

**SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
January 21, 2021**

The Board of School Trustees of the School City of Hobart met in regular session on January 21, 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
Karen J. Robbins
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
Michael Black

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Butler indicated that the Board did not meet in executive session prior to the regular session meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: Terry Butler, President, called the meeting to order around 7:08 p.m.

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

AUDIENCE: No one was present in the audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Karen Robbins moved that the Board approve the regular session minutes of January 7, 2021. Seconded by Rikki Guthrie. Vote on motion: Aye – Schultz, Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, 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 January 21, 2021 – Lauren Cicillian and Kelsey Black, HHS student representatives, shared the reading of the accounts payable voucher summary with Lauren reading the first portion and Kelsey the last portion, as follows:

School Education Fund \$991,497.06
Operating Referendum Fund \$58,057.84
Debt Service Fund \$3,501,241.49
Exempt Capital Referendum Fund \$891,000.00
School Operations Fund \$457,320.55
Construction Fund 700 \$45,525.00
Construction Fund 701 \$54,075.50
Construction Projects \$15,048.50
School Lunch \$98,648.06
Textbook Rental Fund \$260.60
Self-Insurance Fund \$802,950.61
Education Licenses Plates \$318.75
Community Gifts and Donations \$969.82
Building Brickies \$557.84
Medicaid Reimbursement Federal \$274.00
Title II Part A \$7,940.00
Title II Part A FY 2019 \$3,232.68
Fed Stimulus-18003 Ed Stabilization Relief \$3,279.04
Clearing Accounts \$414,863.68
Self-Insurance Clearing \$23,237.39
Clearing/Flexible Benefits AF \$47,962.54
Clearing/Insurance Account \$4,548.05
Credit Card Fee Clearing \$47.83

for a total of \$7,422,856.83 with a transfer of \$812,305.00 for 2020 Tax Anticipation Warrants. The December 2020 payroll distribution by the school corporation's treasurer was \$1,714,661.20.

Stuart Schultz moved that the Board approve payment of the vouchers for January 21, 2021. Frank Porras seconded. Vote on motion: Aye – Schultz, Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 7-0 in favor.

In addition, the Board received copies of the following monthly budget reports, dated December 31, 2020, in their electronic Board packet: Analysis by Object, Estimated Revenue by Account, Summary of Balances by Account-Object, and Summary of Receipts and Expenditures.

► Application for Payment No. 21 - Hobart High School Natatorium –

Gough, Inc., App No. 15 – \$92,911.55 (Retainage final payment)

Mr. Zembala noted this was Gough's final payment for the Aquatic Center.

Karen Robbins moved that the Board approve the Application for Payment for the Hobart High School Natatorium as presented. Seconded by Stuart Schultz. Vote on motion: Aye – Schultz, Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, 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: 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.

Karen Robbins moved that the Board approve the Personnel Report as presented. Seconded by Stuart Schultz.

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:

Homebound Teaching Contract –

January 4/March 4, 2021: Jamie Schiller, literacy and math, one hour per week, and STAR 360 testing, one hour total for testing, \$40.93 per hour

Requests for Leave of Absence –

Zack Johansen, Hobart High School/aide-study hall, unpaid leave, effective January 4 and ending on April 13, 2021

Aleicia Terrell, Veterans School/computer technician, FMLA, effective January 21 until on or about March 4, 2021, up to 30 days

Patricia Welch, Hobart High School/food service, extended medical leave, beginning January 16, 2021, for no more than 78 days

Resignation –

Kathy Kirk, Joan Martin School/instructional aide, effective January 15, 2021

Transfer of Assignment –

Melissa Prieto

From: Hobart High School/student supervisor

To: Hobart High School/instructional aide, effective January 19, 2021

Salary Adjustments –

David Jenkins, Technology Department

From: Technician (Category III)

To: Technology Specialist (Category IV), effective January 4, 2021

Adam Young, Technology Department

From: IT Associate (Category V), Level 3

To: IT Associate (Category V), Level 5, effective January 4, 2021

New Employee –

Nathan Solich, Service Center/Technology Department, District technician, Class III,
Level 1, effective January 20, 2021, \$40,800.00

RESOLUTION: School Counselor Appreciation Day: Superintendent Peggy Buffington presented Resolution No. 2021-1 for the Board's consideration. The resolution pertains to National School Counseling Week and designated February 3 as School Counselor Appreciation Day.

President Terry Butler asked Attorney Longer whether it would be acceptable for Secretary Rikki Guthrie to read only the title of the resolution, and he indicated that it was.

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

Resolution No. 2021-1
School Counselor Appreciation Day

Rikkie Guthrie moved that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2021-1 designating February 3 as School Counselor Appreciation Day. Karen Robbins seconded.

In the discussion, the Board asked Dr. Buffington to let the counselors know that the Board appreciated all of that they do. Dr. Buffington said the bar was raised with Early College and the addition of socio-emotional health of students. She indicated, "Their jobs are extremely difficult" right now with COVID-19, and it was important to recognize their efforts. They are "doing really great work," and said it was very stressful for them. She noted that the counselors were very much appreciated. Terry Butler commented that the services the counselors now provide are so much better than when he joined the Board. At that time, the counselors were primarily just schedulers.

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

The resolution, as presented and adopted, is as follows:

Resolution No. 2021-1
School Counselor Appreciation Day

Whereas, National School Counseling Week has been designated as February 1 through 5, 2021, and

Whereas, school counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential, and

Whereas, school counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and development, and

Whereas, school counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal and social growth of their children, and

Whereas, school counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves, and

Whereas, school counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society, and

Whereas, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that February 3, 2021, be designated as *School Counselor Appreciation Day*.

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Terry D. Butler, President

ATTEST:

Rikki A. Guthrie, Secretary

OVERNIGHT STUDENT TRIP: 2020 National Raider High School Championship Competition:

Dr. Peggy Buffington presented and highly recommended approval for JROTC cadets to attend the 2020 (Covid-2021) National Raider High School Championship in Molena, GA. She said it would be a fitness and adventure Raider competition. The cadets would travel in a contracted bus and would depart on February 25 and would return on March 1, 2021. Sixteen cadets in grades 9-12 would be attending the competition, and there would be no cost for the cadets. Their lodging and meals will be paid from JROTC fundraising and/or funds from the US Army. Dr. Buffington indicated that she and Lt. Col. Buhmann discussed at length the precautions that were being taken due to Covid-19, and she said the Georgia Army National Guard had completed a mandatory safety assessment survey and considered the Raider event a low risk to cadets. She indicated that the assessment information was included with the paperwork for the overnight student trip that was included in the electronic meeting packet. Instructors will always be present, and Covid restrictions are in effect throughout the competition and competitive area.

Dr. Buffington requested Board approval for the overnight student trip for the JROTC.

Stuart Schultz moved that the Board approve the overnight student trip for JROTC to attend national Raider competition in Molena, GA, as presented. Donald Rogers seconded.

In the discussion, Lauren Cicillian was excited to be able to attend this year's competition and noted she was not part of last year's team. The Board wished Lauren and the Raider Team good luck.

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

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL: 2021-2022 School Calendar: Superintendent Peggy Buffington presented the 2021-2022 calendar for review and approval. The HTA collaborated with the administration on the final calendar. Dr. Buffington told the Board that she had made many revisions to the calendar. She said it was complicated with where the holidays fell and trying to balance the number of days in the quarters and semesters. ELearning days were included again for next year, and she noted that the calendar was similar with the Porter County Career and Technical Education Coop.

Dr. Buffington recommended approval and requested Board action for the 2021-2022 school calendar.

Karen Robbins moved that the Board approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar. Seconded by Rikki Guthrie.

In the discussion, the Board thanked Dr. Buffington for the work done on the calendar.

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

Some highlights from the calendar are as follows:

- First day for teachers is August 16, 2021 and the last day is June 3, 2022
- First day for students is August 18, 2021 and the last day is June 2, 2022
- Schools closed:
 - Labor Day – September 6
 - Fall Break – October 22 and 25
 - Thanksgiving Break – November 24-26
 - Winter Break – December 20 – December 31
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – January 17
 - Presidents' Day – February 18 and 21
 - Spring Break – March 21-25
 - Good Friday – April 15
 - May 30 – Memorial Day
 - K-12 ELearning Days – October 1, November 2, January 7, February 28, April 1, and May 3

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE: President Terry Butler indicated that Conflicts of Interest Disclosure Statements were submitted for the 2021 calendar year, as follows:

- Frank Porras, School Board Member –
Wife is ISS aide at Hobart Middle School.

- Stuart Schultz, School Board Member –
Wife is MRC assistant for the School City of Hobart.
- Peggy Buffington, Superintendent –
Serves on the Board of St. Mary Medical Center
- Kacey Allen, Principal –
Husband is a teacher at the Veterans School.

Karen Robbins moved that the Board accept the disclosure statements and have the Superintendent file the documents with the State Board of Accounts and the Lake County Clerk. Rikki Guthrie seconded. Vote on motion: Aye – Schultz, Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 7-0 in favor.

RESOLUTION: Naming of Track at Hobart High School: Attorney William Longer presented Resolution No. 2021-2 that pertains to the naming of the track at the high school for James Johnston, a graduate of Hobart High School and a retired teacher and coach at the high school. There was brief discussion as to whether this was the first or second reading, and it was a consensus the January 21 meeting was considered as the first reading, and this meeting would be the second reading. Dr. Buffington noted that Mike Black provided Mr. Johnston’s outstanding accomplishments for the resolution and indicated the importance that documentation as part of this process. She extended her appreciation and thanks to Mr. Black and Mr. Longer for the work they did with the resolution.

President Terry Butler asked Secretary Rikki Guthrie to read Resolution No. 2020-2 aloud, which she did, as follows:

SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-2

A Resolution Naming the Track
At Hobart High School
After Coach James T. “JJ” Johnston, Sr.

WHEREAS, James T. Johnston was a member of the Hobart High School Class of 1954, and while in High School earned eleven (11) varsity letters; four (4) in basketball, four(4) in track and field, and three (3) in football; and

WHEREAS, while in High School, as a Brickie, he set records in basketball for most points in a game (42) and All-time leading scorer (1,295 career points) and was the 1954 IHSA State Champion Pole Vaulter; and

WHEREAS, while at Purdue James T. Johnston was an All-American Track and Field Athlete, Winning Big Ten Titles in 1957 and 1959, and was the NCAA Pole Vault Champion in 1958 and Runner up in 1959; and

WHEREAS, after serving our country in the U.S. Army, and competing in the 1960 Olympic Trials James T. Johnston, Sr. became a coach and teacher at Hobart High School; and

WHEREAS, Coach Johnston coached Boys Track from 1961-2006, and Varsity Boys Basketball from 1964-1969, and in the weight room for over forty (40) years and during that time coached four (4) State Champions in the Pole Vault; and

WHEREAS, Coach Johnston was inducted into the Indiana Track and Field Hall of Fame, and the Hobart Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Coach James T. Johnston has brought honor to the School City of Hobart, as a student, as a coach and as a teacher for over forty (40) years; and

WHEREAS, Coach Johnston has embodied in his life and instilled in generations of students the ethic of hard work and dedication that is the hallmark of Brickie success; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the School City of Hobart finds that it is appropriate that the memory of Coach Johnston be honored in a way that will inspire future Brickie athletes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the track at Hobart High School be named for Coach James T. “JJ” Johnston, Sr. and that an appropriate plaque be placed at a location approved by the Superintendent to memorialize this designation.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2021.

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SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART

By: _____
Terry D. Butler, President

ATTEST:

Rikki A. Guthrie, Secretary

Karen Robbins moved that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2020-2, naming of the track at Hobart High School. Stuart Schultz seconded.

In the discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Black for providing the information for the resolution. Sandi Hillan appreciated that the resolution highlighted all of his athletic accomplishments. Stu Schultz inquired as to what the official name would be, since Mr. Johnston’s area of accomplishment was more in the area of field events. Dr. Buffington said that she would work with Mr. Black and as soon as they had something definitive worked out, she would inform the Board about it. Terry Butler noted Mr. Johnston’s specialty was field events, and he suggested holding off on touching base with his family until a dedication was decided because he knew that his sons would want to attend.

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.

CONSIDERATION: Naming Committee: President Terry Butler noted that at the last meeting the Board requested there be further discussion at tonight’s meeting regarding the consideration of the Naming Committee to name the football field at the high school to recognize Don Howell, a Hobart graduate and a former teacher and football coach at Hobart High School. In addition, it was noted there are other longtime coaches, who are still living, that would be need to be remembered in the future and how that might be handled.

Stuart Schultz indicated, “Don Howell was an extraordinary individual” like Jim Johnston. He commented that to this day if it’s mentioned that you are from Hobart people know who Don Howell was. He was a mentor to many young men, and he had many very successful football teams during his tenure with the school district. Even when Mr. Schultz was in high school, he knew Don Howell and other Hobart coaches and players from Jim McGee’s Health Club in Glen Park, and he was treated just like the all the other athletes that were there. Mr. Schultz said naming the football field for him would be honoring his football legacy here in the school district similar to when the fieldhouse was named for Frank Kurth, and he thought it was the right thing for the Board to do.

Stuart Schultz moved to name the football field Don Howell Field at The Brickyard. Seconded by Donald Rogers.

In the discussion, it was noted that Coach Howell had some outstanding assistant coaches. A question was raised as whether their names should or could be added to the football field’s name after their passing. The thought was their names should not be added because Don Howell was the leader of the team and that’s who the field should be named for. It was thought other recognition could be put in place for the other coaches.

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

President Butler indicated this would be the first reading, and he asked Attorney Longer to prepare a resolution to name the football field for Don Howell for the Board’s consideration as the second reading at the next Board meeting. He asked that Dr. Buffington and Mr. Black assist Mr. Longer by compiling information about Don Howell. Dr. Buffington told Don Rogers that a Zoom meeting could be set up with people interested making donations towards a memorial for Mr. Howell.

BOARD DELEGATES AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: President Butler made the 2021 Board delegate and committee assignments, as follows:

- Negotiations – Stuart Schultz and Karen Robbins
- Northwest Indiana Special Education Cooperative (NISEC) – Frank Porras with Terry Butler being his alternate
- ISBA Voting Delegate – Frank Porras
- School City of Hobart Educational Foundation Board of Directors – Rikki Guthrie
- Insurance Committee – Donald Rogers and Karen Robbins
- Policy Committee – Donald Rogers and Stuart Schultz
- Student Handbook Committee – Frank Porras and Donald Rogers
- Hobart Park Board – Sandra Hillan with Rikki Guthrie being her alternate
- Student Representatives – Karen Robbins and Sandra Hillan
- Facilities Naming Committee – Stuart Schultz and Rikki Guthrie
- Hobart Redevelopment Commission – Rikki Guthrie

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

- School Information – weekly agendas from all of the schools and the weekly BricksCenter newsletter.
- Upcoming Activities/Events – the latest list of upcoming activities/events. Dr. Buffington commented on the following upcoming activity/event, as follows:

January 29 – Parent-Teacher Conferences for Kindergarten through Eighth Grade
 Teachers will be conducting virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences.
 No school for Kindergarten through Eighth Grade students.
 High school students will be in school.

COMMENTS: From the administration, Peggy Buffington noted the good news that the Hobart zip code numbers for COVID-19 have dropped to orange. She noted there are questions about increasing the number of people being able to attend school events. She indicated that the Governor’s Executive Orders indicated that when this happens schools cannot immediately make the change. Their area has to remain in a color for two weeks so the increased capacity would not be effective until the third week. She indicated she had to remind a few people of this. Dr. Buffington told the Board about her ReadyNWI virtual meeting. She was proud of our employees and students during these trying times. She noted that some of the district employees and spouses were able to receive vaccine shots because of cancellations at the Lake County Board of Health. Dr. Buffington indicated she appreciated being contacted for this opportunity. She said it was a little stressful keeping track of those who wished to take advantage of the opportunity. She did not know when education employees would be able to receive vaccinations but said it was important to protect the adults. Once the adults receive the vaccinations, it might be possible to bring back students to school, which would be a very positive thing to do. Precautions will still have to be made such as masks, social distancing, and washing hands. Terry Butler appreciated her connections with the Board of Health. Dr. Buffington said it was a last minute call from them with 25 vaccinations available due to cancellations, and she hoped that by the end of February into March there might be “a light at the end of the tunnel.” Mr. Butler wondered whether those people who would be giving shots could go to the schools and give them, but it was noted there might be a problem with that because of the refrigeration requirements needed to protect the vaccine. He mentioned that it might be possible once the Johnson and Johnson vaccine was approved. Jon Mock expressed his appreciation to the Business Department and Mr. Zembala for all of the work that they were doing at this very busy time of year. Ted Zembala thanked Mr. Mock for his comments and noted that the Business Department works in the background. He commented on all of the research that was done with Mr. Johnston’s resolution. Tim Krieg echoed Mr. Mock’s sentiments and thought the data for Jim Johnston was amazing. He commented on a new hire on the personnel report. He noted Nathan Solich was a Hobart graduate who wanted to come back and work in the school district. He said he has “great skills”, was “a great guy”, and everyone was pleased to have him here. Mr. Krieg commented that his wife sent him some information this morning that indicated that “today is the 21st day of the 21st year of the 21st century.”

From the audience, Mike Black thanked the Board for “recognizing the rich tradition” of Hobart High School and honoring Jim Johnston and Don Howell. He noted he had the opportunity to meet Don Howell in 1979 when he was three years old. Mr. Howell’s legacy had “an enormous impact on this community” and in the state of Indiana. Naming the football field for him was “a great gesture.”

From the Board, Stu Schultz echoed all of the remarks that have been made, and he thanked the administrators “for all their hard work.” He did not know how they managed to do everything they do day after day. He noted that he became a grandfather for the second time with a grandson and everyone was doing fine. He was born the day before his granddaughter’s birthday, and they celebrated her birthday by the way of Zoom this year. Frank Porras thanked Dr. Buffington for the dinner and for the opportunity for

his wife and him to get the COVID vaccine. He said they saw some Hobart staff members and said they all appreciated that opportunity. He extended thanks to Chris King for setting up his computer and his email and noted that Canvas was helpful to a lot of teachers. In addition, he thanked Ted Zembala for his graphs along with the financial information. He noted the graphs were helpful. He indicated that his two daughters ran cross country and track, and they got to know Jim Johnston, who was the pole vault coach. He extended thanks and appreciation to Mike Black for the statistical information that was included in the resolution. Don Rogers thanked Chris King for the computers. He extended his appreciation and thanks to Dr. Buffington for all that she does. He had received many comments about the schools not being closed. He thanked Mr. Black for the information that was in Mr. Johnston’s resolution. In addition, he congratulated Mr. Black and the coaches for the great jobs they were doing, and noted that the wrestling team won their conference meet. Sandi Hillan thanked the counselors “for what they have done, especially this year.” She noted that one of her work colleagues reached out for some information and said that Danielle Adams responded with data “like no one else has done for her.” She was excited about name of the track for Jim Johnston. She said her father graduated with him and her mom and Sharon Johnston graduated two of years behind them. She knows his son’s family and grandsons, who were carrying on the traditions of their family. Kelsey Black agreed with everyone’s comments and was pleased that some Hobart staff members were able to receive the vaccine. She extended good luck wishes to Lauren Cicillian and the JROTC raider team at their national competition. She liked that the track was being named for Coach Johnston for his coaching legacy and teaching career, and she extended her thanks to Danielle Adams and the other school counselors. She noted that whenever students get stressed, the counselors always “have their backs.” Lauren Cicillian commented that she was getting excited about the national JROTC competition and appreciated all of the precautions that were being done. She announced some good news that she had been accepted into the Engineering School at Purdue University. Everyone extended their congratulations. It was noted that Kelsey had received letters of acceptance from Loyola, Tampa and Colorado. Dr. Buffington said everyone was proud of both of them, and she indicated it was extremely difficult to get accepted into the School of Engineering at Purdue. She said usually students go into Purdue’s Polytech program first as a way of getting into their engineering program. Because of Hobart’s PLTW classes, our students have been successful. Rikki Guthrie thanked Chris King for his assistance, and she asked Dr. Buffington to pass on her thanks to Bonnie Foster for dinner. She extended her appreciation to everyone to “her left for all they do”, and she appreciated their efforts. Karen Robbins thanked Dr. Buffington “for all of her hard work” and Chris King, too. She extended congratulations to the student Board representatives for their college acceptance letters. In addition, she thanked the Early Learning Center for the donuts and the cute poster. She noted that Cathy Jackson, a volunteer at the Hobart Food Pantry, was recognized with this year’s Virginia Curtis Memorial Award from the city. Mrs. Robbins was inspired by President Biden’s youth poet laureate at the inauguration ceremonies and said there was hope “for the younger generation.” Terry Butler commented on an article in *The Times* about families in Hammond getting monies back from technology fees for students approved for free and reduced lunches. Dr. Buffington said the families probably were charged for computers in their book rental fees. Hobart does not charge free and reduced families for the computers. Mr. Butler indicated that the Hobart Food Pantry uses a building on the grounds of the Service Center, and they have requested to have a bathroom added in the building. He said there is no running water or sewers to the building. The food pantry will pay for the cost of the bathroom, and there would be no cost to the school district. The food pantry was able to pay this expense because of funds they will receive from an estate for the next few years. It was noted restroom was needed. Mr. Butler spoke about Jim Johnston and the number of “kids he affected.” He noted Mr. Johnston was “dedicated to his kids” and was always willing share his advice with them. Dr. Buffington said he changed the lives of many kids.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, President Butler adjourned the meeting around 8:17 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular session meeting is February 4, 2021.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART

By _____
Terry D. Butler, President

ATTEST:

By _____
Rikki A. Guthrie, Secretary

Submitted for Approval: February 4, 2021