

THE BELL RINGER

GAVEL-TO-GAVEL MEETING UPDATES

STAFF REPORTS

Board members approved staffing changes, one- and two-year contracts for administrators and an extension of the superintendent's contract through June 30, 2022.

Previously, the board approved administration changes at Sand Creek Intermediate. Michelle Bunnell has been named the new principal at SCI. She previously served as assistant principal, which is being filled now by Brice Willey, a former dean at Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate Junior High School.

In other news, Executive Director of Staff and Student Services Kim Lippe updated the board on the search for a new principal at Hamilton Southeastern High School. The position, vacated by Chad Cripe, was posted on June 1 and closed on June 12. Interviews are planned for the following week. At the time of the board meeting, there were 17 applicants.

BUILDING CONTRACT

On Wednesday, the contract to name Hagerman Construction Inc., as the Construction Manager as Constructor for the new Wayne Township Elementary School project was approved 6-1. Board member Amanda Shera was the opposing vote.

TEMPORARY LOANS

Board members approved the request to transfer money from the "Rainy Day Fund" to the "Food Services Fund" for cash flow purposes.

BUS LEASE

The board approved a request to lease 17 new school buses for the 2020-21 school year. 11 of the new buses will be replacements for buses that are 12-years-old and the remaining six will be additions to the current fleet bringing the total number of school buses to 320.

YMCA ADDENDUM

Due to closures resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the YMCA has been unable to provide before- and after-school care in HSE schools from March 16 through the end of the spring semester, which accounts for one-fourth of the school year. As a result, board members approved the YMCA's request that its June 2020 payment be reduced to account for the days which the YMCA was prevented from providing before- and after-school care.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Following the call of a public hearing on the Lease and Additional Appropriation for the new Wayne Township project in which no comments were given, the (cont.)

board approved a series of resolutions in connection with financing the project. Board member Amanda Shera was the only opposing vote. It is estimated the new elementary will cost around \$28 million with construction beginning in October.

Black Lives Matter. He said that parents helped organize the event and that it was very well done.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Allen Bourff reviewed several areas of interest with board members during Wednesday's meeting, which included:

- The School Reopening Task Force met to discuss how CDC guidelines would impact various areas of teaching and learning for the next school year. The new director of the City of Fishers Health Department joined in for a brief introduction.
- The Indiana Department of Education has released its guidelines for the reopening of schools.
- The Operation Right Time Advisory Committee will be meeting for the third time on June 18.
- There will be a small graduation ceremony on June 23 for students who are entering the military and unable to participate in the July 10 and 11 commencement.
- HSE Schools is looking at a new endeavor with Hub & Spoke Institute that will be more cost-efficient and keep the momentum of the partnership alive while the HSE Polytechnic Program is on-hold for the 2020-21 school year. Dr. Bourff announced that a teacher-in-residence position is being considered to allow all fifth grade students an opportunity to visit Hub & Spoke and learn about the building trades. This program would operate similar to the current Conner Prairie experience, if approved.
- Dr. Bourff also wanted to congratulate all the students that were part of the peaceful protest held in downtown Fishers that advocated for equal rights, justice for George Floyd and (cont.)