

Regular Meeting
Board of School Trustees, January 20, 2016; 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, and Mr. Austerman were present.
Mrs. Blessing, Mr. Chidester, Mr. Green, Mr. Angel, Mrs. Sonsini, Mr. Pritchard, Mr. Truesdell, and Mr. Pierson were also present.

Others: Mrs. Price, Mr. Oler, Ms. Williams, students, parents, and patrons.

Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the December 16, 2015, Regular Board Meeting.
Motion Mr. Austerman. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 3-0

Claims: The Board approved claims #4642 through #4752.
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Austerman. Vote 3-0

Student Recognition:

Mr. Angel introduced Wade Quante as the January High School Student of the Month. Wade was nominated by Mr. Roll's department. Wade was presented with a certificate by Mrs. Blessing and congratulated by each of the board members.

The Middle School Student of the Month, sixth grader Paige Zettel, was introduced by Mrs. Sonsini. Paige was presented with a certificate by Mrs. Blessing and congratulated by each of the board members.

Mrs. Sonsini also introduced the Seventh Grade Girls Basketball team and their coach, Mr. Noland. The team recently won the West Jay County Tournament. The team includes Emma Wright, Lily Meyer, Jaime Andrews, Jenna McFarland, McKenzie Chasteen, Emily Clements, Becka Schneider, Madison Kinder, Kelsey Coddington, and Jessica Burns.

Community

Comments: Mr. Middleton spoke to the Board.

Administrative Reports:

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

- Several maintenance projects were completed during winter break.
- I-Step data has been published in the local newspaper. Scores dipped statewide overall 15-20%. School grades have been issued. The Corporation's over-all grade was a C.
- Northeastern's graduation rate was the highest in Wayne County with a rate of 93.8% in 2015.
- Updated the Board on the status of high school student Austin McNew and the outstanding support shown by NWS students, staff, and the community.

High School Principal – Mr. Angel informed the Board:

- Thanked the Northeastern community for support shown for Austin McNew.
- Mr. Angel was very pleased with 2015 graduation rate and praised all teachers for their efforts.
- A statewide I-Step readiness test was conducted today. Some issues were experienced with the test.
- Winterfest dance will be February 6th.
- Thanked Mr. Pierson for his efforts coordinating the basketball tournament over winter break.
- Announced that four photography students of Miss Zimmerman have been recognized for their achievements in the Scholastic Arts & Writing Contest. Heaven Steagall and Carlye Williams will move on to national competition with their projects. Keith Rose and Claire Garcia received Honorable Mentions.

Middle School Principal – Mrs. Sonsini informed the Board:

- Mrs. Williams shared information about a recent workshop on curriculum that she and Mrs. Price attended at the Educational Service Center in Connersville.
- A \$400 grant from Meijer was used to paint ceiling tiles in the middle school hallway.
- Last Thursday, an induction ceremony was held by the NMS Honor Society.
- A math curriculum workshop, led by DOE representative, will be held at the Middle School on February 2nd. Teachers from area schools have been invited to attend.
- Middleschool Winterfest Dance is scheduled for February 6th.

Elementary School Principal – Mr. Pritchard informed the Board:

- The first class of the Parents Academy for Leadership met last night with Mrs. Parrish and Mrs. Todd.

- Teachers have met with Dr. DeMao as they continue work on their school improvement plan.
- Relay for Life happens next week.
- School Skate will be January 25.
- D.A.R.E. begins soon.
- Mr. Pritchard shared a letter from a parent of a new student, who expressed appreciation for her child's teacher, Mrs. Breitenbach, and the staff who have made their transition to Northeastern a very good experience.

Assistant Superintendent – Mr. Green shared with the Board:

- NWS has received E-Rate approval for Category 2.
- The contract process continues for the school safety officer.

Athletic Director – Mr. Pierson shared with the Board:

- Some of the projects supporting Austin McNew include T-shirt sales, Austin McNew Night on January 29th, Green Night, silent auction, and bake sale.
- A lot of change and improvement has been seen in girls basketball.
- Tomorrow night has been designated "Pink" night during the girls game with Union County.
- Boys basketball team is currently ranked #4 in state. The team won the holiday tourney.
- Sectional drawing for girls basketball begins this Sunday.

Business: None

**New
Business:**

Allowance
Of
Transfers Mrs. Blessing recommended that the Board approve the Allowance of Transfers as presented.
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Austerman. Vote 3-0

Mrs. Blessing made a recommendation that the Board approve a cash balance transfer from the General Fund to the Pension Bond Fund.
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 3-0

Tuition
Transfer Mrs. Blessing recommended that the Board approve Carson Bane, grade 9, as a tuition transfer student.
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Austerman. Vote 3-0

Field Trips

The Board approved the following overnight trips:

4th Grade Trip to Conner Prairie on May 5 and May 6.
Senior Trip to New York City, March 30 through April 3, 2016.

Motion Mr. Austerman. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 3-0

8:07 p.m.

Mr. Webster arrived.

Fundraisers

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

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| Music Department | Butterbraids |
| Jr. Class | Valentine' Day flower sale |
| | Silent Auction |
| Middle School Honor Society | Lollies |
| AfterProm | DuctTape Event |
| | Sell Pizzas |
| | Talent Show with choir |
| | Chili Supper |
| | Chipotle Event |
| | Wings & Rings Event |
| | Buffalo Wild Wings Event |
| | Get Fired pottery |
| Girls Basketball | "Pink Night" Cancer Awareness |
| Athletic Department | Bake Sale for Austin McNew |
| Cheerleaders | Cheer Clinic for Elementary |

Non-Certified Salary Schedule

The Board approved a revised Non-Certified Salary Schedule for 2015-2016 as presented by Mrs. Blessing.

Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Austerman. Vote 4-0

School Resource Officer Agreement

The Board voted to approve the School Resource Officer job description and agreement with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department pending Mr. Chidester's approval.

Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 4-0

Personnel

Mrs. Blessing made the following recommendations:

Candy Metzger – The Board voted to accept Mrs. Metzger's retirement at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion Mr. Austerman. Second Dingwerth. Vote 4-0

Brooke Ullery – The Board voted to accept Brooke Ullery's resignation as fourth grade teacher effective immediately.
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 4-0

Andrew Thurston – The Board voted to accept the resignation of Andrew Thurston, regular full time teaching assistant effective January 15, 2016.
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Austerman. Vote 4-0

Thomas Sams – The Board voted to accept the resignation of Thomas Sams as regular full time teaching assistant effective February 11, 2016, to take the maternity leave of Mrs. Moreland.
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 4-0

Jerry Middleton – The Board voted to accept the resignation of Jerry Middleton as Varsity Girls Volleyball coach effective January 20, 2016.
Motion Mr. Austerman. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 4-0

Julie Irwin – The Board voted to hire Mrs. Julie Irwin as fourth grade teacher replacing Brooke Ullery.
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 4-0

Justin Orrill – The Board voted to hire Justin Orrill as regular full time technology support specialist, a new position, beginning February 1, 2016.
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Austerman. Vote 4-0

Kelsey Rubright – The Board voted to hire Kelsey Rubright as teaching assistant replacing Jill Adams.
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Austerman. Vote 4-0

Heather Hemmelgarn – The Board voted to hire Heather Hemmelgarn as LatchKey assistant for three hours per day and computer teaching assistant for one hour per day beginning immediately replacing Janet Prows.
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Austerman. Vote 4-0

Katlyn Mathews – The Board voted to hire Katlyn Mathews as special education teaching assistant replacing Lori Lindley.
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Austerman. Vote 4-0

Matt Brankle – The Board voted to hire Matt Brankle as regular full time teaching assistant replacing Thomas Sams.
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Austerman. Vote 4-0

Mike Roeder – The board voted to hire Mike Roeder as Varsity Football Coach for the 2016-2017 school year.
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 4-0

Mark Kerkhoff – The Board voted to hire Mark Kerkhoff as Varsity Boys/Girls Cross Country coach for the 2016-2017 regular season.
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 4-0

Marc Irwin – The Board voted to hire Marc Irwin as Varsity Boys Tennis coach for the 2016-2017 regular season.
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 4-0

Tom Locke – The Board voted to hire Tom Locke as Varsity Boys Track Coach and Varsity Girls Track Coach for the 2015-2016 regular season.
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 4-0

**Employee
Comments:**

Mr. Roll expressed appreciation for the amazing generosity of all Northeastern students this year. He explained what a pleasure it is to work with these students. He also informed the Board of the generosity of sponsors who donate supplies for Northeastern's test plots. NWS students do all the work on those plots and much of the money earned from crops has been used to help the NWS community.

**Board
Comments:**

Mr. Dingwerth thanked Mr. Roll for his comments and thanked Mr. Pritchard for sharing the parent letter.

Mr. Hester expressed appreciation for the SBG presentation of teachers and students.

**Adjournment
8:27 p.m.**

On a motion by Mr. Dingwerth and second by Mr. Austerman, the Board voted to adjourn. Vote 4-0

Mr. Hester

Mr. Webster

Mr. Dingwerth

Mr. Austerman