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Appendix F

Board Minutes & Assurance Letter

The Board of School Trustees of the Anderson Community School Corporation met at the Administration Center, 1600 Hillcrest Avenue, Anderson, IN

6:00 p.m.

REFLECTION

Mr. Gale asked the attendees to pause for a moment of silent reflection.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was led by Mr. Gale.

ROLL CALL

All Board members were present with the exception of Mr. Long and Mr. Wright.

Ben Gale.....Board President
Jean Chaille.....Board Vice President
Irma Hampton Stewart.....Board Secretary
James Wright .....Board Assistant Secretary
Patrick Hill.....Board Trustee
Timothy Long.....Board Trustee
Stephanie Moran.....Board Trustee

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Additional Items)

Agenda was approved as presented with a motion from Mrs. Chaille and a second by Dr. Hill.

BOARD ACTIONS

A. School Improvement Grant (SIG) and Resolution #R-2015-34

Amanda McCammon stated that she is seeking approval for the application and acceptance of the 1003G (SIG). It is a competitive grant opportunity for the Indiana Department of Education which is authorized under section 1003 G of the Title 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. It is a funding opportunity for focus and priority schools only for the department of education. She then asked for approval of Resolution #R-2015-34.

ANDERSON COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Board Meeting at 6 pm on June 24, 2015
Forest Hills Administration Building

RESOLUTION # R-2015-34

Background Information and Facts:
Board approval is a requirement for application of the 1003(a) School Improvement Grant (SIG).

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees of the Anderson Community School Corporation is responsible for the approval of all grant application decisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Trustees of the Anderson Community School Corporation approves the recommendation as presented.

Proposed by: Amanda McCammon, Director or Student Services 6-24-15
Name and Title of Administrator Date

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY the Board of School Trustees of the Anderson Community School Corporation, this 24TH day of June, 2015.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstention: 0

MOTION: Upon a motion by Mrs. Moran and a second by Mrs. Stewart, the Board unanimously approved the application for the 1003 G School Improvement Grant (SIG).

Mrs. McCammon then invited Mr. Tom Forkner, president of the AFT, to speak on behalf of the support of the AFT for the application of the SIG.

Mr. Forkner stated that since an agreement away from the table has been reached between ACS and the AFT with regards to issues surrounding compliance for our priority focus schools and knowing that with that agreement, there is nothing that will now interfere applying for the SIG, the AFT is offering its support and encourages the board to move forward with the application of the SIG. Because there are already priority plans in place for Anderson High School and Highland Middle School, receiving funding would help us move forward with those plans and benefit our staff and students.

Mrs. Stewart, board secretary, stated that after serving for many years on the school board, it is gratifying to her to see the school board/ACS, and the AFT working together.

Mr. Forkner added that all of the groups have been working collaboratively. There have been a number of meetings already with Mrs. McCammon and several staff members, and administrative staff in the school buildings.

Mrs. Moran, board member, also stated that she appreciated the collaboration and the hard work for the betterment of the students and community.

Mr. Gale agreed that extra funding could go a long way in supporting the people who are working with our students and lead to improvement.

B. Human Resources Report

Dr. Smith presented the human resources report that was included in the agenda book and also passed out additional pages of items to be considered. He added that as of 4:45 pm, today, we are essentially staffed in all buildings except Anderson High School which has just a few available openings. There may also be a few more retirements and resignations that will need to be filled. He also explained that, under New Hires, those names with an asterisk are teachers who are being brought back for their second or third year under an emergency permit with the expectation that they will complete their licensing requirements to be fully licensed. He then asked for approval of Resolution, #R-2015-36.

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June 25, 2015

Superintendent Glenda Ritz
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Indiana Department of Education
115 W. Washington Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Superintendent Ritz:

As the President of the Anderson Community Board of Education, I am pleased to submit this letter on behalf of the Board acknowledging our support of the importance of the School Improvement Grant Initiative, under Section 1003(g) of Title I.

This grant will provide opportunities to create new change and support or expand on current implemented programs. The strong emphases on professional learning communities will energize our teachers, which will have positive outcomes on our students' success.

Over the next five years, this grant will provide high quality educational instruction and build productive relationships with students, resulting in growth in academic levels and a decrease in disciplinary referrals. Our goal is to achieve an 80% proficiency rate in E/LA and Math by May 2020.

Anderson Community Schools is showing a commitment to develop programs to support student growth and academic achievement. The awarding of this grant to Anderson Community Schools will make a huge impact on our staff, our community, and most importantly, our students. The Anderson Community School Board is fully committed to supporting the important work outlined in this grant.

Sincerely,

Ben Gale, President
Anderson Community School Board of Education