

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PIKE TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting

December 10, 2009

The Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of Pike Township met in regular session on Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administrative Services Center. Present at the meeting were: Mr. Brown, Mr. Grau, Mrs. Ritchie, Ms. Eilers, Mr. Metzler, Mrs. Poore, Mr. Hence, members; and Mr. Jones, Superintendent.

Mr. Joe Lampert, Director of Human Resources, introduced a group of outstanding teachers and administrators in Pike Township. Mrs. Sarah Spearman was selected as Exemplary High School Counselor by The Indiana School Counselors Association. Ms. Tamara Buchanan was honored by the Indiana Library Federation as this year's Outstanding New Media Specialist winner. In addition, Fishback Creek and New Augusta South were two, out of three, schools in the state chosen by The Indiana Library Federation to receive this year's Blue Ribbon Program Award.

Mr. Smith, Director of Student and Community Services, presented the Superintendent's Above and Beyond Award and Community Partners Award. Mr. Perkins, District Athletic Director, and a team of community partners: Mr. Chad Bouslog, Mr. Dan Spehler, Mr. Jonathan Grismore, a pike employee, Mr. Bill Walters, Mr. John Hoffman, and Mr. Greg Kathary, were recipients of the Community Partners Award however, Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Kathary were not in attendance. This team of people was able to complete the vision of bringing live broadcast of our athletic events to anywhere in the world. The honoree of the Above and Beyond Award was Mr. John Dorsey. He was recognized for his 20 years of employment as a teacher, dedication and leadership, mentor to his fellow teachers, leader of the math department, and volunteer. Mr. Dorsey has served on many committees and most recently contributed to the District Math Committee.

Mrs. Linda Searles, Chief Financial Officer, closed the Board meeting and, opened the 1028 Preliminary Determination Hearing for the proposed Guion Creek Elementary School. Mrs. Searles opened the hearing by stating the Indiana code 20-26-7-37; a public hearing must be held if the Board proposes to construct, repair, or alter a school building at a cost of more than one million dollars that would be financed by a lease agreement or, issuance of bonds, or any other available method. The purpose of the hearing is so that the Board can ask questions, hear any public comment, address any questions and give any interested parties an opportunity to present testimony. The Blue Ribbon Committee and their report is the blue print that we follow for our construction projects for the Pike Township School District. The committee was formed in 2005 and comprised of parents, community and staff members. They presented a comprehensive report including a categorical facility needs matrix identifying all district projects. An executive review panel has been put in place to continue the efforts of the Blue Ribbon Committee. Many projects have been completed and are ongoing, including the exciting new construction of the new Eastbrook Elementary, the renovation of Deer Run Elementary, the many projects at Pike High School and the exterior, electrical, roofing and HVAC renovations of the Administration Building. They continue to move forward with the blue prints and facilities needs matrix. They have added to the matrix, future maintenance and repairs and general improvement projects. Three of the most important projects include the continuation of the district roof repairs and replacement plan, district HVAC scheduled maintenance plan, and district temperature goal and renovation replacement plan. These are things that will help maintain our investment in our buildings. There are smaller improvement projects that are still listed on the Matrix along with future major renovations and new construction projects. A high need project on the list is Guion Creek Elementary School along with College Park and Eagle Creek. Mr. Jeff Qualkinbush of Barnes and Thornburg, Bond Counsel, went over the steps that will be taking place within the next few months. Because our assessed value has increased dramatically over the last several years they are proposing a general obligation bond for financing now that the pension and retirement bonds have been paid down. This payment plan has a lot more cost affective advantages over a lease financing bond including making more aggressive payments on principal which will save millions on interest. If the Board adopts the resolution, a posting will go out to the two local papers for thirty days. At the conclusion of the thirty days, Barnes and Thornburg will attend the February Board meeting in which the Board will adopt the final bond resolution as well as appropriate the bond procedure. Once the Board receives construction bids and awards the project to an architect, Barnes and Thornburg will go out and sell the bonds and the interest rate will be reported back to the board and the process will be closed 15-20 days later. Mr. Jim Umbaugh, a CSR associate's team member, announced that Guion Creek Elementary has been designed after a prototype that's been built 5 times in the Washington school corporation. Our school project will be modified. The building will be 108,000 square feet. It will have five classrooms per grade level K-5 and three classrooms for child care for children of Pike employees and others as space allows. There will be a library, two technology labs, art room, music room, and gymnasium. Ample space will be available for special education programming and also a cafetorium with a multipurpose instructional room with a stage. There will be ample space for teachers, administrators, and work staff. The facility will be designed around

sustainable principles using the guidelines of the US green building counsel for new school construction including a geothermal design for the HVAC system. The savings of using a prototype and modifying it are significant including saving \$305,000. in design fees. Construction costs are also significant because the design has been built several times before and has been perfected. Additional members of the team were introduced including Mr. John Ricksbee, project manager, Dr. Rosemary Rehack, who is an educational specialist and focuses on building programming, Mr. Raun Love, project architect, and Mr. Randy Stehr who will be overseeing the mechanical engineering.

Mrs. Searles commented that the prototype design is a familiar process for the district and that we are in a favorable financial situation which allows us to pay our back debt aggressively. She then introduced Ms. Belvia Hiadari of Umbaugh and Associates and a Pike graduate, who presented three graphs. A summary of the project costs prepared by CSO, the existing and proposed debt service payments, in terms of annual payments and total tax rate, and the overlapping indebtedness of the school corporation and taxing units that have boundaries for the school corporation. This was prepared in accordance with state statute. The general application Bond is well within the debt limit of the school corporation which is currently \$27,000,000. The Bond issue will be assumed at 21,475,000. The aggressive repayment plan will be over four years with a 3 ½ percent interest rate. To compute the tax impact they have used the 2009 certified assessed value of over 4.8 billion dollars with no growth assumed there after to be conservative in our tax rate estimates. The first graph, provided by CSO Stehr, shows construction costs of 16,383,000. The demolition of the existing elementary school, construction contingencies and general conditions total 1.5 million dollars. Architectural engineering services and extended services, with other fees and permits, total 1.5 million dollars. Loose equipment and technology combined total 1.9 million. Net financing costs for this project would be approximately 200,000. dollars. The next graph showed annual debt service payments for existing and proposed bonds. The existing bond payments will end in the year 2015 with the school corporation being debt free at that time. The proposed debt service payments would begin in 2011 and the repayment would be through 2014. The total annual payment in terms of tax rate for the 2011 payments will be made out of the debt service working balance making a tax increase a requirement and paid out of the debt service working fund. This financing option provides the school corporation the flexibility to pursue future projects. Questions from the audience and board members were answered. Mr. Brown closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular board meeting.

Minutes of the regular meeting held on November 12, 2009 having been circulated among members of the Board of Education, Ms. Eilers moved:

They be approved as written.

Mr. Metzler seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

After questions relative to claims and allowances were answered,

Ms. Eilers moved:

Claims totaling \$12,143,295.35 be approved as presented.

Mrs. Poore seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

After an amendment on the Human Resources Certified report, item 8 to total 17 not 15.

The Superintendent recommended the Department of Human Resources Report be approved as presented and placed on file in the office of the Director of Human Resources.

Mrs. Ritchie moved:

The Superintendent's recommendation be approved.

Mr. Grau seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended that Permission to Submit a Memorandum of Understanding for **Race To The Top** be approved as presented, and placed on file in the office of the Director of Educational Support Services.

Ms. Eilers moved:

The Superintendent's recommendation be approved.

Mrs. Ritchie seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the Pike High School Academic Planner be approved as presented, and placed on file in the office of the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction.

Ms. Eilers moved:

The Superintendent's recommendation be approved.

Mr. Grau seconded the motion, and after questions from the board were answered, the motion was carried unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the Global Youth Service Grant be approved as presented, and placed on file in the office of the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction.

Ms. Eilers moved:

The Superintendent's recommendation be approved.

Mrs. Poore seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the Math/Science Partnership Grant Board Resolution be approved as presented and placed on file in the office of the Director of Programs and Staff Development.

Mrs. Ritchie moved:

The Superintendent's recommendation be approved.

Mrs. Poore seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the 1028 Preliminary Determination Resolution be approved as presented and placed on file in the office of the Chief Financial Officer.

Mrs. Ritchie moved:

The Superintendent's recommendation be approved.

Mr. Grau seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended CSO as architects for the proposed Guion Creek Elementary School Project and Schmidt Associates as architects for the proposed College Park Elementary School Project be approved as presented and placed on file in the office of the Chief Financial Officer.

Mrs. Poore moved:

The Superintendent's recommendation be approved

Mr. Grau seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the 2009 Tax Anticipation Rollover Resolution be approved as presented and placed on file in the office of the Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Metzler moved:

The Superintendent's recommendation be approved as presented.

Mr. Hence seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the Reduction of Expenditures be approved as presented and placed on file in the office of the Chief Financial Officer.

Mrs. Ritchie moved:

The Superintendent's recommendation be approved as presented.

Mr. Hence seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the following Contracts:

- Barnes & Thornburg - Bond Counsel
- State Chemical Solutions
- AdTec Renewal
- Citrix Renewal
- Follett Destiny Renewal
- MISI Support Renewal
- Plato Software Renewal
- Project Lead the Way Software Renewal
- Software Systems, Inc. Renewal
- Professional Services Agreement - Training – Debbie Diller
- Professional Services Agreements – Test Proctors
 - Johanna Kirchoff
 - Mary McDonald
 - Stacy Poulsen
 - Jan Stetzel
 - Elly Johnson
 - Anne Barth
 - Joyce Clouse
 - Carrie Baine

be approved as presented and placed on file in the office of the Chief Financial Officer.

After comments were made and questions were answered Ms. Eilers moved:

The Superintendent's recommendation be approved.

Mrs. Ritchie seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously

Mrs. Laurie Bradby, Mr. Larry Galyen, Dr. Beth Niedermeyer, Mrs. Megan Ahlers, Dr. Gary Gilbert, Mr. Joe Lampert, Mr. James Perkins, Jr., Mr. Raul Rivas, Mrs. Linda Searles, Mrs. Kathy Sharpe, Mr. Shawn Smith, Mr. Doug Walker, Ms. Sarah Dorsey, Mr. Larry Young, Mrs. Sarah Spearman, Mr. Larna Spearman, Miss Tammie Buchanan, Mr. John Dorsey, Miss Lauren Kniola, staff members; Ms. Belvia Hiadari (Umbaugh), Mr. Jeff Qualkinbush (Barnes & Thornburg, LLP), Mr. Raun Love (CSO Architects), Mr. Jim Schellinger (CSO Architects), Miss Tammy Moon, Miss Yodit Alemu, Mrs. Jan Dorsey, Mr. Brent Hite, Miss Paige Southerland, Miss Danitra Gilbert, Miss Katherine Brown, Mr. Dan Spehler, Mr. Jonathan Grismore, Mr. Chad Bouslog, Mr. Ron Phillips, Mrs. Stephanie Phillips, Miss Terrice Hollis, Mr. Nathan Huber, Miss Cheyenne Richardson, Mr. Bill Walters, Miss Aigner Hart, Mr. Bob Cole, Miss Jackie Jansing, patrons, were also present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.