

**KNOX COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
6:30 P.M. TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018
MINUTES**

AGENDA	MOTION	SECOND	VOTE
1. CALL TO ORDER			
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE			
3. PRAYER BY JERRY FLETCHER			
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Mrs. McIntire	Mrs. Ritchie	7-0
The chair entertained a motion to adopt the Agenda for the January 2, 2018, regular meeting as presented.			
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS			
The Board President entertained comments from patrons on items not on the prepared agenda. There were no public comments.			
6. MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 18, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING			
	Mr. Bennett	Mr. Kemble	7-0
7. BUSINESS			
Election of 2018 Officers			
A. <u>Nomination(s) for President</u>			
1. The Board President opened the floor to nominations for President.			
	Nominee: Gary Dulin	by: Mary Lynn Ritchie	
2. The Board President entertained a motion to close nominations.			
	Motion Kurt Kemble	Second Wendy McIntire	Vote 7-0
3. The Board President conducted a vote for the office of President.			Vote 6-0-1
Mr. Dulin abstained from voting on this item.			
B. <u>Nomination(s) for Vice-President</u>			
1. The Board President opened the floor to nominations for Vice-President.			
	Nominee: Wendy McIntire	by: Jerry Fletcher	
2. The Board President entertained a motion to close the nominations.			
	Motion Kurt Kemble	Second Jerry Fletcher	Vote 7-0

3. The Board President conducted a vote for the office of Vice-President. Vote **6-0-1**
Mrs. McIntire abstained from voting on this item.

C. Nomination(s) for Secretary

1. The Board President opened the floor to nominations for Secretary.

Nominee: **Mary Lynn Ritchie** by: **Jerry Fletcher**

2. The Board President entertained a motion to close nominations.

Motion **Jerry Fletcher** Second **Kurt Kemble** Vote **7-0**

3. The Board President conducted a vote for the office of Secretary. Vote **6-0-1**
Mrs. Ritchie abstained from voting on this item.

D. APPOINTMENTS AND MEMBERSHIPS 2018

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the following appointments and memberships for the calendar year 2018: **Mrs. Ritchie Mr. Kemble 7-0**

- A. Sherry Fort – Treasurer
- B. Linda Binkowski – Deputy Treasurer
- C. Mike Yankauskas - Board’s Legislative Liaison
- D. Alan Selge & Dolores Surfus - Starke County Historical Society
- E. Ruth Bailey - Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority
- F. William Kaminski representing the firm of Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones - Board Attorney

E. LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS **Mrs. McIntire Mr. Bennett 7-0**

The Superintendent recommended the Board designate *The Leader* as the publication in which legal advertisements will be placed in 2018, with other publications used as may be required by particular statutes.

F. CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS **Mr. Kemble Mr. Bennett 7-0**

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the Conflict of Interest Statements from board members Dulin, Ritchie & Fletcher.

G. 2018 BOARD MEETING DATES **Mr. Bennett Mr. Fletcher 7-0**

The Superintendent recommended that the Board move to one meeting a month which will be designated the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month. In addition, public work sessions may be scheduled and held as necessary. All board meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

8. PERSONNEL REPORT

- A. Resignation
Bob Binkley 6th Grade Asst. Girls Basketball December 19, 2017
- B. Appointment
Bob Binkley Head 8th Grade Girls Bball Coach January 8, 2018

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve items A & B.

Mrs. Ritchie Mr. Bennett 7-0

9. SUPERINTENDENT PRESENTATION

The Superintendent gave a presentation on summer work for 2018 for the Knox Community School Corporation.

Dr. Reichhart distributed a spreadsheet with a list of the proposed facility improvements. He indicated that the entire project would be just under (\$5,000,000.00) 5 million dollars. Dr. Reichhart stated that the monies would be obtained through a bond project and would not increase property taxes as the Corporation will have paid off some of its existing debt.

The following is a list of proposed projects:

KHS fire alarm system, LED lighting at all three buildings, paving at the west KHS parking lot, coating of tennis courts #1-6, ActivPanel-29 units, message board, scoreboard in Weinberg Gym, replace all exterior KHS doors, replace KHS roof, mechanicals at KHS, new Corporation phone system, ceiling tile and LED light replacements in 5 classrooms, carpet at KMS classroom, KMS band hallway, KHS library and Central Office, painting KHS, LED pool lighting, add VFD's to existing air handlers at KMS, wall renovations at KHS, weight room renovations, tuck pointing at KHS, add middle school restrooms at football field, boiler/hot water heater/ pumps at KMS.

Dr. Reichhart explained that several of these items will be cost effective not only with energy savings but with future replacement costs of these items. He stated that some of our boilers are energy hogs and the savings in our utilities would be significant.

Dr. Reichhart stated that the high school roof is the biggest issue right now and needs to be done soon.

Dr. Reichhart said that EMCOR has stated that if they get the work they will not make any changes on their price.

Dr. Reichhart said that January 15 will be the public hearing and EMCOR and Kurt Pletcher will be here to answer specific questions.

Mr. Fletcher said that he is concerned that our maintenance department receives the training they need to work with the speed controllers on the boilers.

Mrs. McIntire asked about the elementary concerns. Dr. Reichhart said that is where Schmidt Associates will come in and present their findings. He said the plan is to propose an elementary project for 2019 and that could require a referendum.

Dr. Reichhart stated that our Capital Projects budget is being impacted by the local circuit breaker and tax cap. He said we have been getting 90% of what we should and this year we only received 87%. Dr. Reichhart said that the Corporation received \$133,000.00 less than what we should have received this year.

Mrs. McIntire asked if the plan is to get all of these projects started this summer. Dr. Reichhart said yes and the lighting in the gyms would begin over spring break if all goes according to planned.

10. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM ADMINISTRATORS & THE BOARD

Dr. Reichhart read a tribute for retired secretary/treasurer, Dorothy Milner who passed away this past week.

Dr. Reichhart stated that the Board has received recognition from the ISBA for being an outstanding Board.

11. ADJOURNMENT **7:13 p.m.**

Mr. Fletcher Mrs. Ritchie 7-0

The next Board Meeting will be January 15, 2018 beginning at 6:30 p.m.