

BOARD MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Board

September 12, 2011

7:00 P.M.

WELCOME – Board members in attendance: Jane Faggetti, Phil Foster, Bruce Guernsey, Bill Noland, Debbie Smith, Shane Steimel
Absent: Mike Biesecker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE **PRAYER**

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 8, 2011 MEETING

The Chair will entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2011 regular board meeting.

Board motion: So Moved

Motion: Shane Steimel Second: Phil Foster (discussion) Vote: 6-0 with Bruce Guernsey
and Bill Noland abstaining

REPORTS

- PL 221 – Tricia Reed
- AYP – Tricia Reed

2012 BUDGET, 2012-2014 CAPITAL PROJECTS AND 2012-23 BUS REPLACEMENT HEARINGS:

- The Business Manager will entertain a motion to *open* the **2012 Budget Hearing**.
Board motion: So Moved
Motion: Jane Faggetti Second: Shane Steimel (discussion) Vote: 6-0
- The Business Manager will entertain comments and questions regarding the 2012 Budget.
- The Business Manager will entertain a motion to *close* the 2012 Budget Hearing
Motion: Debbie Smith Second: Bill Noland (discussion) Vote: 6-0
- The Business Manager will entertain a motion to *open* the **2012-2014 Capital Projects Plan Hearing**.
Board motion: So Moved
Motion: Bill Noland Second: Debbie Smith (discussion) Vote: 6-0
- The Business Manager will entertain comments and questions regarding the 2012-2014 Capital Projects Plan.
- The Business Manager will entertain a motion to *close* the 2012-2014 Capital Projects Plan Hearing
Motion: Debbie Smith Second: Jane Faggetti (discussion) Vote: 6-0
- The Business Manager will entertain a motion to *open* the **2012-2023 Bus Replacement Plan Hearing**.
Board motion: So Moved
Motion: Phil Foster Second: Bill Noland (discussion) Vote: 6-0
- The Business Manager will entertain comments and questions regarding the 2012-2023 Bus Replacement Plan.
- The Business Manager will entertain a motion to *close* the 2012-2023 Bus Replacement Plan.
Motion: Bruce Guernsey Second: Bill Noland (discussion) Vote: 6-0

PHYSICAL THERAPY

I recommend Soliant Health Services as the Physical Therapy provider for the 2011-2012 school year. This is a one-year temporary position while Emily Anderson is on Family Medical Leave.

Board motion: So Moved

Motion: Debbie Smith Second: Shane Steimel (discussion) Vote: 6-0

HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION

I recommend the Board approve the corporation's Health Insurance contributions be changed to \$3,925 for a single coverage and \$7,390 for a family coverage.

Board motion: So Moved

Motion: Bruce Guernsey Second: Debbie Smith (discussion) Vote: 6-0

CHESS CLUB

I recommend the Board approve the Chess Club with John Dale as the sponsor.

Board motion: So Moved

Motion: Bruce Guernsey Second: Bill Noland (discussion) Vote: 6-0

PERSONNEL

All employment recommendations are pending completed satisfactory criminal background history reports.

FMLA:

Autumn Andress, Western Boone, from appx. January 17, 2011 through the end of the 2011-12 school year.

Kylene Gott, Granville Wells, from appx. October 29, 2011 and lasting 12 weeks.

Mindy Hedge, Granville Wells, from appx. September 8, 2011 until appx. November 14, 2011.

Brooke Walden, Western Boone, from appx. December 5, 2011 until appx. February 27, 2012.

Vivian Childress, Western Boone Custodian, from appx August 29, 2011 and lasting appx 12 weeks.

Resignation:

Janet Cooney – Granville Wells, Instructional Assistant in Life Skills, effective September 2, 2011

Employment:

Granville Wells Elementary:

Julia Fields – Instructional Assistant in Life Skills replacing Janet Cooney effective Sept. 6, 2011

Valerie Farkus – Special Needs Teacher to fill in during The FMLA leave of Mindy Hedge

Instructional Assistants for 2011-2012 school year:

Julie Lester – Half Day (AM) OR Remediation

Melanie Gall – Life Skills/MOMH

Gina Cavender – Life Skills/MOMH

Stacey Utterback – PreSchool General Education

Jackie Eadie – PreSchool General Education

Gina Fennell – Developmental PreSchool

Tammy Cook – Life Skills/MOMH

Stefanie Ross – Remediation

Beverly Booms – Special Education/LD

Chris Blesic – Special Education/LD

Angie Dickerson – Special Education/MIMH

Adam Logue – Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach

Board motion: So Moved

Motion: Shane Steimel Second: Debbie Smith (discussion) Vote: 6-0

CLAIMS

The Business Manager will be available to answer questions regarding claim items.
The chair will entertain a motion to accept claims as presented.

Board motion: So Moved

Motion: Shane Steimel Second: Bill Noland (discussion) Vote: 6-0

COMPARISON REPORT

INFORMATION:

- Effects of Voucher Program & Scholarship on Basic Grant
- Non-Resident Transfer Student Numbers (43) 24 from Lebanon
- Athletics – Thanked Jeff Irwin for all that he does for Western Boone Athletics

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ADJOURNMENT

Board motion: So Moved

Motion: Bruce Guernsey Second: Shane Steimel (discussion) Vote: 6-0

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Western Boone PL221 Status

	2005	2006	2007	2008**	2010	2011
Granville Wells	Exemplary	Academic Progress	Academic Progress	Exemplary	Exemplary	A (Exemplary Progress)
Thorntown	Commendable	Commendable	Exemplary	Watch	Exemplary	B (Commendable Progress)
Western Boone Jr./Sr. High	Academic Progress	Academic Watch	Academic Watch	Academic Watch	Academic Progress	C (Academic Progress) *

* Note: WB 2011 PL221 Status based on performance and improvement = A (Exemplary). Final PL221 Status capped at C (Academic Progress) until AYP is met for 2 or more consecutive years.

** Note - AYP was not determined in 2009 due to the switch from fall to spring testing.

PL 221 Frequently Asked Questions

What is PL 221?

Public Law 221 (P.L. 221) is Indiana's state-level accountability system for K-12 education. Since the 2005-2006 school year, P.L. 221 has placed Indiana schools into one of five categories based upon student performance and improvement data taken from ISTEP+ assessments (Grades 3 – 8) and End of Course Assessments in Algebra I and English 10. In addition, PL 221 ratings also take into account annual attendance rates for elementary and middle schools and graduation rates for high schools. The five categories include:

- Exemplary Progress
- Commendable Progress
- Academic Progress
- Academic Watch (priority)
- Academic Probation (high priority)

Are AYP and PL 221 the same thing?

No. AYP is a federal rating system, measuring whether or not schools make Annual Yearly Progress under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). PL 221 is a statewide rating system used only in Indiana.

How are PL 221 categories determined?

Category placements are based on three factors:

1. Performance – Percentage of all students who pass the English/language arts and math portions of the ISTEP+ (averaged across subjects and grade levels).
2. Improvement – Improvement in the passing percentage of students passing English/language arts and math portions of the ISTEP+ from one year to the next, averaged over a three-year period.
3. Adequate Yearly Progress status – Schools that do not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) for two consecutive years can place no higher than the “Academic Progress” category. Such schools remain “capped” at Academic Progress until they make AYP for two consecutive years.

What do the new letter grades assigned to schools mean?

Beginning with the 2010-2011 academic year, category placements changed to reflect letter grades (A-F). Letter grades correlate with the five categories formerly used to measure school performance as follows:

- A Exemplary Progress
- B Commendable Progress
- C Academic Progress
- D Academic Watch (priority)
- F Academic Probation (high priority)

In addition to the criteria previously used to measure school performance, beginning in 2011, the new letter grade format takes into account schools' AYP status in determining its PL 221 category. Schools that do not make AYP for two or more consecutive years in the same subject area or “other” category (participation and/or attendance/graduation rate) can place no higher than the “C (Academic Progress)” category.

Western Boone AYP

	AYP 02	AYP 03	AYP 04	AYP 05	AYP 06	AYP 07	AYP 08	AYP 09	AYP 10	AYP 11
Corporation	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes
WB Jr/Sr High	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	N/A	No	Yes
		F/R-Eng/Math	Sp.Ed-Eng.	Sp.Ed-Eng/Math	Sp.Ed-Eng/Math	F/R-Eng			Sp.Ed-Eng	
		Sp.Ed-Eng/Math								
Granville Wells	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	No
				Sp.Ed-Eng.						Sp.Ed -Eng. Math
Thorntown	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	No
			Sp.Ed-Eng.							F/R-Eng. Math

Note - AYP was not determined for 2009 due to the switch from fall to spring testing that year.

Board Approval Needed

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ATTACHMENT

Rob Ramey

Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2011 9:51 AM

To: Judi Hendrix; Lee Fletcher

We have received a \$250 donation from Boone County Farm Bureau for the Student of the Month program.

Please place on board agenda for approval.

Thank you!

Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship

BP - 6165

Western Boone Community Schools adopts the following early graduation policy for students wishing to graduate in six semesters or less:

Minimum requirements:

- Student must apply for early graduation by Feb. 1 of the sophomore year to be ranked with the senior class in the following year for purposes of scholarships and class rank.
- Conference must be held with student, parent/guardian, counselor, and administrator by March 1 of sophomore year.
- All students requesting this option must pass/have passed the Algebra 1 and English 10 ECA by the end of the sophomore year.

Other considerations:

- Online coursework may be necessary to complete all required coursework. Credits can be earned through any accredited online source with permission of the school counselor (cost for online courses to be paid by the student).
- Any student who has completed the application/conference process by the specified deadlines will be ranked with the senior class upon completion of the semester in which application is made.
- Students graduating early are eligible to participate in all senior class activities while still enrolled at Western Boone with the class of their newly intended graduation year.
- For the purposes of a member of the Class of 2013 requesting to become a member of the Class of 2012, any courses with weighted grades will be unweighted to align with the grading policy in place for that class of students.

IC 21-12-10-3

Eligibility

Sec. 3. An individual is eligible for a Mitch Daniels early graduation scholarship if the individual:

- (1) is a resident of Indiana, as defined by the commission;
- (2) attended a publicly supported school on a full-time equivalency basis (as defined in IC 20-43-1-14) for at least the last two (2) semesters before the individual graduated from high school;
- (3) had legal settlement (as defined in IC 20-18-2-11) in Indiana for at least the last two (2) semesters before the individual graduated from high school;
- (4) met at least the minimum requirements set by the Indiana state board of education for granting a high school diploma by the end of grade 11 (including any summer school courses completed before July 1 of a year) and was awarded after December 31, 2010, a high school diploma by the publicly supported school that the individual last attended for course credits earned before the end of grade 11;
- (5) was not enrolled in a publicly supported school for any part of grade 12;
- (6) applies to the commission for a Mitch Daniels early graduation scholarship in the manner specified by the commission; and
- (7) within five (5) months after graduating from high school, becomes a student in good standing at an approved postsecondary educational institution whose students are eligible to receive a higher education award (IC 21-12-3-11) or a freedom of choice grant (IC 21-12-4-4) and is engaged in a program that will lead to an approved postsecondary degree or credential.

Date Adopted: 9-12-2011



September 7, 2011

To: Dr. Judi Hendrix
Western Boone School Board

Re: Property Casualty Insurance

The Western Boone School Corporation's Property Casualty/Auto/Workers Compensation Insurance is up for renewal on September 16th, 2011. In the past, we have obtained quotes for this coverage on a three year cycle. This being the end of the third year, quotes were received from three agents.

Byron Porter of Porter Insurance provided a quote from Indiana Insurance which is our current agent and insurance provider. Michael Burtron of Jackson McCormick Insurance provided a quote from Hanover Insurance. Anthony Gaha of Hometown Insurance provided a quote from WRM America and Trident Insurance for the Property Casualty/Auto Insurance and then the Workers Compensation Insurance would be thru Michigan Commercial Insurance Mutual. Each agent was provided the same specifications based on our recent property appraisal which was done by American Appraisal.

Our total expense for the 2010-2011 Property Casualty/Auto/Workers Compensation Insurance was \$151,912 with a \$10,000 deductible. Last year we opted to raise our deductible from \$5,000 to \$10,000 in order to assist lowering our total premium costs. After speaking with Mr. Barnes, we feel that it would be in the best interest of our corporation to return to the \$5,000 deductible if at all possible.

Indiana Insurance would only provide a quote based on a \$10,000 deductible with a total annual premium cost of \$185,882. This is much higher than the other three insurance carriers' quotes. Byron Porter has serviced and cared for Western Boone School Corporation for several years and we appreciate everything he has done for us.

Hanover Insurance, WRM-America, and Trident have provided quotes based on a \$5,000 and \$10,000 deductible. Currently, I am trying to separate the three quotes and check into these companies since we have never worked with them before. On Monday, I will bring to you my findings and a recommendation for our 2011-2012 Property Casualty/Auto/Workers Compensation Insurance Coverage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vivian Norman', is written over a horizontal line.

Vivian Norman
Business Manager



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To: Dr. Hendrix and Western Boone School Board Trustees
From: Mrs. Tricia Reed, Director of Curriculum
Re: Recommendation for 2010 2011 Physical Therapy Services

Date: August 12, 2011

I recommend Soliant Health Services as the Physical Therapy provider for the 2011-2012 school year. This is a one-year temporary position while Emily Anderson is on Family Medical Leave Act. Soliant has served the Western Boone School Corporation for three years in a similar capacity, providing Occupational Therapy services for students identified as having exceptional needs of this nature.

**Proposed Insurance Contribution
September 2011**

Certified Staff and Retirees

Single Plan Option # 5 Premium \$5,652	% of contribution	Added cost
Current Contribution = \$3,425	60%	
New Contribution = \$3,925	69%	\$18,000 (36)
Recommended Contribution 70-80%		
Family Plan Option # 5 Premium \$12,996		
Current Contribution = \$6,890	53%	
New Contribution = \$7,390	56%	\$33,000 (66)
Recommended Contribution 50-60%		

Non-Certified Staff

Single Plan Option # 5 Premium \$5,652		
Current Contribution = \$3,200	56%	
New Contribution = \$3,700	65%	\$8,000 (16)
Add'l \$200 contribution = \$3,900	69%	\$3,200 (16)
Recommended Contribution 70-80%		
Family Plan Option #5 Premium \$5,652		
Current Contribution = \$6,300	48%	
New Contribution = \$6,800	52%	\$3,500 (7)
Recommended Contribution 50-60%		
<u>TOTAL COST TO CORPORATION:</u>		<u>\$65,700</u>

FW: Chess club

Rob Ramey

Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 7:20 AM

To: Judi Hendrix

Do we need to get this board approved? He is not wanting any pay.

From: John Dale

Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2011 2:18 PM

To: Rob Ramey

Subject: Chess club

Mr. Ramey and Western Boone School Board:

A number of students have shown interest in restarting the chess club. Playing chess is good for their thinking skills and teaches them for every action, there is a reaction. Chess is a game that keeps their brain active and is something they can enjoy for the rest of their lives. I would like to sponsor this club. This will be offered to high school students. We will play games during club time and possibly after school some days. Students will bring in their own chess boards and pieces. We will keep this running depending on the interest level.

Thank you,

John Dale, Social Studies Teacher

GENERAL FUND COMPARISON REPORT:

As of the end of August, 2011 the General Fund cash balance is \$2,316,467.

In the General Fund as of August 31, 2011 we have an expended a total of \$6,228,628 or 54% of the 2011 General Fund Appropriated Budget of \$11,555,700.

September is one of our larger expenditure months. We will be processing three payrolls in September. Also, you will be approving a larger claim docket in September which will include purchases for textbooks, supplies, etc. which was ordered for the schools during the summer in preparation of the 2011-2012 school year.

W. Boone has winning recipe

By Kyle Neddenriep

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Four weeks into the high school football season, there are eight undefeated teams in the Indianapolis area.

Some were expected (Warren Central, Carmel), while others have been more of a surprise. Mt. Vernon could fall in the latter category, as could Western Boone.

"The recipe is working," second-year Western Boone coach **Jed Richman** said. "We still have a long way to go, but the kids have bought into what we're doing here."

A word of warning: The Stars started 5-0 two years ago, but lost their final five games. But Richman believes his team grew up significantly in last year's 7-5 season, which included a 17-14 win over Brebeuf Jesuit in the first round of the sectional.

Western Boone is led by a pair of juniors — quarterback **C.J. McMann** on offense and linebacker **L.V. Bowden** on defense.

"I think the biggest thing right now is that the kids believe in themselves," Richman said. "The way we ended last year (a 41-14 loss to Bishop Chatard in the sectional championship) served as motivation. But the win over Brebeuf showed these kids that they could do it."

The Stars play at 0-4 Frankfort this week, then go through a tough finishing kick against Sagamore Conference rivals North Montgomery, Tri-West, Southmont and Lebanon.

"I'd hesitate to say our schedule is back loaded because we play some good teams early, but our toughest competition is ahead of us," said Richman, a former assistant at Carmel. "I think we'll be ready to compete."

On the injury front

Hamilton, Southmont



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Warren Central running back **Shaquille Breeding** scores against Ben Davis in the second half of Friday's 27-21 victory over the host Giants. The Class 5A No. 1 Warriors are 4-0.

uncertain after he sat out Friday's 34-27 victory at Zionsville with a high ankle sprain.

"We hope to have him back," said coach **Scott May**, whose Class 5A sixth-ranked Royals (3-1) play at Lafayette Jeff (2-2) Friday night. "He checks back with the doctor on Tuesday. If he plays at all, I think it would be a limited thing. High ankle sprains take some time and we want to make sure he's healthy when he comes back."

May would like Crockham to play a little more at linebacker when he's healthy.

Junior running back **Ryan Ripp**, part of the Royals' strong 1-2 combo, had to take on a heavier load with Crockham out. Ripp rushed for 129 yards on 18 carries, including two touchdowns, at Zionsville.

"He has a fullback's mentality but has a tail-

New Pal airs it out

New Palestine coach **Tim Able** has built a reputation in nearly 20 years as a head coach as someone who puts a premium on running the ball first. It has generally served him well, most notably when he led East Noble to the Class 4A title in 2000.

But this year's Dragons continued their air assault in a key 31-20 victory over Delta at Lucas Oil Stadium on Saturday. Quarterback **Conner Simmons** completed 17-of-23 passes for three touchdowns, including eight receptions for 126 yards by wideout **Brandon Collins**.

New Palestine figured to throw the ball more this season with three experienced receivers, but even Able admits he's a little surprised they've relied on the pass so much.

"Every team has attacked us in a different way," said Able, whose team is 4-0 going into a

adjusted. Teams usually are going to play their base defense, but they've throw some different wrinkles at us and we've handled it."

Kudos for Allen

Ben Davis junior safety **Antonio Allen** made tackles all over the field, a conservative estimate of 20, in Friday's 27-21 loss to Class 5A No. 1 Warren Central. "It was a bunch, wasn't it?" Ben Davis coach **Mike Kirschner** said.

Allen has a scholarship offer from Iowa, but Kirschner said in-state schools should be making more of an effort. "I told IU, 'If you don't get on him soon, I can't help you,'" Kirschner said. "I told the coaches that. Everybody in the nation is calling me except them. Them and Purdue. I haven't figured that one out yet."

★ Star reporters **Mark Ambrogli** and **Michael Pointer** contributed to this story.