

**SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR SESSION MEETING**  
**June 15, 2017**

The Board of School Trustees of the School City of Hobart met in regular session on June 15, 2017, in the Board Room at Hobart High School, 2211 East Tenth Street, Hobart, Indiana.

**ROLL CALL:** President Terry Butler asked Board Members to log in. The following Board Members and Administrators were present or absent as noted:

**Board Members Present:**

Terry D. Butler  
Rikki A. Guthrie  
Michael J. Rogers  
Dave Bigler  
Karen J. Robbins  
Donald H. Rogers  
Stuart B. Schultz  
Lillian Burnett, HHS student representative  
Katelyn Knudson, HHS student representative

**Administrators Present:**

Peggy Buffington  
Ted Zembala  
Christopher N. King  
William J. Longer  
Jonathan Mock  
Robert Glover, Sr.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** President Butler indicated no executive session was held prior to the regular session meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Terry Butler, President, called the meeting to order around 7:04 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Butler led everyone present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** President Butler requested a moment of silence for a nine-year old student from Joan Martin School who recently passed away.

**AUDIENCE:** The following were present in the audience:

Erika Stolarz, Hobart Branch Manager of the Lake County Library  
Steven and Lori Kokos, parents of Katelyn Knudson  
Chris LaFollette from Fidelis Construction Management  
Tim Flatt from Fidelis Construction Management  
Mike Black, high school teacher and assistant to the athletic director  
Ty Artherhults, high school teacher, varsity boys track and varsity boys and girls cross country coach, his wife, Amber, and their two children  
Simon Gresser, former SRO, his wife, Andrea, and Scout, his canine partner  
Michael Brown, new boys varsity basketball coach and Hobart graduate, and his girlfriend, Amanda  
Gregg and Shari Brown, parents of Michael Brown  
Randy and Sharon McEuen, grandparents of Michael Brown  
Luke Weinman, new boys varsity soccer coach  
Jamie Harris, new boys junior varsity soccer coach  
Tim and Brittney Krieg, high school teachers  
Fred and Donna Krieg, parents of Tim Krieg  
Danielle Adams, Guidance Director at the high school, and her husband, Doug  
Valentine Torres, Office of Student Placement, and her two children  
Other unidentified family/friends of people being recognized

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Michael Rogers moved that the Board approve the executive session and regular session minutes of June 5, 2017. Stuart Schultz seconded. Vote on motion: Aye – Robbins, D. Rogers, Bigler, Schultz, M. Rogers, Guthrie, and Butler. Motion carried 7-0 in favor.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Ted Zembala, Business Manager, presented the following for the Board's consideration and recommended approval:

- ▶ **Vouchers for June 15, 2017** – Katelyn Knudson and Lillian Burnett, HHS student representatives, split the reading of the accounts payable voucher summary with Lillian reading the first ten items, and Katelyn reading the last ten items and the total, as follows:

General Fund \$1,230,717.31  
Debt Service Fund \$1,250.00  
Capital Projects Fund \$78,046.45  
Transportation Operating Fund \$69,198.28  
School Lunch \$98,169.25  
Textbook Rental Fund \$152.70  
Self-Insurance Fund \$375,397.44  
Gifts and Donations \$22,144.31  
Lilly Endowment \$14,140.00  
Hobart Educational Foundation \$1,116.87  
Building Brickies 2014-2015 \$781.85  
Partnership for Success Initiative \$475.00  
Technology Fund \$5,127.50  
Title I SY 2016/17 \$5,410.95  
Title II Part A FY 16/17 \$540.73  
Clearing Accounts \$355,751.36  
Self-Insurance Clearing \$65,879.63  
Clearing/Flexible Benefits AF \$14,101.07  
Clearing/Insurance Account \$45,411.07  
Credit Card Fee Clearing \$1,116.10

for the grand total of \$2,384,927.87 with no transfers. The May payroll distribution by the school corporation's treasurer was \$1,421,558.54.

Karen Robbins moved that the Board approve payment of the vouchers for June 15, 2017. Seconded by Rikki Guthrie. Vote on motion: Aye – Robbins, D. Rogers, Bigler, Schultz, M. Rogers, Guthrie, and Butler. Motion carried 7-0 in favor.

In addition, the Board received copies of the following monthly budget reports, dated May 31, 2017, in their electronic Board packet: Analysis by Object, Estimated Revenue by Account, Summary of Balances by Account-Object, and Summary of Receipts and Expenditures.

► Middle School Cafeteria Project –

- A. Applications for Payment
1. Continental Electric Co., Inc. App#2 - \$109,957.51
  2. Gatlin Plumbing, App#2 - \$212,604.64
  3. Gough, App#4 - \$122,573.75
  4. Kleckner Interior Systems, App#2 - \$26,686.97
  5. Larson-Danielson Const Co. Inc., App#6 - \$87,332.35
  6. Maris & Son, Inc., App#2 - \$5,595.00
  7. Mechanical Concepts, App#3, \$66,557.00

Rikki Guthrie moved that the Board approve the Applications for Payment. Donald Rogers seconded. Vote on motion: Aye – Robbins, D. Rogers, Bigler, Schultz, M. Rogers, Guthrie, and Butler. Motion carried 7-0 in favor.

**COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no comments from the audience on the listed agenda items.

**PERSONNEL REPORT:** Jonathan Mock, Director of Human Resources and Compliance, presented the Personnel Report and Personnel Report Addendum for the Board's consideration:

Stipends –

Hobart High School/baseball program, 2016-2017 school year: Jesse Smith, junior varsity, \$600.00; and Jim Nohos, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, \$500.00 (The monies for these stipends were donated by the Baseball Booster Club and given to the Administration Office who will pay the individuals.)

Resignations –

Early Learning Center at George Earle School/  
Heather Barnes, instructional aide, effective June 7, 2017  
Cathy Sak, recess aide, effective June 9, 2017  
Kara Soderquist, Brickie Kidz preschool teacher, effective June 12, 2017

Seasonal Employees –

Spencer Massey, Administration Office/student intern, effective June 8, 2017, \$10.00 per hour

Kenneth Evans, Service Center/summer grounds worker, effective June 5, 2017, \$11.00 per hour

Angelo Guarnero, Service Center/summer grounds worker, June 8, 2017, \$9.00 per hour

Jennifer Hayden, Service Center/summer maintenance worker, effective June 13, 2017, \$9.00 per hour

Transfer of Assignment –

Courtney Gabriel

From: Hobart Middle School/bookkeeper

To: Ridge View School/media center paraprofessional, effective for the 2017-2018 school year, \$14.57 per hour

Extra Duty Contract –

Gayle Benton, Hobart High School/assistant varsity cheerleading, July 31, 2017/March 24, 2018, \$2,122.00

Summer School Contracts –

▶ Hobart Middle School, June 5/June 22, 2017:

Sallie Hanson, Language Arts – sixth, 12 days, \$2,253.16

Maggie Kreag, Language Arts – seventh, 12 days, \$1,807.00

Maureen Tobin, Math – sixth, 12 days, \$2,881.84

Chris Wells, Math – seventh, 12 days, \$2,923.44

▶ Hobart High School/Session I, June 5/June 22, 2017:

Steven Balash, Physical Education, 73 hours, \$4,006.24

Tony Curatolo, Government I, (June 6/June 22, 2017), 67 hours, \$2,185.54

Justine Eubank, Physical Education, 73 hours, \$2,536.02

Eike Fischer, English, 73 hours, \$4,104.79

Brian Greiner, Advanced Band, 73 hours, \$3,927.40

Mike James, Reading, 73 hours, \$4,045.66

Mark Leto, Health, 55 hours, \$3,018.40

Jill MacDonald, Math, 73 hours, \$3,810.60

John McDaniel, Enriched Geometry, 73 hours, \$4,006.24

Craig Osika, Physical Education, 55 hours, \$1,911.25

Kari Roach, Economics, 73 hours, \$4,045.66

Amanda Stinnett, Writing, 73 hours, \$2,381.26

Ryan Turley, Physical Education, 55 hours, \$3,048.10

Brian Wesley, Physical Education, 55 hours, \$2,092.20

Regular Teacher Contracts – 2017-2018 –

August 14, 2017/May 31, 2018, 184 days:

Sara Basiaga, Hobart High School/teacher, \$42,661.00

Jennifer McQuade, Hobart High School/teacher, \$59,151.00

Extra Duty Contracts – 2017-2018 –

Hobart High School/

Cheerleading, July 31, 2017/March 24, 2018: Kriste Bell, varsity, \$2,476.00

Boys Basketball, November 6, 2017/March 24, 2018: Michael Brown, varsity, \$5,835.00

Boys Soccer, July 31/October 28, 2017: Luke Weinman, varsity, \$3,000.00; and Jamie Harris, junior varsity, \$1,500.00

New Employees –

▶ Transportation Department:

Michael Gibson, Service Center/bus driver, effective August 10, 2017, \$13.25 per hour for 90-day probation period, then \$14.72 per hour

Larry Thyen, Service Center/bus driver, effective August 10, 2017, \$14.72 per hour with no probation period

▶ Support Staff:

Pamela Freimuth, Hobart High School/athletic department-administrative assistant, full time, effective July 1, 2017, \$13.32 per hour for 90-day probation period; then \$13.61 per hour

Polly Niemann, Hobart Middle School/bookkeeper, full time, effective July 24, 2017, \$13.80 per hour for 90-day probation period; then \$14.09 per hour

Mr. Mock recommended approval and requested Board action.

Dave Bigler moved that the Board approve the Personnel Reports as presented. Seconded by Stuart Schultz. Vote on motion: Aye – Robbins, D. Rogers, Bigler, Schultz, M. Rogers, Guthrie, and Butler. Motion carried 7-0 in favor.

Dr. Buffington welcomed the newly hired extra duty coaches – Michael Brown, varsity boys basketball coach, Luke Weinman, varsity boys soccer and Jamie Harris, junior varsity boys soccer. She introduced Bob Glover, Athletic Director, and Mike Black, Assistant to the Athletic Director, to the audience.

Dr. Buffington noted Mr. Brown was a Hobart graduate and was an intense individual who was very passionate about basketball. She highlighted some background information noting he was an outstanding college player, the same as when he was here in high school. Mike Black noted that he had coached Mr. Brown when he was a basketball player here in Hobart, and he was one of Hobart's best shooters. Mr. Black was excited about him being the new coach and noted he has much to offer his athletes since he was an outstanding high school and college basketball player and has a tremendous "work ethic and drive." Dr. Buffington noted that he wants to be in Hobart and was willing to take the position even though she did not have a teaching position for him, and she noted she would try to get him here as soon as a position was available. Mr. Brown said he was "extremely grateful" to be the new boys basketball coach and he thanked his parents, grandparents, and girlfriend, who were all present, for their support.

Bob Glover commented that soccer coaches "don't grow on trees," and said that he received names of possible candidates for the soccer openings. Luke Weinman and Jamie Harris, who both applied for the positions, were people he received calls about and recommendations about their skills and knowledge of soccer. Jamie Harris noted he was employed by the Lake County Sheriff's Department for 18 years and had worked in youth soccer for around five years with Luke Weinman. Luke Weinman said he had taught soccer and was the president of Hobart Soccer Club. He appreciated the opportunity to coach in Hobart and was ready to get started. Dave Bigler told about being out at the high school and saw students playing soccer. He stopped, offered them water, and had a nice conversation with them. They were practicing on their own getting ready for the soccer season. He was impressed with their friendly and cordial demeanor, and he just wanted to pass on the information on to the coaches. Terry Butler noted that he remembered Mike playing basketball here, thanked the three coaches for "taking care of the kids," and appreciated that they wanted to be here. He extended his thanks to Bob Glover for his service. Mike Rogers extended his best wishes to all of them. Stu Schultz noted that he has known Michael Brown for years and had seen him play basketball, and he welcomed the new soccer coaches. He wished them all good luck.

**PRESENTATION: Hobart Branch of the Lake County Public Library:** Dr. Peggy Buffington, Superintendent, welcomed Erika Stolarz, Hobart Branch Manager of the Lake County Public Library. Ms. Stolarz briefly highlighted her branch's summer reading program activities to "Build a Better World" and shared some handouts with the Board. Some of the activities mentioned for the months of June and July were as follows:

- An Adult Summer Reading Program
- Summer Fun – Wild about Animals, Greyt Readers, and Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Teen Summer Events (ages 11-17) – Martial Arts Demonstration, Interactive Movies: *The Force Awakens* and *Ghostbusters (2016)*, Teen Gaming, Craft: No-Sew T-Shirt Tote Bags, and LEGO Building Contest
- Adult Events – Contemporary Book Club: *Orhan's Inheritance* and *Deep Down Dark*, Sit & Stitch, Travel film: France, Cutting the Cable Cord, and Tech Help One-on-One

In addition, the library offers preschool and toddler story times, Mother Goose on the loose, as well as various craft projects on specified days.

In the discussion, the Board and Dr. Buffington thanked Ms. Stolarz for the information on the summer library programs, and Dr. Buffington told her that if she would forward electronic copies of the programs to her, she would have them posted on the district's website and on social media. Ms. Stolarz welcomed anyone to be a volunteer reader, and Mr. Butler noted that high school students do service learning and suggested she contact the school when she is in need of volunteers.

**RECOGNITION: Student Board Representatives:** Dr. Peggy Buffington indicated the Board would be recognizing their student representatives, Lillian Burnett and Katelyn Knudson, for their service this past year. She explained that the idea to have student representatives came from Nancy Norris, a former Board member. The students are non-voting members, but they are allowed to participate in Board discussions and bring their concerns/suggestions to the Board. This year, Lillian and Katelyn kept the Board informed of events and concerns and were the student voices from the high school. They were outstanding students,

have taken dual-credit coursework and were college and career ready, and spoke at this year's graduation ceremony and "did an amazing job." Their service on the Board was in addition to extracurricular activities at school and outside activities, and they led by example and did make a difference.

On behalf of the Board and Dr. Buffington, Dr. Buffington presented gifts to each of the student representatives. They received a crystal rondure with a silver medallion compass on top with the saying "Leading by Example" with their name and title designation engraved on it, a chromebook, and a gift card. Each one thanked the Board for the gifts and expressed their appreciation for them.

In the discussion, the Board thanked the student representatives for their service and wished them luck in college. President Butler commented that they have to "spend time with a bunch of old fogies" but the Board "appreciated the work you did." It was also noted that a former student representative, Jon Mock, works for the school corporation so they should keep that in mind. Mr. Kokos, Katelyn's stepfather, told of an incident that happened last year. Katelyn had had perfect attendance for three years and only received a paper certificate. She felt that having perfect attendance was hard to do and did not think those students received enough recognition. He suggested that she write a letter to Dr. Buffington, which she did. Dr. Buffington responded and asked Katelyn what kind of recognition she wanted, and she indicated a letter for the student jackets. After due consideration and discussion with the high school administration, a progressive reward criterion was developed for this accomplishment. Katelyn noted she did receive a letter for having four years of perfect attendance. Mr. Nokos expressed his appreciation to the administration for being responsive to student concerns.

**RECOGNITION: Hobart High School Varsity Boys Track Coach:** Dr. Peggy Buffington recognized Ty Artherhults, high school teacher and varsity boys track and varsity boys and girls cross country coach. She said Mr. Artherhults recently received an honor by being chosen as the Northwest Crossroads Conference Boys Track Coach of the Year for the fifth time. He also received this same honor in 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. She noted that during his tenure as varsity boys and girls coach cross country and varsity boys track teams, some of the recognition his teams/athletes had received is as follows:

- ▶ 2 - Team State Qualifiers
- ▶ 16 - Semi-State Qualifying Cross Country Teams
- ▶ 20 - Regional Qualifying Cross Country Teams
- ▶ 38 - State Qualifiers
- ▶ 3 - Indiana All-Stars 2
- ▶ 9 - Semi-State Qualifiers for Track
- ▶ 125 - Regional Qualifiers for Track
- ▶ 125+ - All Conference Athletes Cross Country
- ▶ 2003 to present LAC Coach of the Year 1997, Post Tribune Coach of the Year 2012, and Ball State High School Coach of the Year 2013

Bob Glover, Athletic Director, and Mike Black, Assistant Athletic Director, extended their congratulations to Mr. Artherhults and each spoke about their experiences with Mr. Artherhults. It was noted that he is well known for the statistics he keeps on his athletic teams and passes out at Board meetings. Mr. Black worked with Mr. Artherhults as his assistant cross country coach for seven years as well as being the girls track coach. They said he was a great teacher, which helps to make him a great coach. Dr. Buffington agreed that Mr. Artherhults was a wonderful teacher and because of this, it translates to being a great coach because goal setting begins in the classroom and carries over to athletics as does time management and high standards. Ultimately, all of these things help athletes to be successful.

On behalf of the Board and Dr. Buffington, Dr. Buffington presented Mr. Artherhults a token of appreciation. It was a crystalline tower with an engraved verse pertaining to Dedicated Service and was inscribed with his name and recognizing the years as the NCC Track Coach of the Year. The Board extended their congratulations to Mr. Artherhults on his accomplishments and the accomplishments of his sport teams.

Mr. Artherhults thanked the Board and Dr. Buffington and noted that he had outstanding assistant coaches who had assisted him through the years and the success was a team effort. Mike Black and he had worked together for many years and noted that he would continue their relationship with him as he transitions into the athletic director position. He noted that Bob Glover always supported him and his sport programs. He thanked his wife, Amber, who was present as were their two children.

In addition, Mr. Glover congratulated the student representatives for their community service.

**RECOGNITION: School Resource Officer:** Superintendent Peggy Buffington welcomed Simon Gresser, his wife, Andrea, and Scout to the meeting. She indicated that Simon Gresser, former SRO, has



returned to full-time service with the Hobart Police Department after being a School Resource Officer for the past three years. Monte White will be replacing Officer Gresser as the new SRO. Dr. Buffington explained that she and Karen Robbins attended a session at a school board conference on the effect of canine officers in schools, and they were very impressed with what they heard. Dr. Buffington placed this idea on “a bucket list” until the possibility arose here in Hobart. Everyone Dr. Buffington spoke to told her that Simon would not accept the SRO position. However, after she and he had a conversation, he decided to accept the position. She indicated that it has been a wonderful partnership experience for everyone. The students, whatever age, know and love Scout and have a trust bond with Officer Gresser. She noted police officers protect and serve and our students have learned the importance of the police to society, as well as the police being their friends. She said school safety was a very serious issue that the school district and the Hobart Police Department take very seriously, and having Officer Gresser and Scout in the district was “one of the best decisions” she has made. She wished him well in his return to the police department and knew his leadership would affect the department in the future. In addition, she noted her appreciation to the great partnership with the Hobart Police Department.

On behalf of the Board and Dr. Buffington, Dr. Buffington presented Officer Gresser with an acrylic Shining Star trophy for his service to the children and staff of the School City of Hobart. Officer Gresser thanked Dr. Buffington and the Board “for giving him the opportunity to be part of the school district.” He enjoyed working with the administrators and staff, complimented his canine partner, Scout, and noted Scout broke down many barriers for them. In addition, he found out the job was a 24/7 commitment.

The Board extended their thanks and appreciation to Officer Gresser and Scout. Mrs. Guthrie noted that the duo definitely influenced children’s lives including her own. Mrs. Robbins extended her appreciation and noted the positive effect their service has had on our students.

**RECOMMENDATION: Administrative Appointments:** Dr. Peggy Buffington welcomed Danielle Adams and Tim Krieg to the meeting. She noted that Mrs. Adams and Mr. Krieg were of huge assistance to her with the Lilly grant application, and because of the data they received; a need to provide additional services was shown. Dr. Buffington recommended the following administrative appointments for the 2017-2018 school year:

- (Beth) Danielle Adams as the Director of Guidance Services with a salary of \$63,000 for 212 days
- Timothy Krieg as Director of College and Careers with a salary of \$63,000 for 212 days

Stuart Schultz moved that the Board approve the administrative appointments as presented effective for the 2017-2018 school year. Seconded by Michael Rogers. Vote on motion: Aye – Robbins, D. Rogers, Bigler, Schultz, M. Rogers, Guthrie, and Butler. Motion carried 7-0 in favor.

Dr. Buffington noted that Mrs. Adams is a tireless worker and is always willing to try something new if it will benefit kids. She brought great leadership to the guidance department, and she is a great sounding board for Dr. Buffington when she is interested in some new and innovative ideas for students and staff. Guidance services continue to grow and the department does an outstanding job for the high school students.

Dr. Buffington indicated that Mr. Krieg was an outstanding teacher and individual. He has a passion to serve students and change their lives. He makes use of the many tools available such as the Khan Academy, PSAT/SAT testing, AP classes, and dual credit classes.

In the discussion, Terry Butler noted that when high school was built, the Board wanted to bring the Guidance Department to the forefront, which they did, and it has proven to be very successful. He indicated the Board appreciated the work Mrs. Adams and her department does. He noted that he had known Mr. Krieg and his parents for many years and said they were great people who have supported their children and continue to do so. Mr. Krieg noted that he played basketball with Mike Brown. Mr. Brown was among the best shooters, but Mr. Krieg was not. However, he did try and his parents rewarded him with a Fannie May turtle for every basket he made. Mr. Krieg noted the work on the Lilly grant was very eye opening and “heart wrenching.” He noted that so much of the data received was percentages for many different things, but he commented that educators do not work with percentages. They “deal with people – human beings,” and they are the people who are in their classrooms, hallways, and offices. That was the reason they were educators. Mrs. Adams thanked the Board and Dr. Buffington and said she was looking forward to working with Mr. Krieg and Ms. Torres in these new positions. Dr. Buffington told the Board that even if the district does not receive the Lilly grant, some items that were discovered would be done because there is a need to do different things. She noted that Hobart has a great staff because of leadership continuity.

Dr. Buffington thanked all the families who attended the meeting. Terry Butler spoke about Hobart “being the best kept secret in Lake County” but said this has been changing. He noted that in Hobart everyone works together for the good of our students.

**RECOMMENDATION: Counseling and College and Careers Readiness:** Superintendent Peggy Buffington welcomed and introduced Valentine Torres. She noted that Ms. Torres came to the district three years ago when she applied for a clerical position. She was not hired for that position, but she became the Office of Student Placement working from the high school’s guidance department. Ms. Torres has a passion for helping students. She assisted students in seeking financial aid and completing their registration process for post secondary schools. She is an active participant in activities at the high school and sponsors the dance team and booster club. Dr. Buffington noted, “She is a Brickie through and through even though she came from Portage.”

Dr. Buffington recommended that Valentine Torres be appointed as the World of Work Coordinator beginning with the 2017-2018 school year with salary of \$36,010 for 212 days.

Karen Robbins moved that the Board approve the appointment as presented effective for the 2017-2018 school year. Seconded by Rikki Guthrie. Vote on motion: Aye – Robbins, D. Rogers, Bigler, Schultz, M. Rogers, Guthrie, and Butler. Motion carried 7-0 in favor.

Ms. Torres told the Board how her story began as the Liberty PTO President and working with Principal Amy Turley to being interviewed for a clerical position and ended up in the Office of Student Placement and now to her new position. She was appreciative to Dr. Buffington and the Board for the opportunity to assist the high school’s juniors and seniors to increase student opportunities for work-based learning and entering the workforce in work careers of their choice.

The Board extended their congratulations to Ms. Torres on her new position.

**PRESENTATION: Hobart Middle School Cafeteria Project:** Christopher LaFollette and Tim Flatt from Fidelis Construction Management updated the Board on the cafeteria construction project at Hobart Middle School and showed a pictorial presentation from the beginning of the project to the present time. The Board thanked them for the presentation. Dr. Buffington said a furniture order was processed and should be shipped on July 28, and she was meeting with a Gibraltar representative for a few other finishing pieces. Barring any unforeseen problem, they felt the project would be completed as scheduled. In support of CTE programs, Mr. Flatt commented that there was a need for building trades workers.

**APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS AND PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE:**  
**Hobart Middle School IP Video Security System:** Dr. Peggy Buffington asked Chris LaFollette from Fidelis, who worked with Russell Mellon, the district’s IT Director, to briefly review the needs for a new video security system at the middle school. The Board received a copy of the construction documents in the electronic meeting packet. Bids will be opened on June 30 and will be an agenda item for awarding at the July 6 Board meeting.

Dave Bigler moved that the Board approve the Hobart Middle School IP Video Security System construction documents as presented (with adjustments if any) and to grant permission to publish the required Notice to Bidders. Donald Rogers seconded.

In the discussion, Dr. Buffington hoped the bids would come in within the budget amount and noted that the current video quality was not very good. Mr. LaFollette indicated that there are four different old systems at the school now, but because Jim Elizondo did such a good job with the refinancing of the high school bonds, he thought they would be able to get the updated video security system.

Vote on motion: Aye – Robbins, D. Rogers, Bigler, Schultz, M. Rogers, Guthrie, and Butler. Motion carried 7-0 in favor.

The Board thanked Mr. LaFollette and Mr. Flatt for their presentations and excused them from the meeting. No one remained in the audience.

**RECOMMENDATION: Textbook Adoptions:** Dr. Peggy Buffington presented additional textbook adoption recommendations for the coming school year. She noted they were working on finalizing dual credit classes and CTE classes at the high school. PLTW computer science and *COREMatters* were added for the middle school, and *COREMatters* was added at the elementary schools. Dr. Buffington noted that the *COREMatters* program was part of the Lilly grant, and the classes would be for seventh and fifth graders. *COREMatters* is a self-esteem/empowerment program that includes martial arts training to teach students self-control. The list of the recommendations was included in the electronic meeting packet and is as follows:

- Hobart High School –  
Entrepreneurship and New Ventures Capstone  
*Entrepreneurship* by Steve Mariotti  
Publisher: Pearson Copyright year: 2016, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition  
Print ISBN: 9780133934458, 0133934454  
eText ISBN: 9780133935936, 0133935930

Culinary Arts and Hospitality  
*Foodservice Management: Principles and Practices*, 13<sup>th</sup> Edition, by Payne-Palicio and Theis  
Publisher: Pearson Copyright year: 2016  
eText ISBN: 9780133801125 (Adobe version)

Criminal Justice (CRIM 101)  
*Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction*, by F. Schmallegger  
ISBN: 9780133814422 Publisher: Pearson Copyright year: 2016  
Criminal Justice (CRIM 105)  
*Criminology Today: An Integrative Introduction* by F. Schmallegger  
Print ISBN: 9780134417110 Publisher: Pearson Copyright year: 2016

- Hobart Middle School –  
PLTW Computer Science courses  
PLTW App Creators course and kit  
PLTW Computer Science Innovators and Makers course materials and kit

COREMatters (all seventh graders)  
Empowerment, self-esteem building evidence-based program for all seventh graders

- Elementary Schools –  
COREMatters (all fifth graders)  
Empowerment, self-esteem building evidence-based program for all fifth graders

Dr. Buffington recommended that the Board adopt the textbook materials as presented and requested Board action.

Rikki Guthrie moved that the Board approve the textbook adoption selections as presented. Seconded by Karen Robbins. Vote on motion: Aye – Robbins, D. Rogers, Bigler, Schultz, M. Rogers, Guthrie, and Butler. Motion carried 7-0 in favor.

**UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS:** The Board received the following information:

- ▶ School City of Hobart Job Fair for Substitutes – Jon Mock, Director of Human Resources and Compliance, indicated there would hold a job fair for substitutes for teachers and support staff on July 6, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the high school.
- ▶ National Night Out - August 1 from 6-9:00 p.m. – Dr. Buffington told the Board that this year's National Night Out would be on August 1 from 6-9:00 p.m. at Hobart High School and said it was always “a fun night at the high school.”
- ▶ School Information –the high school's June newsletter.

**COMMENTS:** From the administration, Peggy Buffington expressed her thanks and appreciation to Chris King for his assistance with today's Ready NWI College and Career Institute that State Superintendent Jennifer McCormick attended. Dr. Buffington hoped that Superintendent McCormack was able to look around the high school after her presentation. Dr. Buffington showed a short video of her dog, Lily, that she made in about five minutes on her iPhone. Ted Zembala extended his thanks to Lillian and Katelyn for their service on the Board this past year. He noted they would be moving forward to college, and he knew they would be successful because they were intelligent and highly motivated. He hoped they would continue to prosper and have a long life, and he wished them the best of luck in all of their endeavors. Chris King wished Lillian and Katelyn good luck and noted he had “no doubt you will be successful in everything you do.” He complimented the good job they did as Board representatives. He extended his compliments on the new appointments, Danielle Adams, Valentine Torres, and Tim Krieg. He said they are all great people and wished them luck in their new positions. Bill Longer extended his congratulations to the two student representatives and knew they would excel in college. In addition, he told the Board there were 650 valid signatures on the referendum petitions, the county was now checking for duplicate signatures, and thought



the certification would be done in a couple of days. Dr. Buffington expressed her appreciation to Mr. Longer for what he does for the school corporation. Jon Mock wished Katelyn and Lillian the best of luck. He noted the administrative appointments were good “examples of how much of a team” Hobart has, and said they would work “for the betterment of the team.”

From the Board, Karen Robbins extended her best wishes to the student representatives, thought the appointments would make the team better, and credited the administrative team for this. Don Rogers wished the student representatives “the best of luck in college.” Dave Bigler noted that once the decision was made to build the high school, the Board felt it was important to have the guidance department in a prominent place in the school. Being right off the Great Hall was an excellent choice for the student population to see the office on a daily basis. He noted that he saved a young man from being seriously injured by falling off the stage at graduation. He said the student had one foot off the stage when he stopped him. Dr. Buffington and Board members thanked him for his quick action. Mr. Butler said he had a similar experience his first year on the Board. Mr. Bigler thanked the student representatives for their service and for their graduation speech. He noted they were excellent examples for those who would be following them. Stu Schultz expressed his thanks to Mr. Bigler for his assistance to the young man at graduation and said he was not even aware of the situation. Katelyn Knudson said there is a lot going on when diplomas are presented such as shaking hands and taking the diploma, and someone mentioned facing the camera. Lillian Burnett thanked the Board and Dr. Buffington for their generosity and gifts. She noted it had been a great year, and said it was like being with family when you are together two to three hours twice a month. Katelyn Knudson said after her last visit, she was super excited about attending college in New Hampshire, even though she had had some doubts along the way. Lillian thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve and said she learned a great deal and thought the public hearing for the proposed new projects “was awesome.” She wished Mr. Krieg and Ms. Torres well in their new positions. She was very excited about the next chapter in her life. Dr. Buffington said everyone was very proud of them. Michael Rogers thanked Katelyn and Lillian for their service, told them that their comments were important, and noted the Board listened to them. He was looking forward to having the next student representatives. Dr. Buffington was asked who the new student representatives were, and she replied but asked that no one contact them because she had not yet notified them. She indicated there were six applicants who were very impressive and qualified for these positions. She said the other candidates brought very good ideas to their interviews and indicated their ideas would be given consideration so they would have a voice even though they would not be sitting on the Board. Mr. Rogers told Jon Mock that he did a great job in hiring the two science teachers, and Dr. Buffington indicated that Tim Krieg had helped with this. She noted that one of the science teachers taught a genetics lesson at her interview. Rikki Guthrie thanked Lillian and Katelyn for their service and said she enjoyed working with them. She wished them well and indicated she knew they “will be successful at whatever you do.” She told them to do find something new to do. Lillian indicated that she has “a bucket list journal.” Mr. Butler told Katelyn and Lillian that the Board “likes to celebrate the things people do well” and noted because they took “an interest in their surroundings,” they had done an excellent job. Terry Butler told the other Board members that he would continue to thank and recognize those for serving in the armed forces as he had done for many years.

No one was left in the audience so there were no audience comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, President Butler adjourned the meeting around 9:56 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular session meeting is July 6, 2017.

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Terry D. Butler, President

ATTEST:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael J. Rogers, Secretary

Submitted for Approval: July 6, 2017