

The Board of School Trustees of Madison Consolidated Schools conducted a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 2015, at the Administration Building, 2421 Wilson Avenue, Madison, Indiana, at 6:30 p.m.

The following members of the Board of School Trustees were present:

Mrs. Joyce Imel, President  
Mr. Carl Glesing, Vice-President  
Mrs. Linda laCour, Secretary  
Mr. Rob Kring, Member  
Mrs. Lee Ann Imel, Member

The following Central Office Administrators were present:

Dr. Ginger Studebaker-Bolinger, Superintendent  
Mr. Mike Frazier, Director of Systems, Operations, and Auxiliary Services  
Dr. Katie Jenner, Senior Director of Learning and Title Programs  
Mrs. Bonnie Hensler, Director of Finance  
Mrs. Angela Vaughn, Director of Special Education and Student Services  
Mr. Jason Pattison, Corporation Attorney

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. J. Imel asked for a moment of silence in honor of the men and women who served in the armed services.

### **Opening Statement by Board President:**

“All school board meetings are open to the public and all discussions will be held in the open, with the exception of executive sessions. There is time on the meeting agenda for public comments. If you have questions about specific procedures, please check with us prior to the meeting. Involved and informed parents and citizens are our best guarantee of excellence in our public schools.

School board members receive a full agenda several days prior to the board meeting. The agenda may deal with curriculum, budget, hiring of personnel, facilities, school transportation, or long-range planning. The agenda usually includes written support material that helps us with our decision making. If it appears that we take quick action on an item, it may be because we have been studying the topic for several weeks or that we have had our questions answered in advance of the meeting.”

### **TEACHER RECOGNITION**

The Board recognized Lindsey Goodknight, grade 4 teacher at Lydia Middleton was nominated by Lydia Middleton Principal Tracy Ahlbrand for the Indiana Association of School Principals Department of Student Programs 2015 Academic Coach of the Year Award. Mrs. Goodknight was selected from a talented group of nominees to be one of the three elementary level finalists for this year’s award. Mrs. Ahlbrand said “Lindsey joined the staff at Lydia Middleton in the fall of 2014. Immediately she began to assume leadership roles at the school. Although Lindsey had never coached Spell Bowl, she was eager to take on this new role. Spell Bowl practice was a balance of academic rigor and fun. Just prior to the competition, Mrs. Goodknight organized a pep session for the team with a slide show and music. Students and parents were invited to share in the team’s enthusiasm. This first year coach walked away from the competition with a first place at the Area competition and State Runner-Up overall. Like any great coach, she took no credit for the team’s success. Instead, she offered team members the spotlight. Mrs. Goodknight has made being on an academic team a cool place to be.”

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger and a motion by Mr. Glesing, seconded by Mrs. laCour, the Board voted, 5-0, and the motion carried to approve the Consent Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA – NOVEMBER 11, 2015, REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 5, 2015, EXECUTIVE SESSION, AND OCTOBER 14, 2015, REGULAR MEETING AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION HEARING**

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

**APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ITEMS**

Employment(s)

Corporation

Megan Huber – Spanish Teacher/Permanent Sub – effective October 26, 2015  
Amy Birchfield – School Nurse – LPN – effective October 19, 2015  
Jacob McVey – School Resource Officer – effective November 12, 2015  
Jan Brittain – Administrative Clerk – Special Education – effective November 9, 2015

Lydia Middleton Elementary School

Christi Burnett – Primary Spell Bowl Coach – ½ stipend – effective January 1, 2016  
Missy Perry - Primary Spell Bowl Coach – ½ stipend – effective January 1, 2016

Madison Junior High School

Buddy Welsh – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball Coach – effective October 15, 2015  
Kyle Oliver – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball Coach – effective October 15, 2015  
Chris Watson – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Basketball Assistant Coach - volunteer – effective November 12, 2015  
Jeff Dearing – Cafeteria Aide – effective October 27, 2015

Madison Consolidated High School

Megan Mitchell – Special Olympics Coach – ½ stipend – effective October 20, 2015  
Sarah Bowyer - Special Olympics Coach – ½ stipend – effective October 20, 2015  
Patricia Lewis – Custodian – 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift – effective November 2, 2015  
Tiffany Sever – 8<sup>th</sup> grade volunteer/9<sup>th</sup> grade volunteer – Girls Basketball – effective November 12, 2015

Resignation(s)

Corporation

Alison Ray – Bus Driver – effective October 23, 2015  
Carla Cheatham – Spell Bowl Coordinator – effective November 2, 2015

Madison Consolidated High School

Kathleen Huffman – College and Career Readiness Coordinator – effective November 20, 2015

**APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUESTS AND REIMBURSEMENT FORMS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Sub Needed</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Sept. 28, 2015	Ruthie McGarry	Full	Yes	Yes	MCHS	Pivot Inspect
	Mark Stewart	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Ronnie Lawhead	Full	Yes	Yes		
Sept. 30, 2015	Kenton Mahoney	Full	Yes	No	Indianapolis	Academic Team Conf.
October 21, 2015	Kelsey Hill	1/2	Yes	Yes	E.O. Muncie	Observation
October 27, 2015	Brandy Conte	Full	No	No	Indianapolis	Data Collection Conf.
Oct. 28-29, 2015	Angela Vaughn	Full	Yes	No	Valparaiso	Multi-Tiered System of Support
October 30, 2015	Kathy Stoner	Full	Yes	Yes	MCHS	eLearning Day
	Kristi Fulton	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Ann Motenko	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Nicole LeGrand	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Lee Ann Hall	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Susan Thevenow	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Shelly Smith	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Elizabeth Patton	Full	Yes	Yes		
Julie Kiefer	Full	Yes	Yes			
Nov. 4-6, 2015	Linda Brinegar	Full	Yes	No	Columbus, Ohio	AASL Conference
Nov. 5, 2015	Michele Ward	Full	Yes	Yes	Indianapolis	P.E. Conference
Nov. 5, 2015	Danica Houze	Full	No	No	Plainfield	IASBO Seminar
	Amanda Conover	Full	No	No		
Nov. 6, 2015	Tom Mathews	Full	Yes	Yes	Indianapolis	P.E. Conference
	Evan Morgan	Full	Yes	Yes		
Nov. 6, 2015	Tracy Ahlbrand	½	N/A	No	New Albany	New Adm. Mtg.
	Janet McCreary	½	N/A	No		
Nov. 10, 2015	Ann Motenko	Full	N/A	No	Crestwood, KY	The Leader in Me Coaching
	Melissa Demaree	Full	N/A	No		
Nov. 10, 2015	Camille Crim	½	Yes	Yes	Jeff. County Historical Society	STEAM Power
	Anna Laura Berry	½	Yes	Yes		
	Laura Ferguson	½	Yes	Yes		
	Cassidy Hearn	½	Yes	Yes		
	Dawn Turner	½	Yes	Yes		
	Ashley Schutte	½	Yes	No		
	Melissa Mathews	½	Yes	No		
	Jill Mires	½	Yes	No		
	Carmen Smith	½	Yes	Yes		

	Krista Lee	½	Yes	Yes		
	Stephanie Shaw	½	Yes	Yes		
	Paul Brown	½	Yes	Yes		
	Kim A. Mahoney	½	Yes	Yes		
	Amanda Asher	½	Yes	Yes		
	Erin Thomas	½	Yes	Yes		
	Addie Hall	½	Yes	Yes		
	Shannon Palmer	½	Yes	Yes		
	Yvonna Scott	½	Yes	Yes		
	Kathryn Hay	½	Yes	Yes		
	Michael Nehring	½	Yes	No		
	Kande McKay	½	Yes	No		
	Jared Kempton	½	Yes	Yes		
	Bryan DeWitt	½	Yes	Yes		
	Matt Reynolds	½	Yes	Yes		
	Ryan Lamb	½	Yes	Yes		
Nov. 11-12, 2015	Ronnie Lawhead	Full	Yes	Yes	Indianapolis	HECC State Conference
	Shelly Smith	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Melissa Mathews	Full	Yes	No		
	Julie Kiefer	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Ann Motenko	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Heather Vaughn	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Michael Heitz	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Kande McKay	Full	Yes	No		
	Jennifer Watson	Full	Yes	Yes		
Nov. 13, 2015	Angela Vaughn	Full	No	No	Plainfield	ISBA Special Ed Conference
Nov. 13, 2015	Ryan Lamb	½	Yes	Yes	Madison	Royer
Nov. 15-16, 2015	Patric Morrison	Full	Yes	Yes	Purdue U.	PLTW State Conference
	Katie Jenner	Full	Yes	No		
	Kathy Stoner	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Janet McCreary	Full	Yes	No		
	Melissa Mathews	Full	Yes	No		
	Heather Toomey	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Kim Mahoney	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Jennifer Colen	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Kristi Fulton	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Kim Mahoney	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Dan Grill	Full	Yes	No		
	Bryan DeWitt	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Emeka Koren	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Kelsey Shaw	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Stephanie Shaw	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Mike Turner	Full	Yes	Yes		
Nov. 16-18, 2015	Jody Stevenson	Full	Yes	No	Indianapolis	Indiana Library Conference
	Linda Brinegar	Full	Yes	No		

Nov. 17, 2015	Kathy Stoner	Full	Yes	Yes	Adm. Bldg.	Everyday Math Training
	Missy Perry	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Jennifer Colen	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Christi Burnett	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Sarah Lytle	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Lee Ann Cart	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Shelly Smith	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Holly Thacher	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Cindy Robinson	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Gretchen Smith	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Julie Kiefer	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Sarah Lemen	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Carla Cheatham	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Melissa Ommen	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Anna Laura Berry	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Amanda Asher	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Amanda Laufer	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Annlana Ferguson	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Jennifer Amburgey	Full	Yes	Yes		
Susan Smith	Full	Yes	No			
Nov. 18, 2015	Jennifer Hartman	Full	Yes	Yes	Adm. Bldg.	Everyday Math Training
	Kristi Fulton	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Lee Ann Hall	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Lindsey Goodknight	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Susan Thevenow	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Angel Traylor	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Dawn Turner	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Kim Mahoney	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Elizabeth Patton	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Kelli Schmidt	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Debbie Bennett	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Pam Ison	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Cassidy Hearn	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Shannon Palmer	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Gretchen McGlasson	Full	Yes	Yes		
Ann Motenko	Full	Yes	Yes			
Scott Holcroft	Full	Yes	Yes			
Nov. 19, 2015	Lisa Reverman	Full	Yes	Yes	Adm. Bldg.	Everyday Math Training
	Trina Hanson	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Nanci Liles	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Melanie Eder	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Janet Kloepfer	Full	Yes	No		
	Paula Hartman	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Cindy Royalty	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Sharon Sullivan	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Addie Hall	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Cherese Manns	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Lauren Norris	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Becky Wentworth	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Heather Toomey	Full	Yes	Yes		

	Jodi Denton	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Laura Ferguson	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Erin Thomas	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Leslie Clark	Full	Yes	No		
	Camille Crim	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Kim A. Mahoney	Full	Yes	Yes		
Nov. 19, 2015	Michael Turner	Full	Yes	Yes	Columbus, IN	Conexus/Technology
Nov. 19, 2015	Miranda Adams	Full	No	No	Plainfield	IASBO Seminar
	Bonnie Hensler	Full	No	No		
Nov. 20, 2015	Miranda Adams	Full	No	No	Plainfield	IASBO Certification
	Amanda Conover	Full	No	No		
	Danica Houze	Full	No	No		
Nov. 22-24, 2015	Janet McCreary	Full	Yes	No	Indianapolis	Principal Conference
	David Horvath	Full	Yes	No		
Nov. 23, 2015	Aaron Kelsey	Full	Yes	Yes	Butler U.	AP Training
	Rich Bagienski	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Emeka Koren	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Tim Whitaker	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Shannon Barger	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Doug Rusk	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Kristen Harker	Full	Yes	Yes		
Nov. 24, 2015	Carmen Smith	Full	Yes	Yes	Butler U.	AP Training
	Amy Vaughn	Full	Yes	Yes		
	Doug Rusk	Full	Yes	Yes		
Dec. 11, 2015	Ginger Bolinger	Full	No	No	Indianapolis	ISBA School Law Seminar
Dec. 13-15, 2015	Ginger Bolinger	Full	No	No	Indianapolis	IAPSS Annual Meeting
Jan. 28, 2016	Janet McCreary	½	N/A	No	New Albany	New Administrator Meeting
March 10, 2016	Janet McCreary	½	N/A	No	New Albany	New Administrator Meeting
April 8-12, 2016	Ginger Bolinger	Full	No	No	Boston	NSBA Annual Conference

**APPROVAL OF DONATIONS TO MCHS**

1. Visit Madison, Inc. donated \$100.00 to the Art Department.
2. Pilot Club of Madison donated \$300.00 to the Anchor Club.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (ALL COMMENTS MUST ADDRESS LISTED ACTION ITEMS)**

There were no public comments.

**ACTION**

**FIRST READING OF REVISED MCS POLICY 7455 – ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR FIXED ASSETS**

Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger presented revised MCS Policy 7455 – Accounting System for Fixed Assets for the first reading.

**APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATOR PERFORMANCE PAY AND HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS**

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger and a motion by Mr. Glesing, seconded by Mrs. laCour, the Board voted, 4-1, with Mr. Kring opposing, and the motion carried to approve the following administrator performance pay and health insurance benefits at 6%.

The district directors 3% allocation is \$13,005 to be distributed as follows:

Director of Special Education and Student Services	\$88,527.50
Senior Director of Learning	\$90,376.00
Director of Operations	\$90,376.00
Director of Finance	\$90,376.00

The building principals 3% allocation is \$16,175 to be distributed as follows:

Deputy Elementary Principal	\$69,010.00
Lydia Middleton Elementary Principal	\$79,980.00
E.O. Muncie Elementary Principal	\$80,200.00
Madison Junior High Principal	\$88,920.00
MCHS Assistant Principal	\$77,770.00

**ADMINISTRATOR PERFORMANCE PAY AND HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS**

Mrs. laCour recommended the following administrator performance pay and health insurance benefits, seconded by Mr. Glesing, the Board voted, 5-0, and the motion carried.

Rykers' Ridge Principal pay for the 2015-2016 school year, \$78,144.00

**APPROVAL OF ANTHEM VISION RENEWAL**

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger and a motion by Mr. Kring, seconded by Mrs. laCour, the Board voted, 5-0, and the motion carried to approve the Anthem Vision renewal at a 0% increase for a term of one year, effective January 1, 2016.

**APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL GREENHOUSE REPAIRS**

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger and a motion by Mrs. laCour, seconded by Mrs. L. Imel, the Board voted, 5-0, and the motion carried to approve the High School greenhouse repairs in the amount of \$33,280.00.

**APPROVAL OF FURNITURE PURCHASE**

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger and a motion by Mrs. L. Imel, seconded by Mr. Glesing, the Board voted, 4-1, with Mrs. laCour opposing, and the motion carried to approve the furniture purchase in the amount of \$24,160.09.

Mr. Kring thanked Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger for her transparency regarding the furniture purchase.

**APPROVAL OF PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE BOILER CONTRACT**

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger and a motion by Mr. Glesing, seconded by Mrs. laCour, the Board voted, 5-0, and the motion carried to approve the preventive maintenance boiler contract in the amount of \$4,800.00.

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH SUBURBAN PROPANE**

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger and a motion by Mr. Kring, seconded by Mrs. laCour, the Board voted, 5-0, and the motion carried to approve the three year contract with Suburban Propane. The cost is \$1.42 per gallon with a 50 cent per gallon rebate from the State locked in for six months.

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH CCBCC OPERATIONS, LLC.**

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger and a motion by Mr. Kring, seconded by Mrs. L. Imel, the Board voted, 5-0, and the motion carried to approve the contract with CCBCC Operations, LLC, effective 9/1/15 through 8/31/20.

**DISCUSSION INFORMATION**

**PRESCHOOL REPORT – Mrs. Tara McKay and Dr. Jenner**

Madison Consolidated  
Early Development Center  
Updates

Tara McKay, MCEDC Coordinator  
Katie Jenner, Director of Learning and Title Programs

**Program Goals**

- Increase the number of students receiving high-quality early childhood education
- Continue to develop program quality and expansion
- Continue to pursue additional streams of funding through grants, collaborative partnerships, and state initiatives

**Jefferson County Data: Preschool**

**Jefferson County Health Department:**

- Approximately 400 births per year in Jefferson County
  - 428 births this year, as of 11/18/14

**Indiana Department of Education:**

- 413 Kindergarten students in Jefferson County in 2013-2014
- 316 Kindergarten students in Jefferson County in 2014-2015

**IDOE, Governor’s Office, CESI:**

- Value of 3 and 4 year old early childhood development
    - Jefferson County Need: 400 3-year old spots  
+ 400 4-year old spots
- To give opportunities to all children = 800 early childhood spots (minimum numbers)



**Early Development Opportunities in Jefferson County:**

- 432 out of 800 3-4 year old preschool student spots in Jefferson County
  - Best case scenario = only 50% 3-4 year olds have opportunity
  - MCS Kindergarten teachers report

MCS Early Development Center

Madison EDC Locations	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Anderson Bldg. (RR, LM, EOM)	10	32	30 + 8 = 38	46 + 11 = 57				80% = 284
Deputy Elementary			5+ 4 = 9	7 + 1 = 8				80% = 29
<b>TOTAL Students Served</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>65</b>				<b>=313</b> <b>(3-4 yr. Olds)</b>

- Need 350-400 high-quality preschool programming spots
- '13-14: 230 entering MCS Kindergarten; 413 total entering Jefferson County school
- '14-15: 185 entering MCS Kindergarten; 316 total entering Jefferson County school

Guiding Principles

- Paths to QUALITY
- Indiana Early Learning Foundations
- The Foundation - The Creative Curriculum
- Developmentally Appropriate Practice
- National Association for the Education of Young Children

High Quality Programming

- X -Meet PES standards for vouchers
- X -Obtain Level 1 Paths to Quality Rating
- Obtain Level 2 Paths to Quality Rating
- Obtain Level 3 Paths to Quality Rating
- Obtain Level 4 Paths to Quality Rating (Accreditation)

Paths to QUALITY

- CCDF voucher approval & Level 1 Paths to Quality
- Working towards Level 2 with Paths to Quality coach
- Need Level 3 rating for Early Education Matching Grants
- Need Level 4 (accreditation) for full voucher reimbursement for families who financially qualify

Program Initiatives

- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics (STEAM)
- Technology Integration
- Adoption of Everyday Math PreK
- Inclusive Practices

Collaborative Efforts

- Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County
- Paths to Quality Coaching
- Indiana Early Learning Foundations
- Exploring a partnership with Ivy Tech Community College & Early Learning Indiana

Mr. Glesing asked if phased out iPads could be utilized at the Preschool.

Mrs. laCour asked if student performance tracking would be done on students once they leave preschool. Mrs. McKay said tracking would be necessary. She said they are working on the implementation.

Mr. Kring asked why there were so many students on the voucher wait list. Dr. Jenner said there wasn't enough funding. Mr. Glesing said he had a heated discussion with the Governor when he turned down 80 million Federal dollars which was to be used for early education.

Dr. Stuebaker-Bolinger thanked Mrs. McKay and encouraged the Board to visit the preschool.

**BOND ISSUANCE UPDATE – Mrs. Hensler**

Mrs. Hensler said our credit rating is outstanding due to the Board being proactive with the declining enrollment. She said she submitted the financial date.

Mrs. Hensler said our credit rating is an A+ and received a AA+ on the sale of the bonds. Mrs. Hensler said the bids were done by Umbaugh on October 28 in the ranges of 1.24% up to 2.19%. Mrs. Hensler said the 1.24% will save our corporation \$140,000 in interest. She said we did very well on the bond bid and Umbaugh was very pleased. Mrs. Hensler said the closing was scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Stuebaker-Bolinger said RPF's had been sent for an architect. She said she would bring the recommendation to the December board meeting.

**REPORTS**

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Miss Lexi Bennett gave the following report:

- We had a competitive fall season in sports and now we are moving on to the winter seasons with wrestling, swimming, and basketball. Some of our pep section students received free passes for games which was a nice gesture for our athletic department to make. Our sports would love to have the community come out and support these teams.
- Our marching band had a fantastic season; they worked very hard and put on a great show.
- I wanted to thank all of the teachers who helped putting on the basketball game for the education foundation.
- I wanted to personally thank our teachers that work over at Ivy Tech because I know it is a lot of work and a different environment but this first semester has been amazing.
- Once again, the school lunches are getting better and better. Mr. Yancey said that he had more people go up and say positive things about the lunches than he has ever had before. The after school food that is provided is such a great idea and we as students thank you for helping make that possible.
- I wanted to thank and acknowledge my AP government class for taking time out of their November 3<sup>rd</sup> eLearning day to help some candidates with working the polls. It was a great experience to learn more about the government system.

- Today we hosted the Veteran's Day service at the high school, where I saw many of you in the audience. Mr. Glesing, I thank you for your service. Also a thank you to FFA, band, choir, Team Lead, and Mr. Rusk's AP US History class for helping the service run smoothly.
- Coming up on the high school schedule, our theater department is putting on their production of Mary Poppins from November 19-22. It is by far the most technical play we have put on; we have students walking on the ceiling and flying and the show is going to be outstanding. It would be a great show to go and see and support.

### **SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said Mary Poppins will be a wonderful show.

Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said the cafeterias have been serving new items: Chinese dish, steak bites, and will be serving Cornish hen and steak in December.

Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said the Veteran's Day Program was wonderful.

Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said she has met with each principal to discuss their dashboards and review evidence of student achievement.

Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said Board members recently attended the ISBA Fall Region Meeting and the Southeastern Career Center for dinner and a building tour.

Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger informed the Board ISTEP scores had been distributed. She said there have been declines in the test scores. Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said some schools will have a 30% decrease in scores. She said we have great teacher and students who work hard every day. She said they deserve better. Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said there are flaws in the State assessment system. Mr. Kring asked if this wasn't anticipated. Dr. Studebaker-Bolinger said the 4<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders who took a National Assessment had an increase in scores. Mr. Kring asked how this will impact teacher evaluations.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Kring gave the following legislative update:

#### **Referendums**

- a. Allow accurate ballot language. If a school corporation is paying off old debt in order to neutralize the tax impact of a referendum, it is not allowed to state so on a ballot. The school corporation can only state it is raising taxes. (IC 6-1.1-20-3.6).

#### **Talking Point**

- Placing inaccurate referendum language on ballots leaves the voter with a feeling that they were misled during
  - the campaign. The ballot language prescribed by the Department of Local Governmental Finance causes
  - this confusion.
- b. Allow mail-in balloting as a corporation option. This would allow voters to get more information before casting their ballot.

#### **Talking Point**

- Mail in balloting would simply be another option for schools to consider. It gives the option of a single ballot election without the cost of a special election.

Mr. Glesing gave the following legislative update:

Tax Incremental Financing

- a. School board representatives should have voting rights on redevelopment commissions. Schools are the most important driver of economic growth in a community. Board representatives should be an essential part of any redevelopment commission. (IC 3-7-14-6.1)

Talking Point

- Schools are the most important part of any community and along with redevelopment commissions, play a very
- Important part in economic development. Since TIFs (Tax Incremental Financing) can also have a negative financial impact on schools, school representatives on redevelopment commissions should have voting rights.

- b. School Corporations should automatically receive a small percentage of TIF bond money. (IC 36-7-14-39)

Talking Point

- Many redevelopment commissions voluntarily give local school districts a small percentage of an economic development bond issue. Others give local schools nothing. Since TIFs do affect local school tax revenue, a small percentage of a bond issue would neutralize any negative impact.

Mr. Glesing encouraged people to talk to their legislatures.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mrs. L. Imel said she was impressed with the students during the Veteran's Day Program.

Mr. Kring said he was very excited about the Preschool and how well it is doing. Mr. Kring stated concerns about the poverty level and the need for those children in poverty have the opportunity to attend preschool. He said education is the driving force to break the poverty cycle. Mr. Kring said he would like to see sponsors for children in our community.

Mr. Kring wished all a Happy Veteran's Day.

Mrs. laCour thanked Mrs. McKay for the presentation and the job she is doing at the Preschool.

Mrs. laCour said she was amazed with what is happening at the Southeastern Career Center. She said one of the high school students from the Culinary Arts program served dinner. Mrs. laCour said the diesel mechanics and criminal justice programs are excellent.

Mr. Glesing thanked the community for their support at the Education Foundation basketball fundraising event. He said they took in \$4,424.00.

Mr. Glesing commended the Veteran's Day program at the High School. He said the band and choir were outstanding.

Mr. Glesing said there are really good things happening at the Career Center. He said approximately 20 students graduate each year from the diesel mechanics class. Mr. Glesing said the Career Center receives calls from all over the mid-west trying to hire graduates from the diesel mechanics class.

Mr. Glesing asked if our ISTEP scores were worse off than other school districts. He said we need to put it in perspective.

Mr. Glesing said Preschool has always been a priority for him.

Mrs. J. Imel commended the high school students, staff and administration for making the veteran's comfortable at the program.

Mrs. J. Imel encouraged everyone to visit the Career Center. She had no idea how expansive it was.

Mrs. J. Imel thanked Lexi for her report.

Mrs. J. Imel recognized the directors and corporation attorney.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. laCour moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Glesing, the Board voted, 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary  
BY: ps

ATTEST:

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