mr. Webster Vote 4-0

Traci Austerman – The Board voted to hire Mrs. Austerman as grade 5/6 cheerleading coach for the 2015-2016 regular season. Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Jay. Vote 3-0-1

Mr. Austerman abstained.

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Bill Day – The Board voted to hire Mr. Bill Day as middle school wrestling coach for the 2015-2016 regular season.
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Jay. Vote 4-0

Bryan Wayt – The Board voted to approve Mr. Wayt as a volunteer assistant basketball coach for the 2015-2016 regular season.
Motion Mr. Jay. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 4-0

Samantha Clevenger - The Board voted to approve Ms. Clevenger as a volunteer assistant basketball coach for the 2015-2016 regular season.
Motion Mr. Jay. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 4-0

Kaitlyn Jackson - The Board voted to approve Ms. Jackson as a volunteer assistant damsel coach for the 2015-2016 regular season.

**Employee
Comments:** None

**Board
Comments:** Mr. Austerman made reference to recent publicity regarding I-Step testing in the local newspaper and expressed appreciation to administrators for the many frustrations connected with testing in Indiana.

Mr. Dingwerth thanked administrators and teachers for all of their work and thanked patrons present this evening for their public comments.

Adjournment
7:59 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Austerman and second by Mr. Jay, the Board voted to adjourn. Vote 4-0

Mr. Dingwerth

Mr. Jay

Mr. Webster

Mr. Austerman