

BOARD MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Board

January 9, 2012

7:10 P.M.

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

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2011 MEETING

The Chair will entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2011 regular board meeting.

Board motion: So Moved

Motion: Bruce Guernsey Second: Shane Steimel (discussion) Vote: 7-0

REPORTS

- 4-Star School – Tricia Reed

THORNTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

I recommend the board approve H. Joe Vaughn to serve as the Western Boone's representative on the Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees for the remaining term of Bob Klinefelter which is until September 1st, 2012.

Board motion: So Moved

Motion: Debbie Smith Second: Mike Biesecker (discussion) Vote: 7-0

NON-RESIDENT TRANSFER STUDENT

I recommend the Board approve the request for non-resident transfer of Alasdair Curts – PK student to Granville Wells Elementary beginning January 5, 2012. Parents will be responsible for transportation, textbook rental, and for paying monthly tuition fees in a timely manner.

Board motion: So Moved

Motion: Debbie Smith Second: Bruce Guernsey (discussion) Vote: 7-0

SCHOOL BUS CONTRACT ROUTES 6 and 11:

I recommend the Board approve the school corporation to take over contracted routes #6 and #11 beginning in the Fall of 2012 as presented:

Board motion: So Moved

Motion: Shane Steimel Second: Bill Noland (discussion) Vote: 7-0

SCHOOL BOARD POLICY:

I recommend the Board approve the updates to Board Policy-6292 VOCATIONAL as presented:

Board motion: So Moved

Motion: Bruce Guernsey Second: Shane Steimel (discussion) Vote: 7-0

JUNIOR HIGH BOOK CLUB:

I recommend the Board approve the proposed Junior High Book Club as presented.

Board motion: So Moved

Motion: Debbie Smith Second: Bill Noland (discussion) Vote: 7-0

END OF THE YEAR APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

I recommend the Board approve the 2011 end of the year appropriation transfers as presented. (Copy attached)

Board motion: So Moved

Motion: Debbie Smith Second: Bruce Guernsey (discussion) Vote: 7-0

PERSONNEL

Retirement:

Don Haberlin, Western Boone Teacher– effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year.
Darline Gunder, Granville Wells Reading Teacher – effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year

Resignations:

Helen Million, Corp Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing– effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year.
Huetta Acton, Western Boone Jr/Sr High part time Cook – effective December 18, 2011.
Alicia Threlkeld, Thorntown Instructional Assistant – effective December 16, 2011.

Leave Request:

Vivian Childress – Western Boone Jr/Sr High, part time custodian. Extension of medical leave for an additional 3 months or longer.

Employment – All positions are pending clear background checks.

Bonnie Frye – Western Boone, part-time Cook, beginning 11/19/2011.
Pary Huckleberry – Thorntown Instructional Assistant – replacing Alicia Threlkeld

Board motion: So Moved

Motion: Bill Noland Second: Mike Biesecker (discussion) Vote: 7-0

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: Bruce Guernsey Second: Bill Noland (discussion) Vote: 7-0

INFORMATION:

Animal Board Policy which was tabled in December is still being worked on. We have asked for the state's assistance in writing a policy which would allow a possible animal convocation.

DOCUMENT SIGNING

ADJOURNMENT

Board motion: So Moved

Motion: Bruce Guernsey Second: Phil Foster (discussion) Vote: 7-0

Western Boone Jr./Sr. High Four-Star School Award



Each year, IDOE ranks the passing rates of all Indiana accredited schools to determine which schools will be awarded the title of **FOUR STAR SCHOOL**.

To earn the distinction of **FOUR STAR SCHOOL**, schools must meet the following criteria:

- Must have met AYP (met or exceeded target passing rates in all subjects and subgroups)
- PERCENT OF STUDENTS PASSING in both English* and math* fall within the top 25th percentile for all grade levels tested
- Achieve the top 25th percentile in COMBINED PERCENT PASSING for English* and math* in each grade level tested

*Scores are taken from ISTEP+ at the 7th and 8th grade levels and from English 10 and Biology I End of Course Assessments (ECA's) for students in 10th grade.

Based on the scores listed below, Western Boone has made the short list of accredited schools to earn the distinction of being named a **FOUR STAR SCHOOL** for the academic year 2010-2011.

	Percent Passing Both Cut Score (% of students who passed both English and Math)	WeBo % Passing Both	Combined % Passing Cut Score (% passing English + % passing Math)	WeBo Combined % Passing
7th	77.6	83.9	168.8	181.8
8th	76.6	81.8	167.6	176.1
10th	77.57	81.1	171.1	178.0



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January 9, 2012

Ms. Judi Hendrix
Superintendent of Schools
Western Boone Community Schools
1205 N. SR 75
Thorntown, IN 46071

Dear Ms. Hendrix:

Bob Klinefelter has recently moved to Florida and will be unable to continue as one of your board's representatives on the Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees.

Will the school board please consider appointing H. Joe Vaughn, Thorntown, in his place to fill out this term until Sept. 1, 2012? Joe is a library reader, and he and his wife Brenda are active in the community. He attended our December meeting and it did not cradicate his interest in the position. An engineer by profession, he continues as a consultant and is outstanding at asking difficult questions.

I would appreciate your reviewing this appointment a future meeting. In the event that the board sees fit to appoint H. Joe Vaughn, I have enclosed a Certificate of Appointment.

Thank you for your attention to this concern.

Sincerely,

Karen K. Niemeyer
Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Judi Hendrix, Superintendent
School Board Members

FROM: Terry Barnett, Director of Transportation

DATE: January 3, 2012

SUBJECT: Contract routes #6 and #11

At this time Western Boone has two contracted bus routes and twenty-two corporation routes. The two contracted routes expire at the end of this school year; these are route #6 owned by Lindsay Harrison and route #11 owned by Andy Mitchell.

The current fleet of corporation buses plus the addition of two new buses in 2012 has the corporation in good shape to take over these two additional routes beginning in the fall of 2012. I would like to again mention my appreciation to John Green for the work he has done in getting our bus fleet in excellent shape. This weighs very heavily in my recommendation. We are nearing a time when additional help for Mr. Green will be needed; I am hoping to have a person that will also be able to serve as a substitute driver for maximum efficiency. My plan will be to bring further information to the board this summer of 2012.

As I have made calculations over time there is not a huge difference in the cost of the corporation operating a bus versus contracting a route at the current rates of contractor pay, thus the budget is not a major consideration in my decision on these last two routes. The bigger decision comes in the day to day operation and maintenance of the buses being under our control.

On the back you will see a history of our corporation and contractor route numbers over the last few years as well as operating cost numbers. This change from contractor owned routes to corporation owned routes began in 2007 when a neighboring school system saw a large increase in contractor pay. This information along with rising fuel costs saw our contractors increasing their bids and the resulting decision for the corporation to take over the routes.

My recommendation is for the corporation to take over contracted routes #6 and #11 beginning in the fall of 2012.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,



Terry V. Barnett
Director of Transportation

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Corporation Employees	\$350,661	\$356,918	\$396,760	\$446,735	\$535,141	\$607,798	\$655,577	\$674,005
Contractors	\$393,931	\$422,162	\$424,867	\$382,195	\$308,533	\$189,573	\$137,718	\$121,695
Maintenance	\$45,618	\$47,404	\$42,301	\$45,024	\$134,225	\$144,955	\$94,430	\$80,837
Fuel	\$43,858	\$62,835	\$75,954	\$83,652	\$167,641	\$151,107	\$162,999	\$180,108
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,365	\$38,641	\$22,162	\$103
Insurance	\$28,370	\$17,485	\$24,689	\$42,198	\$36,756	\$48,172	\$25,513	\$50,000
	\$864,442	\$908,809	\$966,577	\$1,001,811	\$1,188,669	\$1,182,255	\$1,100,409	\$1,108,759
Contractors from SBR	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$121,695

3.62% average annual increase

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Corp. Drivers	8	8	8	9	12	16	20	20	22
Contract Drivers	15	15	15	14	11	7	4	4	2
Total Drivers	23	23	23	23	23	23	24	24	24

VOCATIONAL POLICY

BP - 6292

Attending any vocational program is considered a privilege granted by the school board when the student is unable to receive the instruction within our facility. All students wishing to attend vocational programs shall meet and maintain the following guidelines:

1. The student makes written application to the program through the appropriate counselor by the specified due date. The application must designate the requested program and be signed by the parent or guardian. The parent or guardian must be familiar with all policies and procedures of the vocational school the student plans to attend.
2. The student must have adequate space in his/her schedule to accommodate the 3 hour block without eliminating required courses. If the student has required courses to make up, the vocational course may be eliminated.
3. The student must maintain all passing grades each grading period in all subjects, including the vocational course. Failure to maintain passing grades results in a review by school officials to determine the student's continuance in the vocational program.
4. Expulsion from Western Boone will lead to immediate removal from the vocational program. The family will be responsible for reimbursement of tuition to Western Boone Community School.
5. Discipline occurring at the vocational site shall be enforced at the home school as well.
6. The attendance policy from Western Boone is in effect at all vocational sites.
7. Student will conduct himself/herself in an appropriate manner at all times at the vocational school and/or activities associated with his/her class.
8. Recognizing that vocational programs outside the school district may observe a different school calendar, the student will attend the vocational program on days when Western Boone High School is not in session or complete alternate assignments as required by the program.
9. Students will not be allowed to drop or change programs anytime during the year, including semester break.
10. Students will attend their scheduled vocation class for the entire school year. IF THE STUDENT FAILS TO COMPLETE THE 180 DAY PROGRAM, THE FAMILY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF TUITION TO WESTERN BOONE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.
11. The student is responsible for his/her own transportation to and from the program site.

Date Adopted: 08/22/94
Date Revised: 12/13/2010
Date Revised: 01/09/2012

**Proposal for Junior High Book Club
12/15/2011**

Sponsor: Tricia Skibbe, Library Media Specialist

Members: The Junior High Book Club will be open to junior high students participating in the Books of the Week program, Young Hoosier Book Award program, and other junior high students interested in reading these books.

Description: Club members will read and discuss books from these two recommended lists, as well as take part in related activities. The club will encourage reading for enjoyment, provide a platform for discussion, and contribute to the school goal of improved reading comprehension.

Location and Meeting Time: The Junior High Book Club will meet in the Media Center on the 3rd Wednesday of each month during 3rd period club time.