

**SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
January 7, 2021**

The Board of School Trustees of the School City of Hobart met in regular session on January 7, 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
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

Board Member Absent:

Stuart B. Schultz

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

CALL TO ORDER: Terry Butler called the meeting to order around 7:00 p.m.

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

AUDIENCE: The following were present in the audience:

Amparo Porras, wife of Frank Porras and aide at Hobart Middle School
Other family members/friends of the Porras family: Francisco Porras, Sr., Lucina Porras, Pedro Porras, Eva Porras, Maria Vargas, Frankie Porras, Marisa Porras, Alicia Middlesworth, Brooke Porras, Edward Maldonado, Lisa Maldonado, Karina Maldonado, Bob Ellenberger and Laurie Ellenberger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rikki Guthrie moved that the Board approve the executive session and regular session minutes of December 17, 2020. Seconded by Karen Robbins. Vote on motion: Aye – Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 6-0 in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. 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.

Karen Robbins moved that the Board approve the Personnel Report as presented. Seconded by Rikki Guthrie. Vote on motion: Aye – Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 6-0 in favor.

The approved personnel items are as follows:

Contract for Extracurricular Services –
Hobart Middle School, August 20, 2020/June 10, 2021:
Eden Alexander, English coach, \$714.00
Hobart High School, August 20, 2020/June 10, 2021:
Stephanie Franco, Sponsor – 9th grade, \$763.00

Extra Duty Contracts –

Hobart Middle School, November 30, 2020/January 22, 2021:

Gregg Brown, 8th boys B basketball, \$1,679.00

Amir Ransom, 8th boys A basketball, \$2,860.00

Request for Leave of Absence –

Judy Connell, Liberty School/aide-student supervisor, unpaid medical leave, January 4 until on or about February 1, 2021

New Employee –

Janice Osika, Hobart High School/ICU Program, part time, effective January 19, 2021, \$25.00 per hour

Resignation –

Samantha Tres, Hobart High School/teacher effective for the 2021-2022 school year

Extra Duty Resignation –

Amir Ransom, Hobart Middle School/8th boys A basketball, effective December 18, 2020

ADDITION OF AN AGENDA ITEM: President Butler indicated that an item had been added to the agenda today and was titled, RECOMMENDATION: Extend Time of FFCRA.

OATH OF OFFICE: Judge William J. Longer administered the oaths of office to the newly elected school board members, Terry Butler, Frank Porras, and Karen Robbins. He noted it was his privilege to be able to do this for them, and he congratulated each of them. Terry Butler appreciated that Judge Longer doing this for them, and he thanked Mr. Porras for the audience.

I.C. 5-4-1-1 contemplates that the oath of office be administered before the elected official before commencing their official duties. I.C. 5-4-1-1.2 provides that the oath must be taken and deposited as required by section 4 of this chapter not later than thirty days after the beginning of the term of office. Section 4 specifies filing with the Clerk of the Circuit Court. If the oath is not taken and deposited within the 30 days, the office becomes vacant. The deadline, then for re-elected board members, is to have the oath on file by January 31st at noon.

PROCLAMATION: School Board Recognition Month: Superintendent Peggy Buffington read Proclamation No. 2021-1, which recognized the great job that our school board members do for students and the Hobart community. The proclamation designed the month of January as School Board Recognition Month. The Proclamation, as read, is as follows:

School City of Hobart
Superintendent of Schools

Proclamation No. 2021-1
School Board Recognition Month

WHEREAS, an excellent public education system is vital to the quality of life for all citizens and communities; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are committed to children and believe that all children can be successful learners and that the best education is tailored to the individual needs of the child; and

WHEREAS, school board members work closely with parents, educational professionals and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students; and

WHEREAS, school board members are responsible for building and maintaining the structure that provides a solid foundation for our school system; and

WHEREAS, school board members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the public schools is to meet the diverse educational needs of all children and to empower them to become competent, productive contributors to a democratic society and an ever-changing world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby proclaim that the School City of Hobart proudly recognizes the dedication and hard work of its school board members and the month of January as School Board Recognition Month.

DATED this 7th day of January, 2021.

SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART

Peggy Buffington, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

The Board thanked Dr. Buffington for her proclamation. She thanked them for their public service and hard work they do our students. She noted there were treats they could pick up in the Board Office after the meeting.

BOARD REORGANIZATION: Terry Butler noted that the Board would need to reorganize for the 2021 calendar year with the selection of officers and needed to elect a president, vice-president, and secretary.

1) Nomination for President –

Mr. Butler indicated after the new president was elected, the newly elected president would continue with the Board's reorganization. Terry Butler then opened the floor for nominations for president.

Karen Robbins moved that Terry Butler be nominated to serve as President of the Board. Seconded by Rikki Guthrie.

Mr. Butler asked if there was a second nomination. There being no other nominations, he called for a voice vote, as well as the ESB vote. Vote on motion: The voice vote was all Ayes, and the ESB vote was as follows: Aye – Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 6-0 in favor.

2) Nomination for Vice President –

President Butler opened the floor for nominations for Vice President.

Donald Rogers moved that Karen Robbins be nominated to serve as Vice President of the Board. Rikki Guthrie seconded.

Mr. Butler asked if there were any other nominations. There being no other nominations, he called for a voice vote as well, as the ESB vote. Vote on motion: The voice vote was all Ayes, and the ESB vote was as follows: Aye – Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 6-0 in favor.

3) Nomination for Secretary –

President Butler called for nominations for Secretary.

Karen Robbins moved that Rikki Guthrie be nominated to serve as Secretary of the Board. Seconded by Donald Rogers.

Mr. Butler asked if there was a second nomination. There being no other nominations, he called for a voice vote, as well as the ESB vote. Vote on motion: The voice vote was all Ayes, and the ESB vote was as follows: Aye – Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 6-0 in favor.

4) Appointment of Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer –

Superintendent Peggy Buffington recommended the reappointment of Mrs. Dawn Powers and Mrs. Judy Henry to serve as Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer, respectively. Mrs. Powers and Mrs. Henry are bonded separately from the blanket bond which covers other employees.

Karen Robbins moved that the Board appoint the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer as recommended by the Superintendent. Donald Rogers seconded. Vote on motion: President Butler called for a voice vote in addition to the ESB vote. The voice vote was all Ayes, and the

ESB vote was as follows: Aye – Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 6-0 in favor.

5) Appointment of School Board Attorney –

President Butler indicated the Board needed to appoint a School Board Attorney and said William Longer, currently, serves as Board Attorney. Per Board policy, the Board appoints a school attorney at their annual organizational meeting, and if they wish at this time, the Board may set the retainer amount and additional costs for administrative and employee discipline and discharge proceedings and for litigation matters. Dr. Buffington noted a recommendation for his retainer fee for this year had been included in the electronic meeting packet.

Rikki Guthrie moved that the Board appoint the School Attorney as presented including the recommended compensation. Karen Robbins seconded.

In the discussion, President Butler inquired of Mr. Longer if he was willing to serve another year, and Mr. Longer accepted and was honored to so. President Butler told the audience that Mr. Longer had served the Board longer than he had served on the Board. Mr. Longer had kept the Board “out of a lot of trouble” and “appreciates all that he does.”

Vote on motion: President Butler called for a voice vote in addition to the ESB vote. The voice vote was all Ayes, and the ESB vote was as follows: Aye – Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 6-0 in favor.

6) Establishment of Regular Meetings –

President Butler noted the establishment of regular meetings and that I.C. 20-5-3-2 establishes the parameters for regular, statutory and special meetings. The Board needed to reestablish the time and place of their regular meetings. He said that meetings were presently held on the first and third Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the Board Room at Hobart High School, and statutory meetings were set by statute or rule, and special meetings of the governing body shall be held on call by the Board President or the Superintendent of the school corporation.

Karen Robbins moved that the Board establish the parameters for regular, statutory and special meetings as follows: meet on the first and third Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Hobart High School for regular meetings; special meetings were established by state statute or rule; and special meetings shall be held on call by the Board President or the Superintendent of the school corporation. Seconded by Donald Rogers. Vote on Motion: President Butler called for a voice vote in addition to the ESB vote. The voice vote was all ayes, and the ESB vote was as follows: Aye – Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 6-0 in favor.

7) Board Compensation –

Terry Butler indicated that maximum levels of compensation were established in accordance with I.C. 20-26-4-7, at \$2,000.00 per year. For those Boards who have adopted per diem rates for attendance at school board meetings, the maximum rates continue to be \$112 for regular meetings, which are those meetings established by board resolution, and \$62 for other meetings, such as special meetings, executive sessions, and committee meetings.

Mr. Butler said that currently, members of the Board of School Trustees receive \$2,000.00 per year plus \$100.00 for each regular session meeting attended. He noted Board members do not receive per diem compensation for attending any other Board meetings, such as special meetings, executive sessions, or committee meetings.

Karen Robbins moved that the Board establish Board Compensation as follows: \$2,000 per year plus \$100.00 for each regular session meeting attended with no additional compensation for attending any other meetings. Rikki Guthrie seconded.

In the discussion, Dr. Buffington noted that the Board’s compensation had been the same since 2009, and that Board members “were truly public servants.” Karen Robbins commented that the Board committed to not taking the maximum amount monies “when budget cuts had to be made.” Mr. Butler noted that some Boards of other school corporations receive pay for all meetings and committee meetings, as well as insurance. It was noted that the Board has 24 regular meetings per year, two per month.

Vote on motion: President Butler called for a voice vote in addition to the ESB vote. The voice vote was all Ayes, and the ESB vote was as follows: Aye – Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 6-0 in favor.

8) Board of Finance –

President Butler noted that I.C. 5-13-7-6 required the Board of Finance to organize yearly after the first Monday and on or before the last day of January by electing a president and secretary. The Board of Finance meeting would meet on January 21, and per Board policy, the Board of Finance was the same as the regular Board and the officers were the same. This needed to be acknowledged in the Board minutes for this meeting by motion and as outlined in Board policy.

Rikki Guthrie moved that per Board policy, the Board of Finance was the same as the regular Board and the officers were the same and will convene a Board of Finance meeting on the January 21st. Seconded by Karen Robbins. Vote on motion: Aye – Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 6-0 in favor.

RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT: Indiana Department of Education High Ability Program Grant: Dr. Peggy Buffington presented information regarding the Indiana Department of Education grant award for the High Ability Program Grant. The application was submitted by Tim Krieg, Director of Secondary Education. The total grant amount was \$35,082.03, which was less than last year's grant of \$43,363.00. She said that that Mr. Krieg worked extremely hard to get the grant. There was back and forth communication, and it came down to how student assessments were done. Agreement was reached on how that would be done, and then grant approval was received.

Dr. Buffington requested Board action to accept the grant.

Karen Robbins moved that the Board accept the Indiana Department of Education High Ability Program Grant as presented and authorize the superintendent execute any necessary documents for the grant. Seconded by Frank Porras.

In the discussion, Tim Krieg was thanked for his work on the grant. Sandi Hillan inquired about the assessment factor. Dr. Buffington indicated that the district was using Star 360, but the state preferred CogAt and TerraNova. She noted that rather than being able to use only one vendor for the assessments, additional expense would be involved with having to use two vendors. She noted that CogAt would be used for kindergarten assessments, and TerraNova would be used for assessments in grades two and five. She said high ability students have extra needs, and one of those needs was accelerated classes. She extended her appreciation to Mr. Krieg for his work on the grant.

Vote on motion: Aye – Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 6-0 in favor.

RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT: Hobart Redevelopment Commission Educational and Worker Training Grant: Superintendent Peggy Buffington reviewed the Hobart Redevelopment Commission Educational and Worker Training Grant that was awarded to the school district. The grant was for \$18,172.95 and will fund Project Lead The Way Biomedical and Maker Space portions of the Brickie Innovators program. Last year's grant was \$26,463.00. Dr. Buffington indicated that in previous years these grants were used for STEM and STEAM. This year a portion the funds will be used in the PLTW Biomedical program with the balance being used to purchase supplies/equipment for the Maker Space of the Brickie Innovators program. The supplies would supplement the ideas of students in making projects for the Maker Space. Dr. Buffington extended her thanks and appreciation to Tammy May, Professional Development Coordinator, for preparing this year's grant, and to Chris King for his assistance with the grant.

Dr. Buffington requested Board action to accept the grant.

Karen Robbins moved that the Board accept the grant from the Hobart Redevelopment Commission and authorize the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents. Seconded by Sandra Hillan.

In the discussion, it was noted the grant did not fund a 3D printer. Dr. Buffington explained that she was contacted and told that the grant would be for a specified amount. They inquired about what could be cut from the grant, and she told them that the school district would be able to take care of the printer.

Vote on motion: Aye – Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 6-0 in favor.

REPORT AND CONSIDERATION: Naming Committee: President Terry Butler noted this agenda item was tabled at the December 17, 2020, meeting so that the Naming Committee could meet for further discussion and report back to the Board at tonight's meeting. He commented that even though Mr. Schultz

was not at the meeting, he hoped to participate by telephone. Mr. Butler tried reaching him but was not successful in doing so. Rikki Guthrie then reported that she, Stu Schultz and Mike Rogers met on December 30. She said the committee had two requests. One pertained to Jim Johnston and the other for Don Howell. It was the committee's suggestion to name the high school track for James Johnston, and the football field for Don Howell. In addition, there should be further discussion for recognizing other persons in the future. Dr. Buffington inquired about Don Howell's recognition now being the football field and not the Championship Plaza and were they recommending to do away with current name of The BrickYard? Mrs. Guthrie said they thought it could be called Don Howell Field at the BrickYard.

There was lengthy discussion, and some of the items mentioned were as follows: The high school football field is not solely a football field because the soccer teams also use the field. The field at Brickie Bowl was named for Coach Howell. It is now owned by the city, and no one was sure if it was still called Don Howell Field. It was noted that the display recognizing Coach Howell was still there and that was the field where he coached for his entire career. A different placement area at the high school was mentioned instead of the current plaza area for Coach Howell's recognition. The thought being that more people would see or access the different area. The Board needs to be mindful that there were other longtime coaches, who are still living, that would be need to be remembered in the future and how that could or would be handled. Plaques could be added to the pillars in the plaza and thought further discussion was needed.

Mr. Butler asked the audience if they had any questions, suggestions, or comments. No one made any comments. President Butler asked Attorney Longer to prepare a resolution for naming the track for James Johnston, and then something separate for Coach Howell for further discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Butler inquired whether this meeting could be considered as a first reading. Mr. Longer indicated that it could.

Rikki Guthrie moved that the Board move forward with the naming of the track at the high school for James Johnston and to have further discussion on what the Board was naming for Coach Howell. Karen Robbins seconded. Vote on motion: Aye – Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 6-0 in favor.

RECOMMENDATION: Extend Time of FFCRA: Dr. Peggy Buffington noted that earlier this year Attorney William Longer had prepared a resolution that the Board adopted that suspended Board Policies which conflicted with state or federal waivers or extensions during the COVID-19 pandemic and authorized the superintendent to take any necessary action to comply with and take advantage of any waivers or extensions by the state or federal government available to the school district and the superintendent was to inform the Board of those actions. A copy of that resolution, Resolution 2020-24, was included the electronic meeting packet. Dr. Buffington indicated that one of the federal programs, Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), expired on December 31, 2020. However, current federal guidelines allows for the option to extend the FFCRA through March 31, 2021. Due to COVID 19 continuing to be a factor, she recommended the extension of FFCRA to March 31, 2021. There were no changes to the requirements, only the extension of the time deadline. Attorney William Longer indicated that he and Dr. Buffington had discussed the situation, and he said because the Board had already authorized the superintendent to take action, and because of the actions of the federal government, a motion extending the FFCRA date from December 31, 2020, to March 31, 2021, would suffice. No additional benefits were being created by the extension.

Sandra Hillan moved that the Board extend the FFCRA to March 31, 2021. Seconded by Donald Rogers.

In the discussion, it was hoped that COVID-19 would be gone before the program expired.

Vote on motion: Aye – Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 6-0 in favor.

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

➤ School Information – weekly agendas from all of the schools and three weekly issues of the BricksCenter newsletter from the high school athletic department. In addition, monthly newsletters from the Early Learning Center, Hobart High School, and the Transportation Department and the January Monthly Activity Calendar from the Early Learning Center. Dr. Buffington indicated the Board could review the weekly agendas and newsletters that were in the electronic meeting packet at their leisure.

➤ Upcoming Activities/Events – the latest list of upcoming activities/events. Dr. Buffington highlighted the following upcoming activities/events, as follows:

- ◀ January 8 – All E-Learning school day for all students. Teachers will not be teaching live classes, but they will have assignments in Canvas that students will need to complete.

- ◀ January 15 – Records Day for Hobart High School. No school for HHS students. Kindergarten through eighth grade students will attend school.
- ◀ January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No school for all students
- ◀ 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 welcomed Mr. Porras to the Board and said she was looking forward to working with him. She told him that he would “enjoy serving on this Board.” She noted over winter break that the custodians worked very hard getting all of the buildings ready for the staff and students to return. She told the Board that visitors from the Duneland Schools toured Veterans School, and they loved it and wanted to move the building there. She showed the Board a 2021 calendar from a national swimming pool company that has a picture of the pool in our Aquatic Center on the month of January. She noted that only state-of-the-art pools were part of the calendar and passed it around so Board members could see it. She expressed her appreciation to the community for being able to provide this quality facility to our students and the community. She indicated that school was back in session and that our area has been in and out of the orange and red zones with COVID, and she did not think conditions would be changing soon. Because of this and the need to keep students and staff safe, it was best to remain status quo for the second semester. She mentioned that they are starting to dispense vaccine shots for those over the age of 80 and hoped that educators would become eligible in the near future. The district has worked very hard to protect students and staff with social distancing of 6 feet apart, the wearing of masks, and washing of hands frequently. Adults are those most at vulnerable. She wished everyone “Happy New Year.” Chris King commented that the Board was very generous in recognizing the various working groups within the school corporation and its students, and they, too, were very deserving of recognition. He thanked them for everything they do and for their support of the administrators and staff. Bill Longer pointed out that the oath of office in state law and the one in Board policy were a little different and mentioned the differences. He said he would be filing the required paperwork with the Election Board tomorrow and would provide them with a copy. In addition, he extended his congratulations to each of them and told them he was looking forward to working with the Board, and he had good feelings about the upcoming year. Jon Mock echoed everyone’s remarks about the school board. Their goal has always been “doing what’s best for students.” He congratulated Karen Robbins and Terry Butler and welcomed Frank Porras. Ted Zembala concurred with what had been said. He noted that the Board was outstanding and “has their heart in the right place”, and that was why they were successful. He congratulated Mrs. Robbins and Mr. Butler and Mr. Porras. He welcomed Mr. Porras to the Board and told him that he would find serving on the Board would be rewarding. He noted the Board’s decisions pertained to doing “what’s best for students.” Tim Krieg also echoed what had been said and read a quote from Anne Frank, “What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven’t even happened yet.” He complimented the Board’s leadership. He congratulated Mrs. Robbins and Mr. Butler on their re-election and the election of Mr. Porras and thought the community was showing their support of the Board. He commented on the appointments of Dawn Powers and Judy Henry and said they were “amazing people” as was Judge Longer on being reappointed the school board attorney. He wished every one “Happy New Year.”

There were no comments from the audience.

From the Board, Frank Porras thanked the Board and superintendent for welcoming him, and he thanked his family members and friends in the audience for their support and “working together for the community.” He thanked his wife for her support during the election process, and he looked forward to serving on the Board. He thanked Mr. Longer for his assistance. Don Rogers welcomed Mr. Porras to the Board. He noted that the boys basketball team had their first game and won it so they were 1-0. He told everyone that the conference wrestling meet would at the high school, as well as the regional wrestling meet. He said that Karen Robbins was getting him involved with the food pantry, and he now had a good reason to take an afternoon nap. Sandi Hillan welcomed Frank Porras to the Board. She wished everyone “Happy New Year” and challenged everyone to select a word reflecting positivity and continue to challenge themselves with it. Her word was “present” and said she would be present for children this year. Kelsey Black noted, “She hadn’t seen everyone since last year”, which received a few groans. She wished everyone “Happy New Year” and congratulated Mr. Porras, Mrs. Robbins, and Mr. Butler. She was thankful and honored to be able to serve on the Board as a student representative. Lauren Cicillian extended her congratulations to the new and reelected Board members. She was excited about being in “the final senior stretch”, and said it meant a great deal to her to be there in-person. She thanked the Board and administration for everything and wished everyone “Happy New Year.” Terry Butler explained to the audience that Nancy Norris, a former Board member, brought the idea of student representatives to the Board after attending a national convention. He said the student reps were not allowed to vote or attend executive sessions. However, they are able to

participate in discussions and offer suggestions, and he said that the Board valued their opinions. They are student leaders that convey questions/concerns of their peers to the Board. Mr. Butler said the Board appreciated everything they do. Rikki Guthrie welcomed everyone to a new year and welcomed Mr. Porras to the Board. Karen Robbins welcomed Frank Porras and said she was looking forward to working with him. She thanked her fellow Board members for volunteering and helping those in the community. She wished every one “Happy New Year” and noted they, also, could not do without Bill Longer. Terry Butler told Mr. Porras that Mr. Longer would be able to meet with him and mentioned attending the ISBA New School Board Member Academy. Mrs. Schoon noted that she and Mr. Porras had discussed getting him registered for the academy prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Butler explained that points earned for attending ISBA meetings had a bearing on the Board’s annual category designation. Karen Robbins noted that she attended every meeting available when she joined the Board and indicated that Betsy DeVos, the US Secretary of Education, had resigned. Terry Butler was looking forward to things being calmer and for “better things to come.” He noted that on Election Day, he and Mr. Porras worked at the same voting site, and he knew Mrs. Porras’ family through wrestling. Mr. Butler welcomed Mr. Porras to the Board and noted his appreciation to him for “trying to get things done for the students.”

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, President Butler adjourned the meeting around 8:11 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular session meeting is January 21, 2021.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART

By _____
Terry D. Butler, President

ATTEST:

By _____
Rikki A. Guthrie, Secretary

Submitted for Approval: January 21, 2021