

FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
1200 SOUTH CLINTON STREET
FORT WAYNE, IN 46802

6:03 p.m.

May 18, 2020

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Prior to beginning the May 18, 2020 Board meeting a public hearing was held for the purpose of hearing public comment on the terms and condition of a proposed Superintendent contract for employment. Pursuant to Indiana Law the terms of the contract were posted on the FWCS website and in the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette newspaper. Because the meeting was held virtually, comments questions were posted on the Fort Wayne Community Schools Facebook Live page. The following members were in attendance:

Roll Call	Members present:	Julie Hollingsworth, Chairperson Stephen Corona Anne Duff Maria Norman Glenna Jehl Tom Smith
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The public hearing was opened at 6:03 p.m. There were approximately five public comments made regarding the length of the contract, length of former contracts, cost to break the contract, and the qualifications required of the new superintendent. The public hearing was unanimously closed at 6:20 p.m. Ayes: Steve Corona, Glenna Jehl, Tom Smith, Maria Norman, Julie Hollingsworth, and Anne Duff; nays, none

The Board of School Trustees of the Fort Wayne Community Schools opened the regular session at 6:20 p.m. directly following the Public Hearing. President Julie Hollingsworth called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda	Dr. Robinson presented the following consent agenda items with recommendations for approval: Minutes from the regular Board meeting May 11, 2020; Vouchers for the period ending April 27 and May 15, 2020; and the Personnel Report.
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Minutes	The Minutes from the regular Board meeting held May 11, 2020 were distributed to Board members for review with a recommendation for approval.
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Vouchers and Payroll	RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the vouchers for the periods ending April 27, 2020 and May 15, 2020. (There was no payroll.)
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RELATED INFORMATION: The April 27, 2020 voucher listing totals \$3,765,774.72. The vouchers for the period ending May 15, 2020 and totaling \$9,359,878.03 have been paid and delivered based on the Board's prior authorization. The Board is now requested to ratify those vouchers.

Details remain on file in the Business Office until audited by the State Board of Accounts. Following the audit, these records are stored as required by record retention regulations.

FUNDS

0101 Education	3110 Driver Education	5550 Adult Basic Education
0300 Operations	3710 Non-English Speaking	6260 Perkins Grant
0800 Food Service	3905 Warehouse	6460 Medicaid Reimbursement
0900 Textbook Rental	3910 Gifted & Talented	6730 Gear Up
1400 Career Center	4120 Delinquent	6840 Title II
2100 Donations Fund	4170 Title I	6880 Title III
2110 Access Channel	5110 Steward B. Homeless Asst	6880 Refugee Children Impact Grant
2200 Alternative Ed Grant	5200 Special Education Fund	7970 Magnet
	5430 Pre-School Special Education	7980 PEER

STATUS

C Position Changed	N New Position/Allocation	T Temporary Position
L Leave	R Replacement	

ADMINISTRATOR(S) RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
McIntosh, Benjamin J.	Lane/Building Coach	Professional Learning/ Coordinator; SS I, Group 2, Step 6.0	R	0101	07-01-20
Herzog, Perry J.	Snider/Administrative Intern, SS II, Group 2, Step 5.0	Snider/Chemistry	R	0101	08-06-20
Maack, Scott A.	South Side/Administrative Intern, SS II, Group 2, Step 9.0	Memorial Park/Instrumental Music	R	0101	08-06-20
Repp, Jennifer F.	Towles/Administrative Intern, SS II, Group 2, Step 7.0	South Side/Math	R	0101	08-06-20
Shipe, Sara E.	Harris/Building Coach	Technology/Coordinator, SS III, Group 4, Step 7.0	R	0101	06-01-20

TEACHER(S) RECOMMENDED FOR
RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION/TERMINATION/DECEASED

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Haines, Emma M.	<u>Adams/Kindergarten</u>	Resign	<u>0101</u>	05-29-20
Harter, Geneva L.	<u>Forest Park/Grade 5</u>	Resign	<u>0101</u>	05-29-20

Hinz, Kim A.	Curriculum/District Coach	Retire	0101	12-18-20
Magdy, Jeri L.	Lincoln/Grade 2	Retire	0101	05-29-20
Sherrill, Krista R.	Brentwood/Kindergarten	Resign	0101	05-29-20
Wehrenberg, Lynn A.	Special Education/Speech Language Pathologist	Retire	5200	05-29-20

TEACHER(S) RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Gerhardstein, Erika R.	Harrison Hill/Kindergarten	Northcrest/Grade 1	R	0101	08-06-20
McCoart, Taylor P.	North Side/English	Northwood/English	R	0101	08-06-20
Smekens, Dean W.	Memorial Park/Music	Northwood/Instrumental Music	R	0101	08-06-20

SUBSTITUTE(S) RECOMMENDED FOR CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE POSITION(S)

Bills, Jakob L.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Shepard, Kasey L.	Transportation South/Sick Leave	Transportation South/Bus Driver + Supplemental Bus Driver + Extracurricular	R	0300	04-21-20

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT (S)

Shade, Evan A.

Consent Agenda A motion was made by Steve Corona, seconded by Tom Smith, that the following consent agenda items be approved: Minutes from the regular Board meeting May 11, 2020; Vouchers for the period ending April 27 and May 15, 2020; and the Personnel Report. Roll Call - Ayes: Steve Corona, Glenna Jehl, Tom Smith, Maria Norman, Julie Hollingsworth, and Anne Duff; Nays, none.

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Bonds Dr. Robinson presented the following recommendation concerning the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Bonds:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve a resolution that authorizes the future refunding of certain bonds if net present debt service savings is at least 3% of the principal amount of the refunded bonds.

RELATED INFORMATION: The Fort Wayne Community Schools Building Corporation issued bonds in 2013 and 2014 related to the 2012 referendum. Outstanding payments of these bonds are eligible for refunding (refinancing). The resolution allows for all or a portion of the outstanding bonds to be refunded.

The Fort Wayne Community Schools Building Corporation took appropriate action prior to this meeting that allows for refunding bonds upon Board approval.

A signed copy of this resolution can be found on file in the Superintendent's Office.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE
FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BUILDING CORPORATION UNLIMITED AD
VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FIRST MORTGAGE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020,
APPROVING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO AND
APPROVING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

WHEREAS, the Fort Wayne Community Schools Building Corporation, as lessor (the "Building Corporation"), was established on March 21, 2003, as an Indiana nonprofit corporation operating pursuant to the provisions of the Indiana Nonprofit Act of 1991, as amended (Indiana Code 23-17)(the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Building Corporation previously issued its Unlimited Ad Valorem Property Tax First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2013 (the "2013 Bonds"), in the original aggregate principal amount of Fifty-Four Million Nine Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$54,955,000), pursuant to a Trust Indenture, dated as of June 1, 2013 (the "Original Indenture"), by and between the Building Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee"), the proceeds of which were used to pay for the cost of acquiring the existing Portage Middle School, the existing Towles Intermediate School, the respective related outdoor facilities and the real estate on which all such improvements are located and renovating and equipping such buildings as part of the 2012 FWCS School Building Basic Renewal/Restoration and Safety Project (collectively, the "2013 Building Corporation Project"), which are operated by the Fort Wayne Community Schools, Allen County, Indiana (the "School Corporation"), and to pay the costs of issuing the 2013 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Building Corporation previously issued its Unlimited Ad Valorem Property Tax First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2014 (the "2014 Bonds"), in the original aggregate principal amount of Thirty-Five Million Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,025,000), pursuant to the Original Indenture, as supplemented and amended by a First Supplemental Trust Indenture, dated as of May 15, 2014 (the "First Supplemental Indenture"), by and between the Building Corporation and the Trustee, the proceeds of which were used to reimburse the School Corporation for that portion of the 2013 Building Corporation Project paid by the School Corporation and to pay for the cost of acquiring the existing Adams Elementary School, the existing Shambaugh Elementary School, the respective related outdoor facilities and the real estate on which all such improvements are located and renovating and equipping such buildings as part of the 2012 FWCS School Building Basic Renewal/Restoration and Safety Project (collectively, the "2014 Building Corporation Project"), which are operated by the School Corporation and to pay the costs of issuing the 2014 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the issuance of the 2013 Bonds, the Building Corporation and the School Corporation, as lessee, previously entered into a Master Lease, dated as of April 29, 2013 (the "Original Master Lease"), as amended by an Addendum to Master Lease, dated as of June 1, 2013 (the "First Addendum to Master Lease"), of the existing Portage Middle School, the existing Towles Intermediate School, the respective related outdoor facilities and the real estate on which all such improvements are located; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the issuance of the 2014 Bonds, the Building Corporation and the School Corporation, as lessee, previously entered into the Original Master

Lease, as amended by the First Addendum to Master Lease and a Second Addendum to Master Lease, dated as of May 15, 2014 (the "Second Addendum to Master Lease"), of the existing Adams Elementary School, the existing Shambaugh Elementary School, the respective related outdoor facilities and the real estate on which all such improvements are located; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 5-1-5, as amended, authorizes the refunding of obligations prior to the time such obligations are subject to redemption, in order to affect a savings; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Indiana Code 5-1-5, as amended, the Board of School Trustees of the School Corporation (the "Board") desires (a) to provide for the issuance of bonds of the Building Corporation in one or more series, some or all of which may be issued bearing taxable or tax-exempt interest rates, and in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed Eighty-Five Million One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$85,115,000)(collectively, the "2020 Refunding Bonds") to advance refund all or any portion of the 2013 Bonds which are outstanding as of the date hereof in the aggregate principal amount of Forty-Four Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$44,250,000) and mature or are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on January 15, 2021, through and including January 15, 2033 (the "Refunded 2013 Bonds"), and all or a portion of the 2014 Bonds which are outstanding as of the date hereof in the aggregate principal amount of Thirty Million Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$30,475,000) and mature or are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on January 15, 2021, through and including January 15, 2034 (the "Refunded 2014 Bonds"), to effect a savings to the Building Corporation and the School Corporation, and (b) to the extent permitted by law, to take all of the necessary steps to enter into an amendment to the Original Master Lease, as amended through the date hereof (the "Second Amendment to Master Lease") with the Building Corporation, pursuant to which the Building Corporation and the School Corporation will finance the refunding of the Refunded 2013 Bonds and the Refunded 2014 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 5-1-5-15, as amended, provides that, in connection with the issuance of refunding bonds, an issuing body and the lessee of any building, financed with the proceeds or obligations being refunded may enter into an amendment modifying or amending the provisions of such lease in one or more of the following respects: (i) to provide for a reduction in the amount of lease rental payable by the lessee; (ii) to provide for extensions or reductions of the time set forth in the lease before the option of the lessee to purchase may be exercised to such times as may be agreed upon by the issuing body and the lessee; or (iii) to provide that the lease rental payable by the lessee or lessees after redemption of the bonds being refunded may be payable to the trustee under a trust indenture securing such refunding bonds; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Indiana Code § 5-1-5-15, as amended, the Board now desires (i) to enter into the Second Amendment to Master Lease with the Building Corporation for the purpose of modifying or amending the provisions of the Original Master Lease, as amended through the date hereof (the "Master Lease"), in one or more of the following respects:

- (a) to provide for a reduction in the amount of lease rental payable by the School Corporation;
- (b) to provide for extensions or reductions of the time set forth in the Master Lease before the option of the School Corporation to purchase may be exercised to such times as may be agreed upon by the Building Corporation and the School Corporation, or (c) to provide that the lease rental payable by the lessee or lessees after redemption of the bonds being refunded may be payable to the trustee under a trust indenture securing such refunding bonds, and (ii) authorize certain actions in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary for the Board to authorize and approve (i) the distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement for each series of the 2020 Refunding Bonds (the "Preliminary Official Statement") substantially in the form and substance approved by the President of the Board (the "President"), as advised by the Superintendent of the School Corporation (the "Superintendent") or the Chief Financial Officer of the School Corporation (the Chief Financial Officer"), (ii) the issuance, execution and delivery of each series of the 2020 Refunding Bonds pursuant to the terms deemed necessary or advisable by the President and the Superintendent or the Chief Financial Officer, (iii) the execution and delivery by the School Corporation of the Second Amendment to Master Lease substantially in the form and substance presented to the members of the Board at this meeting, with such charges to the Second Amendment to Master Lease as the President and Secretary of the Board (the "Secretary") deem necessary and advisable, (iv) the negotiated sale of the 2020 Refunding Bonds to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, as the underwriter (the "Underwriter"), and (v) the taking of certain other actions by any of the officers of the School Corporation, the Superintendent or the Chief Financial Officer in connection therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF THE FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, as follows:

Section 1. The Board shall cause the Building Corporation to issue the 2020 Refunding Bonds in one or more series, which may be issued as either tax-exempt obligations or taxable obligations to the holders thereof for federal income tax purposes, as determined by the Superintendent or the Chief Financial Officer at the time of sale of the 2020 Refunding Bonds, and which will provide sufficient funds for the payment of (i) the principal amount of the Refunded 2013 Bonds and the Refunded 2014 Bonds (collectively, the "Refunded Bonds"), (ii) the interest payable on the Refunded Bonds, due from the interest payment date immediately preceding the issuance of the 2020 Refunding Bonds through and including the redemption date of the Refunded Bonds, (iii) redemption premiums, if any, which will be payable on the Refunded Bonds, and (iv) the costs of the refunding, so long as the original aggregate principal amount of the 2020 Refunding Bonds will not exceed Eighty-Five Million One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$85,115,000), the final maturity of the 2020 Refunding Bonds is no later than the final maturity of the Refunded Bonds, the issuance of the 2020 Refunding Bonds is approved by the Superintendent or the Chief Financial Officer, the interest rates on the 2020 Refunding Bonds shall not exceed six percent (6.00%), which rates and the net present value debt service savings from the refunding of the Refunded Bonds is at least three percent (3.00%).

Section 2. The Second Amendment to Master Lease, substantially in the form and substance submitted at this meeting, be, and hereby is, ratified and approved. The President or any other officer of the Board be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Second Amendment to Master Lease, with such changes to the form and substance thereof as such officer deems necessary or advisable, in the name and on behalf of the School Corporation, and the Secretary or any other officer of the Board be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to attest such execution and delivery and any such execution and/or attestation heretofore effected be, and hereby are, ratified and approved.

Section 3. The members of the Board, the Superintendent, the Chief Financial Officer and any officers or employees of the School Corporation as any of the foregoing may direct are hereby authorized to work with the financing team, including Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, as the underwriter, Barnes & Thornburg LLP, as bond counsel and general counsel for the 2020 Refunding Bonds, and such other people or entities as any of the foregoing may determine is necessary or desirable to develop the necessary documentation to implement the advance or current refunding of the Refunded Bonds. The Superintendent or Chief Financial Officer is authorized to execute agreements and/or engagement letters with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, as the underwriter of the 2020 Refunding Bonds, and with Barnes & Thornburg LLP, as the bond counsel and general counsel of the 2020 Refunding Bonds, with such terms and conditions as the Superintendent or the Chief Financial Officer deem necessary or appropriate so long as all of the fees and expenses of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated

and Barnes & Thornburg LLP related to the issuance of the 2020 Refunding Bonds are paid from proceeds of the 2020 Refunding Bonds or money held by the Building Corporation.

Section 4. The members of the Board, the Superintendent, the Chief Financial Officer and any officers or employees of the School Corporation as any of the foregoing may direct are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the School Corporation, to execute, attest and seal all such documents, instruments, certificates, closing papers and other papers and do all such acts and things as may be necessary to carry out the intent of these resolutions, including, but not limited to, one or more Preliminary Official Statements and Final Official Statements, each substantially in the form and substance acceptable to the Superintendent or the Chief Financial Officer, one or more Bond Purchase Agreements, by and among the Building Corporation, the School Corporation and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, as underwriter, and one or more Continuing Disclosure Contracts, prepared by bond counsel, executed by the School Corporation.

ADOPTED this 18th day of May, 2020.

A motion was made by Steve Corona, seconded by Maria Norman, that the recommendation concerning Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Bonds be approved. Roll Call - Ayes: Steve Corona, Glenna Jehl, Tom Smith, Maria Norman, Julie Hollingsworth, and Anne Duff; Nays, none.

Textbook Adoption and Rental Fees

Dr. Robinson presented the following recommendation concerning the Textbook Adoption and Rental Fees:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board adopt proposed materials for 2020-2026 for use in grades K-12 Fine Arts (Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts), K-12 Social Studies, 9-12 FACS and 6-12 Business. It is also recommended that the Board approve the rental rates for the 2020-2026 school year.

RELATED INFORMATION: A Textbook Adoption Committee was facilitated by the Curriculum Department. Teams of FWCS teachers reviewed the instructional materials using a six-step process. Teacher teams utilized multiple Gateway Selection Tools to gather data concerning real world application, standards and usability. This data was used to support the recommendation of textbooks and related materials for the adoption.

Families unable to pay student fees may apply for financial assistance. The State of Indiana reimburses Fort Wayne Community Schools' Textbook Rental Fund for a portion of the textbook rental charges for qualified students; and the remainder is supplemented from the Education Fund.

The FWCS textbook adoption process addresses district Goal I, Achieve and Maintain Academic Excellence.

Questions were answered by Jennifer Mable, Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Joanne Philhower, Scott Snyder, and Amelia Pflieger, Curriculum Coordinators and Carrie Stidam, Textbook Rental Coordinator.

A motion was made by, Tom Smith, seconded by Steve Corona, that the recommendation concerning Textbook Adoption and Rental Fees be approved. Roll Call - Ayes: Steve Corona, Glenna Jehl, Tom Smith, Maria Norman, Julie Hollingsworth, and Anne Duff; Nays, none.

Comments

Superintendent Robinson shared that the last two high schools are giving out their graduation items this week. It has been going very well and administrators and students are having a good time. Locker and desk clean is in progress. Thanks to all involved, it has been a smooth process.

(Glenna Jehl had to leave the meeting.)

Board President Julie Hollingsworth talked about the upcoming special board meeting on May 26 at which time the board will vote on the proposed new superintendent contract. If approved, the new Superintendent will be announced and introduced to the community. Because of the pandemic and social distancing we will not be able to make it a public meeting. We are planning to have the meeting indoors and move outdoors afterwards for a press conference.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be a Special Board meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2020.

Signatures

Documents to be signed by members of the Board were the Minutes from the regular Board meeting May 11, 2020; vouchers for the periods April 27 and May 15, 2020; and the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Bond.

Adjournment and Dismissal

There being no further business and no speakers, upon a motion by Steve Corona, seconded by Tom Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. Roll Call - Ayes: Steve Corona, Tom Smith, Maria Norman, Julie Hollingsworth, and Anne Duff; Nays, none.

President
Julie Hollingsworth

Vice President
Maria Norman

Secretary
Anne Duff

Member
Steve Corona

Member
Glenna Jehl

Member
Thomas Smith