

**SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
April 1, 2021**

The Board of School Trustees of the School City of Hobart met in regular session on April 1, 2021, in the Board Room at Hobart High School, 2211 East Tenth Street, Hobart, Indiana.

ROLL CALL: 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
Sandra J. Hillan
Frank Porras
Donald H. Rogers
Stuart B. Schultz
Kelsey Black, HHS student representative
Lauren Cicillian, HHS student representative

Administrators Present:

Peggy Buffington
Ted Zembala
Christopher N. King
William J. Longer
Jonathan Mock
Tim Krieg
Russell Mellon

Board Member Present Electronically:

Karen J. Robbins

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Butler indicated that the Board met in executive session prior to the regular session, and the Board had a work session at 5:00 p.m. As published, the executive session was held in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(1) where authorized by federal or state statute; (2) for discussion of strategy with respect to: (B) initiation of litigation or litigation which is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing; (5) to receive information about, and interview, prospective employees; (6) with respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction: (B) to discuss, before a determination, that individual's status as an employee, a student, or an independent contractor who is: (i) a physician or (ii) a school bus driver; and (7) for discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

CALL TO ORDER: Terry Butler, President, called the meeting to order around 7:11 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Butler asked Beau Glover to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance, which he did, and he was complimented for doing great job.

AUDIENCE: The following were present in the audience:

Bob Glover, Dean of Students at Hobart Middle School, his wife, Martha, and their children
Robert and Erica Glover, Sr., parents of Bob Glover, Jr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rikki Guthrie moved that the Board approve the executive session and regular session minutes of March 18, 2021. Frank Porras seconded.

President Terry Butler indicated that Karen Robbins was attending the meeting electronically via Zoom, which was approved by Executive Order of the Governor.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS: President Butler indicated there were no financial reports for the Board's consideration.

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

PERSONNEL: Jonathan Mock, Director of Human Resources and Compliance, indicated the Personnel Report was included in the electronic meeting packet for the Board's consideration.

Mr. Mock recommended approval and requested Board action.

Donald Rogers moved that the Board approve the Personnel Report as presented. Seconded by Rikki Guthrie. Vote on motion: Aye – Schultz, Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 7-0 in favor.

The approved personnel items are as follows:

Salary Adjustment –

Tim Krieg, Administration Office/Director of Secondary Education, increase of \$5,000.00 for receiving his Ph.D., effective April 1, 2021

Homebound Teaching Contract –

March 3/June 13, 2021: Heather Phillips, Compass and Edmentum, two hours per week, \$55.29 per hour

Resignation –

Amy Mihalich, Early Learning Center/teacher, for the 2021-2022 school year

Eric Stoelb, Hobart Middle School/teacher, effective June 10, 2021

Request for Leave of Absence –

Catherine Patterson, Joan Martin School/teacher, FMLA, effective March 30/April 18, 2021, tentatively

Extra Duty Contacts –

Hobart High School/Softball, March 8/June 12, 2021:

Andrew Niksich, girls varsity assistant, \$3,131.00

Stephanie Brandner, girls JV, \$3,016.00

RESOLUTION: National Volunteer Week: Dr. Peggy Buffington presented Resolution No. 2021-13 honoring National Volunteer Week for the Board’s consideration. National Volunteer Week will be celebrated the week of April 18-24, 2021. She noted that even with COVID restrictions, there are PTO volunteers in the schools, and the resolution celebrates their service to the school district. Administrators, teachers, and students appreciate everything that the volunteers do for our district.

President Terry Butler asked the audience if they wanted the whole resolution read aloud or would it be acceptable to just read the title. Just reading the title of the resolution was chosen.

Secretary Rikki Guthrie read the title of the resolution, as follows:

SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
“Celebrate Service”

President Terry Butler called for a motion and a roll call vote.

Rikki Guthrie moved that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2021-13 to recognize the dedication of volunteers in making a difference for students in the School City of Hobart. Frank Porras seconded.

In the discussion, Rikki Guthrie expressed her appreciation for the volunteers and noted there was nothing more valuable than time, and they give of it very freely. Frank Porras concurred with Mrs. Guthrie. President Butler noted the school district would not be able to offer many programs without the assistance of volunteers and indicated the Board really appreciated all of their service.

Vote on motion: Secretary Rikki Guthrie called roll on the vote, as follows: Aye – Schultz, Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Nay – No one. Motion carried 7-0 in favor.

Resolution No. 2021-13, as displayed on the screens in the Board Room, presented, and adopted, is as follows:

SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
“Celebrate Service”

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 through a presidential executive order; and

WHEREAS, the tradition of recognizing volunteers on an annual basis has continued to be widely recognized and endorsed by subsequent U. S. presidents, governors, mayors, and other respected elected officials; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to volunteer within their communities; and

WHEREAS, volunteers make a difference every day; and

WHEREAS, volunteers fill many roles by being listeners, role models, motivators, and mentors; and

WHEREAS, volunteers share their strengths and skills, lend a hand by taking time to make things better for someone else, and take pride in reaching out to see others smile; and

WHEREAS, volunteers should be accorded high public esteem in appreciation for the work that they do and their dedication and commitment to the students of the School City of Hobart.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the week of April 18-24, 2021, be designated as *National Volunteer Week – “Celebrate Service.”*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge the entire community of Hobart to appreciate the importance and recognize the service of volunteers within the School City of Hobart.

DATED this 1st day of April, 2021.

SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

BY _____
Terry D. Butler, President

ATTEST:

Rikki A. Guthrie, Secretary

RESOLUTION: Administrative Assistants Day: Superintendent Peggy Buffington presented Resolution No. 2021-14 to recognize Administrative Assistants Day, which is April 21, 2021. She said this was an annual resolution to recognize all of the administrative assistants in the school district and to acknowledge and thank them for the great job that they do every day. She noted that Pat Schoon was “one of the best.”

President Terry Butler asked Pat Schoon, recording secretary for the Board, if she wanted the whole resolution read aloud, and she indicated that reading the title of the resolution was sufficient.

Secretary Rikki Guthrie read the title of the resolution aloud, as follows:

SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14

Administrative Assistants Day

President Butler requested Board action and a roll call vote.

Sandra Hillan moved that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2021-14 recognizing Administrative Assistants Day. Seconded by Frank Porras.

In the discussion, President Butler commented that there were not many questions that Mrs. Schoon could not answer about the school district.

Vote on motion: Secretary Rikki Guthrie called roll on the vote, as follows: Aye – Schultz, Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Nay – No one. Motion carried 7-0 in favor.

Resolution No. 2021-14, as displayed on the screens in the Board Room, presented, and adopted, is as follows:

SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14

Administrative Assistants Day

WHEREAS, administrative assistants make a difference every day; and

WHEREAS, every day administrative assistants support and listen to staff members, parents, and students; and

WHEREAS, administrative assistants lend a hand by taking time to make things better for someone else and taking pride in reaching out to see others smile; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that administrative assistants be recognized for their dedication and commitment to the students of the School City of Hobart.

WHEREAS, for many students the administrative assistant is the first employee they see each morning; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that April 21, 2021, is designated as *Administrative Assistants Day*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that School City of Hobart expresses its appreciation to these employees and commends the work they do.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Trustees urges the entire community of Hobart to appreciate and recognize the administrative assistants within the School City of Hobart.

DATED this 1st day of April, 2021.

SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

BY _____
Terry D. Butler, President

ATTEST:

Rikki A. Guthrie, Secretary

RECOMMENDATION: Administrative Appointment: Superintendent Peggy Buffington welcomed the Glover families to the Board meeting. Dr. Buffington recommended the administrative appointment of Robert Glover, Jr. to become the new Business Manager for the 2020-2021. She noted that Mr. Glover was a graduate of Hobart High School and had been a teacher at the high school and the varsity baseball coach. He was presently serving in an administrative position as Dean of Students at Hobart Middle School. She indicated he was intelligent, talented and a hard worker. She noted that he was among the first high students to participate in the CISCO curriculum, which is very hard. He “whizzed” through it. When he went to college, everyone thought he would end up in the technology field, but that was not the case. He realized that he wanted to be an educator and a coach, and she was glad he did. She said he has made “a huge difference at the middle school.” She noted he was a numbers person who was a quick study with data, and he will have the opportunity to work with Mr. Zembala before he retires at the end of June.

Dr. Buffington asked the Board to approve a two-year contract for Mr. Glover with a salary of \$90,000 beginning July 1, 2021, for the 2021-2022 school year for 260 days. In addition, she recommended that Mr. Glover begin his role on April 1, 2021, to work alongside Mr. Zembala, and he would be compensated at a daily rate of \$346.15 between April 1 and June 30, 2021, for a total of 65 days.

Stuart Schultz moved that the Board approve the administrative appointment of Robert Glover, Jr., as presented. Seconded by Donald Rogers.

President Butler requested a roll call vote.

Vote on motion: Secretary Rikki Guthrie called roll on the vote, as follows: Aye – Schultz, Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 7-0 in favor.

In the discussion, Karen Robbins extended her congratulations to Bob Glover on his new position. Terry Butler indicated that Ted Zembala was one of the best business managers in the state, he even found errors in the state formula where the loss of one student would cost a school district a lot of money, and he developed a program that he shared with business managers at no cost to them. Dr. Buffington noted that Mr. Glover would be a good mentor, and she appreciated that he was willing to take on the challenge of his new position. Mr. Glover thanked the Board and Dr. Buffington and said he was “honored to have the opportunity to serve the community and school district.” He appreciated the opportunity to work with Mr. Zembala. He introduced his wife, Martha, and their two children, Beau and Grace, and his parents, Bob, Sr., and Erica. Terry Butler told Mr. Glover that the Board only has power as a group, no one individual member can tell anyone to do something. He said, they were “here to work with you, not against you.” Don Rogers noted that Ted’s budget meetings were renowned for the amount of information he reviews, but Mr. Rogers let him know that he does make popcorn for the occasion. Dr. Buffington noted that when working on various projects, there often are many last minute changes before they are finalized. Bob Glover, Sr. extended his congratulations to Frank Porras and to Kelsey Black for selecting to attend Purdue University. In addition, he congratulated Tim Krieg on his Ph.D. and offered “bigger congratulations” because he was going to be a father. He offered congratulations to Ted Zembala on his upcoming retirement and noted that would be “a hard act to follow.” He wished his son the best of luck in doing that. Russ Mellon wondered if anyone had told Bob that Ted supplied all the candy and treats at the Administration Office.

PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE: Request for Proposals for After School Childcare (Latch Key)

Program: Dr. Peggy Buffington briefly highlighted the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the After School Childcare (Latch Key) Program. She noted that Indiana statutes require school districts to solicit proposals every two years. She noted proposals would be due on by 2:00 p.m. on May 3, 2021, and would be awarded at the Board meeting on May 20, 2021. The Request for Proposals and the program’s requirements/specifications were included in the electronic meeting packet.

Dr. Buffington requested Board action for authorization to publish the Request for Proposals for the After School Childcare (Latch Key) Program.

Rikki Guthrie moved that the Board approve advertising the Request for Proposals for the After School Childcare (Latch Key) Program. Karen Robbins seconded.

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

President Butler welcomed audience members to stay for the remainder of the meeting but excused anyone who needed to leave. In addition, he thanked Beau Glover for leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Glover and Bob and Erica Glover remained in the audience.

RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT: PLTW Grant: Superintendent Peggy Buffington indicated that Hobart High School was awarded a PLTW Computer Science Grant from Project Lead The Way that was made possible by the support of their partner, Indiana Department of Education. She extended her appreciation to Tammy May, Coordinator of Technology Professional Development, for applying for the grant. She indicated the grant award was for \$1,500 for the 2021-2022 school year and will provide for computer science professional development.

Rikki Guthrie moved that the Board accept the Project Lead The Way grant, as presented, and authorize the superintendent to execute any necessary documents. Stuart Schultz seconded.

In discussion, the Board thanked Tammy May for applying for the grant.

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

CONSIDERATION: Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Real Estate: William J. Longer, School Board Attorney, presented Resolution No. 2021-15 for the Board's consideration. The resolution pertained to the purchase of real estate commonly known as 129 North Liberty Street. Mr. Longer highlighted that the property was adjacent to Liberty Elementary School and was going to be sold at a Sheriff’s Sale on February 5. The time limitations precluded the opportunity to obtain two appraisals prior to the Sheriff’s Sale, but the current assessed value of the property was \$136,500.00. He noted that Liberty School had experienced damage due to the proximity of vehicle traffic to the front of the school and indicated the property would allow for the improvement of traffic patterns and would improve the safety of students. He

noted there were sufficient proceeds remaining from a bond sale to fund the purchase of the property without incurring new debt. On February 4, 2021, the Board found that an emergency existed and authorized the Superintendent to purchase the property for an amount not to exceed \$136,500.00, which was the approximate fair market value of the property. The resolution approved the purchase of the property for \$105,000.00 without incurring new debt, and approved the actions of the Superintendent in connection with the property purchase, including costs associated with the recording of the deed and issuance of title insurance. In addition, the resolution approved the actions of the Superintendent in the removal of unneeded structures from the acquired parcel for the safety of students.

Stuart Schultz moved that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2021-15, as presented. Frank Porras seconded.

In the discussion, Dr. Buffington thanked Mr. Longer for his assistance in handling the property purchase and noted that purchasing property at a Sheriff's Sale was not something that she learned in school.

Vote on motion: Secretary Rikki Guthrie called roll on the vote, as follows: Aye – Schultz, Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 7-0 in favor.

Resolution No. 2021-15, as displayed on the screens in the Board Room, presented, and adopted, is as follows:

SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Resolution No. 2021-15

A Resolution Approving the Purchase of Real Estate Adjacent to School Property

WHEREAS, it came to the attention of the School City of Hobart that property adjacent to currently used school property is scheduled for Sheriff's Sale on February 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the whereabouts of the current owner of said property, commonly known as 129 N. Liberty Street, Hobart Indiana, (legal description attached) are unknown, and it was not possible to communicate an offer directly to him, and participation in the Sheriff's Sale was the most cost effective and practical way for the School City to acquire clear title; and

WHEREAS, I.C. 20-26-7-17(b)(1) provides that school corporations may purchase suitable buildings or lands adjacent to school property for school purposes; and

WHEREAS, limitations on time and access to the property precluded obtaining two appraisals prior to the scheduled sale; but the current assessed value of the property in question is \$136,500.00;

WHEREAS, the School City of Hobart has experienced damage to Liberty Elementary School in the past due to the proximity of vehicle traffic to the front of the school, and said property is unique in that its acquisition would enhance the ability of the school corporation to improve traffic patterns and better protect the elementary school entrance from traffic, and improve the safety of students; and

WHEREAS, the School City of Hobart previously issued a bond to be used in part for the acquisition of real estate, among other things, and there were sufficient proceeds of said bond remaining to fund the acquisition of this additional real estate without incurring new debt; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees of the School City of Hobart, on February 4, 2021, found that an emergency existed, and the Superintendent of the School City of Hobart was authorized to use her best efforts to purchase the property commonly known as 129 N. Liberty Street, Hobart Indiana, for an amount not to exceed \$136,500.00, which the Board found to be the approximate fair market value of the property based upon the information available to it at the time;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchase of 129 N. Liberty Street is found to have been necessary for the protection of school property and the safety of its students, and its acquisition for a price of \$105,000.00, without incurring new debt, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the actions of the Superintendent in connection with the acquisition of the real estate, including costs associated with the recording of the deed and issuance of title insurance, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the actions of the Superintendent in securing the removal of unneeded structures from the parcel acquired are also approved.

Dated April 1, 2021.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF THE
SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART

BY: _____
Terry D. Butler, President

Rikki A. Guthrie, Secretary

Exhibit A

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 114 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, Township 36 North, Range 7 West of the 2nd Principal Meridian, in Lake County, Indiana, described as follows: Beginning at a point 30 feet East and 273 feet South of the Northwest corner thereof; thence East 140.2 feet; thence North 102 feet; thence West 140.2 feet; thence South 102 feet to the point of beginning.

Commonly known as 129 N. Liberty Street, Hobart Indiana 46342

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

► Indiana Innovate WithIN Competition – an email from Daniel Schultz, PLTW teacher at the high school, indicating the first round results from the Innovate WithIN competition were in, and Hobart has fifteen students advancing to this year’s Regional competition. These students have all earned a possible \$4,000 towards college tuition and additional dual credit for competing in Round 1 of competition. Hobart had 53 students enter the first round of competition this year, which was the largest number ever in First round. Round 2 or the Regional happens at the end of April. Hopefully, some Hobart students will make it to the state competition where there will be \$100,000.00 in prize money and scholarships available.

Dr. Buffington indicated that she was very proud when she received an email from Purdue indicating Hobart had 53 students enter this year’s competition. She noted that that the scholarship opportunities have increased as has the prize money. She reminded the Board that two years ago Hobart had a team finish second in the state, and last year Hobart had teams finish first and second in the state. It is wonderful that Hobart will have fifteen students participating in the Regional competition. Dr. Buffington noted that Lauren Cicillian was one of the participants going to the Regional and asked her to tell the Board about her project. Lauren indicated that her teammates were Max Wojhoski and Megan Jahnke. After doing a survey, they wanted to do a project that would reduce stress or it causes. Managing time can be a stressful problem for many people so they developed a track list that goes on your wrist. It had two different kinds of beads that could be snapped together each time a project was accomplished. They are now working on a prototype using technology like LED lights that would go from red, which represents a task to be done, to green once that task was completed. She said she would keep the Board updated on the project. Dr. Buffington was excited about their project, and she asked Lauren to remind Mr. Schultz that she and other administrators would be willing to listen to all of the presentations and offer suggestions that would assist in honing their presentations for the upcoming competition. Mrs. Guthrie said she was available also.

► School Information – weekly agendas Joan Martin School, Hobart Middle School, and Hobart High School, and the BricksCenter weekly newsletter. Dr. Buffington noted that the latest sports information was in the weekly BricksCenter newsletter.

► Upcoming Activities/Events – the latest list of upcoming activities/events.

April 7 – 7th Annual Brickie Makers and Innovators Showcase (Virtual)

April 9 – E-Learning Day

June 13 – Graduation, 6:00 pm in The Brickyard

Dr. Buffington indicated that Governor Holcomb did issue an Executive Order regarding masks not being required after April 6. However, requirements for K-12 schools still required masks. As far as graduation and figuring out the number of tickets, there are some contradictions one of which was inside/outside social distancing being 6 feet or 3 feet. When she spoke with the State Department of Health, she was told her not to listen to the Executive Order. She noted that Lake County was in the Blue and Porter County was in the Yellow. Dr. Buffington told the Board that she has been meeting with high school students and sponsors about some end-of-the-year activities. She said there would be a senior parade for sure, and they were still working on some type of junior-senior prom that would not involve any cost to the students. If Lake County would return to Orange, any functions with over 250 attendees would have to have a plan approved by the local board of health. Kelsey Black and Lauren Cicillian thanked Dr. Buffington for what she is doing for the students.

COMMENTS: From the administration, Peggy Buffington indicated that she had a productive week, and she thanked Chris King for his assistance with software. She thanked Ted Zembala for teleworking, and Jim Elizondo for his willingness to get his information prepared and ready for this evening's work session. She was able to meet with Bob Glover about his new position and noted that she owed Pat Schoon a day off because she came in and worked on a day off to get ready for the Board meeting. Chris King extended his congratulations to Bob Glover and was looking forward to working with him. He told Lauren Cicillian that he was not aware of her participation in Innovate WithIN this year, and he thought she had a good project and the addition of technology would make it a more viable project. He noted his administrative assistant in the Technology Department does an outstanding job, and he appreciated everything that she does, especially this past year with COVID-19 and all of the calls from our E-Learners she has assisted. Bill Longer extended his congratulations to Bob Glover on his new position and indicated that he was glad that he would be working with Ted Zembala. Jon Mock was looking forward to working with Bob Glover. He complimented all of the district's administrative assistants and noted that the administrators at the Administration Office could not do their jobs without their administrative assistants. He wished everyone a "Happy Easter." Ted Zembala wished everyone "a happy and blessed Easter." Tim Krieg congratulated Bob Glover and said the Administration Office was "a wonderful place to work" as was working in the school district. He wished every "a blessed Easter," too. He commented that he was Bob Glover's assistant football coach in 2008, and he noted it was "a good day to be a Brickie." Russ Mellon congratulated Mr. Glover, and he told everyone to have "a nice weekend." Bob Glover, Jr., thanked the Board and Dr. Buffington and said he was thankful to be here. He wished everyone a Happy Easter.

From the Board, Stu Schultz echoed all of the comments. He noted that in addition to working on Innovate WithIN, his son, Daniel, was working with the Kart Club, and he was hoping to have three karts this year. However, a lot of parts were needed. Dr. Buffington asked whether they were still trying to build the autonomous kart, but he did not know. She indicated that she had not heard anything about this from Daniel, and Mr. Schultz suggested that she contact him directly about his needs. Frank Porras thanked Ted Zembala for his service to the school district and noted he would be missed. He extended his congratulations to Bob Glover on his new position. He told Bob Glover, Sr., it was "nice to see you again." He thanked Mrs. Schoon for her assistance when he joined the Board and complimented Lauren Cicillian noting it was always great to see students "apply the skills learned in the classroom." Don Rogers extended his congratulations to Bob Glover. He congratulated the JROTC for the \$12,000.00 plus donation to the Hobart Food Pantry. He wished everyone a Happy Easter. Sandi Hillan congratulated Bob Glover and was looking to working with him. She told him that Ted Zembala would be a great mentor and said Ted would be missed. She wished everyone "Happy Easter." She extended congratulations to the boys and girls bowling teams and noted they did "an outstanding job at state." She congratulated Lauren Cicillian and Kelsey Black. Kelsey Black congratulated Mr. Glover on his new position and told Mr. Zembala she was "sad to see you go." She thanked him for his service and said he would be missed. She congratulated Lauren Cicillian on her Innovate WithIN project, and she volunteered to assist in testing out the tracker list. Dr. Buffington noted that Monday had been exciting day because that was when Kelsey was supposed to let everyone know where she would be attending college. Dr. Buffington thought it was going to be after school, but at 9:00 a.m. she was one of the first to know of her decision to attend Purdue University. However, Dr. Buffington did not know whether she could talk about it or not. Dr. Buffington told Kelsey that it would not have mattered which of the schools she chose because she was intelligent and had good character, and she knew she "would be successful." She was very happy that she chose Purdue, and she said the same was true for Lauren, as well. Lauren Cicillian echoed all of the prior congratulations. She indicated that this week Mrs. Larimore from the Hobart Food Pantry received a check for \$12,575.00 plus the food donations from the JROTC fundraiser. She said that around \$9,000.00 would be used to purchase food for the clients of the food pantry for the rest of the year. She noted they met their goal and received their bonus for doing so. Dr. Buffington inquired whether there was a press release about the donation because she would like to include the donation in the upcoming district newsletter, *Focus on Education*. However, she would need it by tomorrow. Rikki Guthrie congratulated Bob Glover and welcomed him to

the team. She told Ted Zembala he was awesome and would be missed. She noted that everyone appreciated all of the administrative assistants and all that they do. She wished everyone “a Happy Easter.” She asked everyone to order their Easter eggs for their yards from the Hobart Educational Foundation, and she noted that the fundraiser helped to produce funds for the foundation, since they have not been able to hold The Taste of Autumn fundraiser. Karen Robbins congratulated Bob Glover on his new position and Lauren Cicillian on her Innovate WithIN project. In addition, she thanked Lauren for the JROTC donation to the Hobart Food Pantry. She told Kelsey Black that she thrilled that she was going to be a Boilermaker. She wished everyone “Happy Easter.” Terry Butler noted that he and Mike Rogers became members of the Kiwanis Club this week and that their sponsor, Karen Robbins, was not there, but Dr. Buffington did a good job in her place. He extended congratulations to the bowling teams. He noted the best Chicago baseball “team was playing this evening; the other team lost today.” He noted that his granddaughter who lives out-of-state was accepted to her number one choice, William and Mary College. He asked Bob Glover, Sr. how many years he was with the school district. Mr. Glover said he was in Hobart for 30 years and seven years elsewhere.

There were no comments from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, President Butler adjourned the meeting around 8:14 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular session meeting is April 15, 2021.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART

By _____
Terry D. Butler, President

ATTEST:

By _____
Rikki A. Guthrie, Secretary

Submitted for Approval: April 15, 2021