

BOARD HAPPENINGS

October 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2016

OCTOBER 4th - REGULAR MEETING

The Board approved the following: New AG 3330 – Gift Card Usage; Revised AG 3546.3 - Review/Audit of Free and Reduced Lunch Applications; and the Listing Agreement with Bradley Company for the Former Hoagland Elementary School.

OCTOBER 11th - WORK SESSION

Three A&E firms presented updated designs to the Board. Tentative plans are:

- **Barton-Coe-Vilamaa** - Presented redesign of **CEEL's** secured entrance.
- **Mosaic Building Solutions** - Presented redesigns of secured school entrances for **NHIS, PHJH, PCA, WOHS, and LEHS.**
- **Martin Riley** - Overview of Project 1 (includes **HEHS, LEHS, and LEEL**) was given:

HEHS - Consists of replacing football field bleachers, press box, lights and scoreboard. Bleachers will be moved back to be able to accommodate an 8-lane track in the future if needed. A new sound system will be installed. Plans are to send out the legal notices in October; bids will be let in early November; construction would begin shortly thereafter. (Tentatively no home track meets will be scheduled for the 2016-17SY track season.) The press box and bleachers would be completed by the second week in June 2017.

LEHS - Renovations to auditoria include replacing seating, flooring and the sound system. Bids will be let in early November; with the sound system replaced beginning December 21, 2016 and completed by January 5, 2017. The remainder of the construction would take place during the month of June 2017.

LEEL - Plans for the secured entrance continue to be tweaked.

- **Mr. Kirby Stahly** provided an updated schedule of timelines for each of the construction projects; The funding mechanism(s) will be brought to the Board for approval soon; There was discussion about the **New Haven Jr./Sr. High School** project timeline; Turf fields were also discussed. **Mr. Stahly** and **Mr. Doug Roemer**, Director of Facilities, will research our options/best approach for the installation of turf fields; The approval of a Clerk of the Works will be forthcoming in November.

OCTOBER 18th - REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Rod Wilson of City Securities presented information on the lease financing and answered the Board members' questions. Also, the Board approved the following: Application and Receipt of Funds for High Ability Grant SY16-17; MOU's between JAG-Indiana and **HEHS** and **NHHS**; Revised AG 5117 - School Choice; Approval of 2017 Budget; 2017 Bus Replacement Plan; and 2017 Capital Projects Plan.

OCTOBER 25th - WORK SESSION

Having met with both the **NHMS** and **NHHS** Principals, faculty and staffs at both schools, Mr. Kevin Runkel of Moake Park Group Inc. presented the most current preliminary schematic designs to the Board. These designs are still in the hands of the principals and are not yet finalized. Final schematics will be presented to the Board at a future Work Session.

Taking into consideration the existing and required space needed, it is estimated that the additional amount of square feet needed to turn **NHHS** into a grades 7-12 school is: Office and Administration (8,100 sq. ft.); Auxiliary Gym (36,000 sq. ft.); Junior High Classrooms (2-story addition) (46,300 sq. ft.); Kitchen (3,500 sq. ft.); Mechanical (3,100 sq. ft.); Totaling 97,900 sq. ft. .

Proposed plans were presented for Unit A (Junior High classrooms – 2-story addition), Unit B (Office addition), Unit C (Existing gymnasium updates), and Unit D (Auxiliary gymnasium(s), mechanical room, etc.), and answered the Board members' and Principals' questions, listening to suggestions which were made as well.

Mr. Hoffman suggested that the district solidify its policy on public use/access of our buildings, making it a consistent policy across the district in all attendance areas.

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RECOGNITIONS

During the weekend of September 10 - 11, our area was hit with heavy rains, which caused flooding and minor damage in a few of our buildings. During that weekend many staff members worked tirelessly to get the buildings ready for Monday morning student arrival. The following individuals were recognized for their dedication and going above and beyond the call of duty:

Custodial/Maintenance: Mike Butler, Radi Butler, Shelby Foster, Mike Fritz, Gary Gordon, Pat Huff, Matt Lortie, John Miller, Linda Miller, Joe Minick, Bill Roberson, Toby Schoof, and Sandy Smurr; **Safety/Security:** Jeff Studebaker; **Administrators:** Michael Chen, Dr. Ken Folks, Ron Kammeyer, Kirby Stahly, and Doug Roemer. Thanks for all you do!



 A surprise recognition took place – Mrs. Diane Gibson, a **Harding** attendance area parent, was recognized as a volunteer extraordinaire and for being a positive advocate of the **Harding** attendance area and the district over the many years. She was recently highlighted in a Journal Gazette article about the **Harding** attendance area schools. Mrs. Gibson was presented with a framed momento of the newspaper article.

New Haven Primary School and **New Haven Intermediate School** were recently named Family Friendly Schools for 2016-17 by the Indiana Department of Education. Only forty-four schools from across Indiana were selected for this award. Family Friendly Schools must demonstrate a commitment to addressing the academic, physical, emotional and social needs of their students while providing needed resources and fostering the active involvement of families both in school and in the community. Schools are identified through a rigorous application process and must excel at involving families and community members in student education.



On behalf of Indiana State School Superintendent Glenda Ritz, Mr. Doug Thieme, IDOE Outreach Coordinator for Region 8, was on hand to present certificates of recognition to **Dr. Ken Folks**, Superintendent; **Mr. Chris Baker**, Board president; **Mrs. Renita Peters**, Principal of **New Haven Primary School**, and **Ms. Alicia Carter**, Student Assistance Specialist at **New Haven Intermediate School**. You make us proud!

PERSONNEL

~ Welcome New Hires ~

- Pamela Brita, greeter, LEHS
- Dorothy Bure, paraprofessional, SOEL
- Daniel Charters, custodian III, EAAS
- Anthony Hines, teacher, EAU
- Kimberly Roller, teacher, HEHS
- Ashley Shaffer-Childers, nurse, NHHS
- Thomas Singer, teacher, NHHS
- Beth Stauffer, AM dispatcher, Transportation
- Vicki Turner, PM dispatcher, Transportation
- Michael Velez, custodian I, HEHS

~ Resignations ~

- Afrika Allison, paraprofessional, NHHS, eff. 10/13/16
- Amber Brooks, paraprofessional, PHLC, eff. 10/21/16
- Paul Carter, AM dispatcher, Transportation, eff. 8/8/16
- Jayda Cole, Educational Interpreter, eff. 10/7/16
- Matthew Faley, teacher, EAU, eff. 10/21/16
- Susan Horton, health care aide, HEEL, eff. 9/2/16
- Jean Meekin, greeter, PHJH, eff. 10/7/16
- Todd Thieme, Athletic Director, WOHS, eff. 10/4/16
- Robin Valdizon, teacher, NHHS, eff. 9/29/16

~ Retirements ~

- Sandra Clem, paraprofessional, HEHS, eff. 9/22/16
- John Kinnaley, custodian, LEHS, eff. 12/2/16