

**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MT. VERNON**  
**JANUARY 4, 2010**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Elmer Pharr, a former Board member, who recently passed away.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

The Board of School Trustees elected officers for 2010 as follows:

President: Randy Boyer  
Vice President: Lucinda Bippus  
Secretary: Jesse Montgomery

The Board set regular meeting dates for the first and third Mondays of each month at 5:45 p.m.

The Board set School Board salaries at \$2,000 per year, \$112 for the second regular meeting of each month, and \$62 for special meetings and set business mileage reimbursement at 44 cents per mile for 2010.

The Board appointed Mary Buchanan as treasurer and Loren Evans as deputy treasurer for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2010.

The Board appointed the firm of Bamberger, Foreman, Oswald, and Hahn to serve as legal counsel for the school corporation for 2010.

The Board adopted various financial resolutions for 2010 including resolutions authorizing the use of signature stamps and signature plate and authorized checks to be issued in advance. Corporate and investment account resolutions were also adopted.

**PHILOSOPHY AND STANDARDS**

The Board adopted the philosophy and standards for mathematics as recommended.

**RETIREMENTS**

The Board accepted the intent to retire from Ellen Higgs, Tommy Laws, and Cheryl Potter as teachers and from Elizabeth Hassell, Martha Jones, Donna Miller, and Jo Ann Yeida as cafeteria workers effective at the end of the 2009-10 school year.

**RESIGNATION**

The Board accepted the resignation from Andrew Weintraut as assistant girls track coach

effective immediately.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

The Board confirmed the employment of Allison Oberle and Steven Schroeder as head coaches (half stipend each) for the high school girls tennis team.

### **DONATION**

The Board accepted the donation from the trustees of Old Beech Cemetery for a custom made wooden bench to be placed in the foyer of Farmersville Elementary School.

### **TEAMSTERS' MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

The Board approved the Teamsters' Memorandum of Understanding agreement with the custodial and maintenance personnel for January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012 specifying that language for wages and insurance contribution will be the only items reopened for 2011 and 2012 as per agreement.

### **RACE TO THE TOP FEDERAL GRANT**

The School Board directed the Superintendent to send a letter of support for the Indiana Department of Education application for federal Race to the Top grant funds.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Informational items to the Board included the Farmersville Falcon News, January Lunch Menu, School Lunch Fund Report for November, and the Wildcat Word. Larry Williams requested that the school district and any interested individuals write letters of support to the Mayor of Mt. Vernon for an application for grant funds for demolition of the silos at the riverfront.

### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Monday, January 18, 2010 at 5:45 p.m.  
Monday, February 1, 2010 at 5:45 p.m.  
Monday, February 15, 2010 at 5:45 p.m.

All meetings will be held at Mt. Vernon Jr. High School.

### **TAX REFERENDUM**

The Board discussed the possibility of pursuing a tax referendum.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board met in Executive Session immediately after the regular meeting.