

**Executive Session
Board of School Trustees, March 16, 2016; 6:30 p.m.
Northeastern Elementary Media Center**

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

The general substance of the matter discussed in Executive session was for the purpose of discussion of strategy with respect to the purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties.

I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D)

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

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**Regular Meeting
Board of School Trustees, March 16, 2016; 7:00 p.m.
Northeastern Wayne School Corporation
Northeastern Elementary Gymnasium**

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. Webster, Mr. Jay, and Mr. Austerman were present.
Mrs. Blessing, Mr. Chidester, Mr. Angel, Mrs. Sonsini, Mr. Pritchard, Mr. Truesdell,
Mr. Pierson, and Mrs. Webb were also present.

Others: Mrs. Tudor, Mr. Avery, Mr. Bevins, Mrs. Rinard, Mrs. Wogoman, Mrs. Thurston, students, parents, and patrons.

Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the February 17, 2016, Board Meeting.
Motion Mr. Austerman. Second Mr. Jay. Vote 5-0

Claims: The Board approved claims #4858 through #4964.
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0

**Student
Recognition:**

March Elementary Student of the Month – Mr. Truesdell introduced Addy Faulkenberg. She is in Mrs. Johnting's kindergarten class. Addy was presented with a certificate by Mrs. Blessing and congratulated by each Board member.

March Middle School Student of the Month – Mrs. Sonsini presented Nick Petrose, an eighth grade student, to the Board. Two of his teachers from the eighth grade team, Mr. Avery and Mr. Bevins, were present. Nick was presented with a certificate by Mrs. Blessing and was congratulated by each Board member.

March High School Student of the Month – Mr. Angel introduced Drew Noland to the Board. Drew was nominated by the high school science department. Mrs. Rinard, from the science department was also present. Drew was presented with a certificate by Mrs. Blessing and was congratulated by each Board member.

Mrs. Sonsini recognized the following middle school students and Mrs. Kate Wogoman for their participation in a "Circle The State" event: Alicia Quinn, Ashleigh Roberts, Kyleanne Wood, Paige Hampton and Dalton Davis.

The seventh grade girls basketball team was recognized for winning the Wayne County Tournament. Members of that team are: Jamie Andrews, Jessica Burns, Kenzie Chasteen, Emily Clements, Kelsey Cottongim, Madison Kinder, Jenna McFarland, Lilly Meyer, Becca Schneider, and Emma Wright.

Two eighth grade students were recognized for serving as pages for a day in the Indiana House of Representatives. They were Paige Hampton and Emma Gardner.

Mrs. Carrie Mitchell's class was recognized for their "Canstruction" Project in collaboration with IVY Tech. The team included: Justin Bane, Joshua Berger, Shane Berry, Sebastian Boomershine, Cade Bray, Austin Caldwell, Alexandria Clark, James Freeman, Nicholas Gaddis, Austin Gibson, James Gray, Joseph Gray, Joshua Lyles, Wesley Mull, Brandon Samuels, Noah Smith, Casey Sparks, Jordan Stolle, Garrett Tudor, and Zackary Weems.

Mr. Pritchard introduced two students who received Honorable Mention recognition at the Ball State Science Fair. They were Treydon York and Kaila Arthur. Mr. Pritchard commented that this was the first time in several years, that any of our students had achieved an award at the regional competition.

Mr. Pritchard recognized the fifth grade girls basketball team for winning the Wayne County Tournament. Members of the team are: Kara Berger, Naomi Boyatt, Zoe Cline, Chloe Cook, Taylor Farris, Kamryn McFarland, and Cadence Wright.

Community

Comments: Mr. Warvel addressed the Board.

Administrative Reports:

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

- First round of the testing season is coming to a close. It has been more challenging than ever with more tests being taken and working with a new company.
- Administrators are currently working on scheduling and hiring for the next school year.
- Attended a wonderful concert last evening. Our students have many wonderful accomplishments to be proud of this year.
- The new school resource officer has begun his duties for NWS.

High School Principal – Mr. Angel informed the Board:

- Sophomores are feeling the brunt of testing this year with twelve hours of I-Step testing in addition to testing for graduation requirements.
- Expressed appreciation to Mrs. Blessing, Mrs. Nocton, and the assessment team for their assistance throughout the testing process.
- Freshman orientation was held last month. Those students and their families had the opportunity to attend an "Opportunity Fair". Mr. Angel appreciated the staff's participation in the fair.
- Band performed a wonderful concert at the Performing Arts Center in Richmond this week.
- Damsels were named State Runners-Up in competition last week.
- Cheerleaders competed in TEC competition last weekend.
- Juniors attended a "Reality Store" organized by Mrs. Nocton with local businesses participating.
- State Solo Ensemble gold medal winners are: Instrumental students Emma Merkamp, Paul Merkamp, Andrew Schuler, and vocal student Trey Smith.

- Other events included a Zumbathon, raising money for Austin McNew and a high school talent show, won by Parker Mitchell with a magic act.

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- Staff is digging into educational standards during professional development time.

Middle School Principal – Mrs. Sonsini informed the Board:

- Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Dill, and Mrs. Price organize technology training for staff once a month. This month they gave coding instruction with the Sphero and Macbook training during professional development time.
- Staff is currently reviewing school improvement plan. Results from AdvancEd survey will be shared with the Board.
- 6th grade girls and boys basketball teams placed second in the Wayne County tournament.
- Thanked MainSource Bank for a donation for the 5th Grade Fun Day.
- Middle School had it first ever talent show organized by Mrs. Wogoman.
- Mrs. Price and Mrs. Sonsini attended an AdvancedEd conference.
- Appreciation expressed for Ms. Hendrickson in creating a mentor program for staff.

Elementary School Principal – Mr. Pritchard informed the Board:

- Staff wore their “Crush IRead3” shirts in support of third graders taking their test. Third grade attendance for the test was at 99.5%.
- Reading Recovery parent meetings are underway.
- Other events happening include Book Fair, Dialog with Dad, and Kindergarten Grandparents’ Day.
- Thirty-six students took advantage of the Mobile Dentist who visited on March 10th.
- The Fifth Grade Band and Elementary Choir performs tomorrow evening.
- Coming events include a spelling bee, Cultural Arts Week featuring Central America, Pre-School Story Time will happen on March 24th, and the Bingo for Books event will be held on March 31st.

Athletic Director – Mr. Pierson shared with the Board:

- The eighth grade girls basketball team was two points shy of winning Wayne County tournament.
- Boys basketball team experienced a tough loss in the regional final game.

- Spring sports start soon, with a softball scrimmage next week with Richmond.

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Old

Business: None

New

Business:

Tuition Transfer Mrs. Blessing recommended that the Board approve Hannah Belcher, grade six student.
Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Austerman. Vote 5-0

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

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| Girls Basketball | Thirty-One product sale |
| | Mini-camp for Grades 1-8 in April |
| Damsels | Mini-camp for Grades K-6 in April |
| MS Student Council | Chipotle Night April 14h |
| Athletic Boosters | Arts & Crafts Show May 14 th in main gym |
| FCA | Movie night |

Field Trip On a motion by Mr. Jay and second by Mr. Austerman, the Board approved the following out of state field trip:

Damsels – April 8th trip to Dayton, Ohio to see World Finals.

Textbook Donation The Board approved a donation of old music textbooks from the elementary school to Poetice, International.
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Jay.

Personnel Mrs. Blessing made the following recommendations:

Dylan Gentilcore – The Board voted to hire Dylan Gentilcore as a teaching assistant replacing Amy Werner.
Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Jay. Vote 5-0

Lori Brotz – The Board voted to accept Mrs. Brotz’s resignation as media center teaching assistant.
Motion Mr. Austerman. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0

Lori Brotz – The Board voted to hire Lori Brotz for the maternity leave of Krista Oler, grade 3 teacher.
Motion Mr. Austerman. Second Mr. Webster. Vote 5-0

Peaches Russell – The Board voted to hire Peaches Russell as a teaching assistant replacing Lisa Dargie.

Motion Mr. Jay. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0

April Walker – The Board voted to hire April Walker as a media center teaching assistant replacing Lori Brotz.

Motion Mr. Jay. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0

Eric Green – The Board approved Eric Green as a homebound instructor.

Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Jay. Vote 5-0

Amy Wiley – The Board voted to hire Amy Wiley for grade 3 summer school.

Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Austerman. Vote 5-0

Wes Oler – The Board voted to hire/reassign Wes Oler to the high school physical education position for 2016-2017 school year.

Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0

Thomas Crist – The Board voted to hire Thomas Crist as assistant band director for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion Mr. Webster. Second Mr. Dingwerth. Vote 5-0

The following athletic volunteer coaches were approved by the Board:

Megan Munchel – Track

Carey Martin – Track

Jeff Schuler – Golf

Motion Mr. Dingwerth. Second Mr. Jay. Vote 5-0

Eric Noland – The Board voted to hire Eric Noland as middle school boys track coach and middle school girls track coach for the 2015-2016 regular season.

Motion Mr. Jay. Second Mr. Austerman. Vote 5-0

**Employee
Comments:**

Mrs. Thurston thanked the Board for all of their support of the band program and expressed her excitement for Northeastern in the coming years.

Board

Comments: Mr. Austerman thanked Mrs. Thurston for her many years of service to Northeastern.

Mr. Hester expressed appreciation to Mr. Angel for his organization of the recent interview process for the assistant band director position.

Adjournment

8:40 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

Mr. Dingwerth

Mr. Austerman

Mr. Webster