

The Board of School Trustees meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

The complete meeting can be viewed [here](#).

Members present: Erin Cooperman, Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, Ross Grimes, April Hennessey, Elizabeth Ruh, Brandon Shurr, and Martha K. Street

Call to Order: Board President Shurr called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Ross Grimes was administered the oath of office by Attorney Jim Whitlatch. Member Grimes was approved unanimously by the Board of School Trustees at the Special Meeting on January 20, 2022 to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Ms. Jacinda Townsend Gides.

Celebration of Success – Dr. Mobley recognized and congratulated:

MCCSC Lilly Endowment Community Scholars

Eva Stuart, senior at Bloomington High School South and Kaitlyn Wong, senior at Bloomington High School North both received the 2022 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

2022 Executive Journey Fellowship Recipient

Monte Simonton Jr., a school social worker at University Elementary School was honored as a distinguished Indiana leader of youth development and was selected to the 2022 Executive Journey Fellowship.

North Student honored as Future Medical Leader

Carli Thomas, a junior at Bloomington High School North received the Congress of Future Medical Leaders Award of Excellence for outstanding academic achievement, leadership and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine.

School Counselor honored with Equity Spotlight Award

Ashley Howell, School Counselor at Tri-North Middle School was recognized for helping students build a healthy sense of self and community through her collaboration with staff, families, and community agencies.

Public Comment: Six (6) members of the public made comments.

A school safety update was presented by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Andrea Mobley.

Items approved by the Board:

Consent Agenda: Minutes from the December 14, 2021 Board Meeting; Minutes from January 4, 2022, Annual Board of Finance and the Reorganizational meeting; Memorandum from the January 20, 2022, Work Session, Executive Session and Special meeting; ECA Expenditures; Overnight/Out of State Field Trips; Financial Report (December 2021); Appropriation Balance Report (December 2021); Register of Claims (January 25, 2022); Payroll Register and Payroll Claims (December 2021); and the Request to Declare as Surplus and Authorize Disposal of Out-of-Date Items were recommended for approval as part of the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, second by Martha K. Street

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Erin Cooperman, Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, Ross Grimes, April Hennessey, Elizabeth Ruh, Brandon Shurr, and Martha K. Street

Donations – President Shurr recommended approval of the donations.

Motion by Elizabeth Ruh, second by Martha K. Street

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Erin Cooperman, Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, Ross Grimes, April Hennessey, Elizabeth Ruh, Brandon Shurr, and Martha K. Street

Personnel Report – Dr. Mobley recommended approval of the Personnel Report as presented.

Motion by April Hennessey, second by Martha K. Street

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Erin Cooperman, Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, Ross Grimes, April Hennessey, Elizabeth Ruh, Brandon Shurr, and Martha K. Street

Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Local 3995 – Dr. Mobley recommended approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Local 3995 as presented.

Motion by Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, second by Martha K. Street

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Erin Cooperman, Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, Ross Grimes, April Hennessey, Elizabeth Ruh, Brandon Shurr, and Martha K. Street

Non-Union Support Staff Salary & Administrative Salaries - Dr. Mobley recommended approval of the Non-Union Support Staff Salary & Administrative Salaries as presented.

Motion by Elizabeth Ruh, second by Martha K. Street

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Erin Cooperman, Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, Ross Grimes, April Hennessey, Elizabeth Ruh, Brandon Shurr, and Martha K. Street

TAG/Appreciation Award for Certified Teachers/Certified Administrators – Mr. Kenny recommended the approval of the TAG/Appreciation Award for Certified Teachers/Certified Administrators as presented.

Motion by Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, second by April Hennessey

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Erin Cooperman, Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, Ross Grimes, April Hennessey, Elizabeth Ruh, Brandon Shurr, and Martha K. Street

Contracts – Mr. Kenny recommended approval of eight (8) contracts as presented.

Motion by Elizabeth Ruh, second by Martha K. Street

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Erin Cooperman, Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, Ross Grimes, April Hennessey, Elizabeth Ruh, Brandon Shurr, and Martha K. Street

Resolution 2022-03 - Transferring Amounts from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund - Mr. Kenny recommended the adoption of Resolution 2022-03 - Transferring Amounts from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund as presented.

Motion by Elizabeth Ruh, second by Martha K. Street

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Erin Cooperman, Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, Ross Grimes, April Hennessey, Elizabeth

Ruh, Brandon Shurr, and Martha K. Street

Authorization to Bid – Mr. Kenny recommended approval of the Authorization to Bid as presented.

Motion by Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, second by Martha K. Street

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Erin Cooperman, Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, Ross Grimes, April Hennessey, Elizabeth Ruh, Brandon Shurr, and Martha K. Street

Recommendation regarding COVID Protocols – Dr. Hauswald recommended approval of the updated COVID Protocols as presented.

Motion by Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, second by Elizabeth Ruh

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Erin Cooperman, Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, Ross Grimes, Elizabeth Ruh, Brandon Shurr, and Martha K. Street

Nay: April Hennessey

Board Comments

Vice President Elizabeth Ruh mentioned the MCCS Foundation is seeking new board members for 2022. Those interested should contact the Foundation for more information.

Member Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer welcomed new board member Ross Grimes. Stated as the ISBA Legislative Liaison for the Board, she would like to encourage people to visit the Indiana Coalition for Public Education (ICPE) website for legislative updates and to become more involved in supporting public education. Commented that Mr. Keith Klein, who served on the board before his untimely death, was being honored tonight at Ivy Tech Bloomington. It was unfortunate that it was on a meeting night but wanted to mention the event and honor Keith Klein for his compassionate work in supporting public education both at MCCSC and Ivy Tech.

President Brandon Shurr thanked everyone for all that they do in support of the students of MCCSC. Welcomed Mr. Grimes to the board.

Superintendent's Report

Thanked Lizzy, an MCCSC student who made comment at the meeting regarding Bradford Woods.

Stated that supporters of public education need to continue their advocacy as much of the current legislation being proposed in the General Assembly is problematic for public schools such as HB 1072 – Sharing Referenda dollars with Charter Schools. Thanked Member Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer and Mr. Paul Farmer for their advocacy over the years.

Commented on the wonderful performance "Strings Spectacular" that took place last week and congratulated Mr. Jon Hansen, director of HYP and orchestra teacher, who was honored as the Indiana American String Teachers Association 2021-22 High School Teacher of the Year.

Mentioned that many of our students participated in service-learning projects for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday but wanted to mention the City of Bloomington's celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., where 1st and 2nd graders from Highland Park Elementary performed an original song composed by music teacher Mr. Eric Mishler. The video is on the website for viewing.

Announced the following:

- A vaccine clinic will take place at Bloomington South on Saturday, January 29 from 9 am – 2 pm. All students and staff ages 12+ can register for this clinic.
- MCCSC Employment Fair will take place at the Bloomington Convention Center on Wednesday, February 9. This is for support staff as well as for teachers interested in working for MCCSC.
- Kindergarten Round-Up/Open House will be Tuesday, February 15 from 6-7 pm. Families with eligible children are encouraged to visit one of our elementary schools to discover more about our programs.
- Presidents' Day is Monday, February 21st and schools will be closed.

Adjournment

President Shurr adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.