# SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION MEETING May 2, 2024

The Board of School Trustees of the School City of Hobart met in regular session on May 2, 2024, in the Board Room at Hobart High School, 2211 East Tenth Street, Hobart, Indiana.

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

**Board Members Present:** 

Terry D. Butler Rikki A. Guthrie Sandra J. Hillan Frank Porras

Donald H. Rogers Stuart B. Schultz

Madelyn Burton, HHS student representative Angelina Zepeda, HHS student representative

Board Member Absent: Karen J. Robbins Administrators Present:

Peggy Buffington (After the meeting began)

Christopher N. King

Josh Reno

Administrators Absent:

Bob Glover William J. Longer Jonathan Mock Tim Krieg

Terry Butler told the Board that Dr. Buffington was on her way to the meeting and noted she had been delayed by a train.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**: President Butler indicated 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 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Bill and Lisa SeDoris, Hobart Moose Lodge

Michael and Marianne McCombs, Hobart Moose Lodge

Bradley Keehn, Joan Martin School and Hobart Middle School parent

Greg Crouch, Hobart High School teacher and E-Sports sponsor

Eight high school E-Sports state champions

Michelle Merrick, an E-Sports parent and her daughter, Aaliya

Mike and Dani Johnson, E-sports parents

Fred Ault, E-sports parent

Snijana Cecoi, mother of the middle school state chess champion

One middle school state chess champion

Meagan and Justina, from the Hobart Branch of the Lake County Library

Chris Wells, Hobart Middle School teacher

Unidentified families/friends of students being recognized

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>: Stuart Schultz moved and Frank Porras seconded that the Board approve the executive session and regular session minutes of April 18, 2024. Vote on Motion: Aye – Porras, Rogers, Schultz, Hillan, Guthrie, and Butler. Motion carried 6-0 in favor. President Butler indicated that the absent Board member was on her way back from Florida.

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

**COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**: President Terry Butler asked for comments on the listed agenda items. There were none.

**PERSONNEL**: President Terry Butler said the Personnel Report was included in the electronic meeting information for the Board's consideration. He indicated that the administration would like approval of the Personnel Report and requested Board action.

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

The approved personnel items are as follows:

### Contracts for Extracurricular Services -

Hobart High School:

Shaun Doyle, E-Sports HS 3, August 14, 2023/May 31, 2024, \$3,322.00

Madison Price, Volleyball – boys varsity, April 12/June 7, 2024, \$4,783.00

Catherine Nelson, Dramatics Specialist (musical director), January 9/March 17, 2024, \$1,856.00

Catherine Nelson, Dramatics Specialist (theater competition), January 1/May 31, 2024, \$1,856.00

## Contracts for Extracurricular Services (Club Duties) -

August 14, 2023/May 31, 2024:

Joan Martin School: Erica Ward, Choir – Fifth grade, \$270.00

Liberty School: Alaina Richter, 4th grade ILearn, \$216.00

Veterans School @ Mundell: Jessica Lauridson, Game, \$486.00

Hobart Middle School: Jane Griffith, Homework ELA 3, \$783.00; and Scott Swanson, Running, \$688.50

### <u>Homebound Teaching Contracts</u> –

April 25/May 30, 2024: Holly Tilford, ELA and math, two hours per week, \$53.32 per hour

April 23/May 30, 2024: Jennifer Bisig, ELA & ILEARN, two hours per week and eight hours total for ILEARN testing, \$45.58 per hour

April 16/May 30, 2024: Rachel Evans, ELA, math & IAM, two hours per week and two hours total for IAM testing, \$41.76 per hour; and Nicole Luttman, ELA, math and IAM, two hours per week and two hours total for IAM testing, \$32.00 per hour

#### Extracurricular Club Duty Contracts -

2023-2024 School Year:

Joan Martin School: Elizabeth Heim, Girls on the Run, \$1,620.00

Liberty School: Carla Russell, 5th grade Math ILearn Prep, \$16.00; and Christine Samanas, 5th grade Math ILearn Prep, \$216.00

### <u>Position Appointment</u> –

Tracy Brumley, Administration Office, Treasurer for the school district effective July 1, 2024, with training beginning on April 10, 2024, and will be compensated at a daily rate of \$305.79.

#### Resignation -

Heather Mejia, Joan Martin School/recess aide, effective May 13, 2024

#### New Employee -

Service Center/Transportation Department: Keitha Welch, School Bus Driver, effective April 25, 2025, \$21.14 per hour

RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT: Donation from the Hobart Moose Lodge: President Terry Butler welcomed representatives from the Hobart Moose Lodge. Bill SeDoris introduced his wife, Lisa, and Michael and Marianne McCombs and said they were here this evening to present a donation check of \$3,821.00 for the Hobart High School Performing Arts Department from a recent Bingo Night fundraiser. Mr. SeDoris noted that the Moose Lodge, including this donation, has given \$94,000.00 to the schools, and he said the fundraiser was a great night and everyone enjoyed themselves. He projected with the upcoming Athletic Department's August bingo fundraiser that this total would reach the \$100,000.00, if the fundraiser was as successful as last year's. On behalf of the Board and Dr. Buffington, Madelyn Burton and Angelina, HHS student representatives, presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. SeDoris after Angelina read the verbiage on the certificate. Mr. SeDoris passed their check on to Dr. Buffington.

Dr. Buffington commented that through their fundraisers, they were impacting the community and the lives of many people, and they were role models for everyone to emulate. Mr. SeDoris said they were a good group that they refer to as "the magnificent twelve," but they have around 25 more that show up to assist whenever needed. Madelyn Burton concurred that the Moose Lodge members were "a great bunch of people." Terry Butler commented that the core of the Moose group have been doing community service for many, many years assisting at the schools, with youth groups, as well as local service organizations. He thought "that makes Hobart a little different than other communities." Dr. Buffington mentioned the community build for the Joan Martin School playground, and she thanked them for their assistance. Currently, they are involved with the Chasing Dreams organization who was sponsoring the special needs prom at our facilities. Mr. SeDoris told the audience about the Chasing Dreams program. They are a nonprofit organization that came about because of a parent looking for resources for their Down Syndrome child, and the office for the program had been in that parent's basement for many years. However, he said they were locating to the former insurance office next to Burger King on Indiana Route 51 in Hobart and noted their services are free to families. The Board and Dr. Buffington extended their thanks and appreciation for their donation and continued support.

Board action was requested.

Rikki Guthrie moved that the Board accept the donation from the Hobart Moose Lodge for the Hobart High School Performing Arts Department. Stuart Schultz seconded. Vote on Motion: Aye – Porras, Rogers, Schultz, Hillan, Guthrie, and Butler. Motion carried 6-0 in favor.

The Board thanked them for everything they are doing.

**RECOGNITION:** Hobart Middle School Chess Club Member: Dr. Peggy Buffington welcomed Josh Reno, Dean of Students at the middle school and chess club sponsor, and Victoria Cecoi, a sixth grader and her mom to the Board meeting.

Josh Reno said he has been the Chess club sponsor at the middle school for eight or nine years and noted there were clubs at all of the schools. At the middle school, he said the Chess club has four tournaments each year. He introduced Victoria and said Victoria began playing chess last year. He said the four-person Chess team she was on at the middle school placed ninth out of 42 teams at state competition this year. Mr. Reno commented that Chess was a predominately male dominated game. Because Victoria was interested in having a trophy, she decided to enter the Scholastic Chess of Indiana Girls' Championship Competition at Jeffersonville High School last weekend where she earned 1st place in the state competition. Mr. Reno said she dominated the boards and earned 3.5 out of 4 points and did not lose a single match. Victoria showed off her trophy.

On behalf of the Board and Dr. Buffington, Madelyn Burton and Angelina Zepeda, HHS student representatives, presented a certificate of recognition to Victoria after Madelyn read the verbiage on the certificate. Pictures were taken for social media. The Board offered their congratulations to Victoria on her outstanding accomplishment. Mrs. Guthrie told Victoria to "beat all the boys," Mr. Rogers told her to "ask for a car" when she wins the next competition, and Mrs. Hillan noted it was easy to see how proud Victoria's mother was of her.

**RECOGNITION:** Hobart High School State Champion Esports Teams: Superintendent Peggy Buffington welcomed the Hobart High School E-sports sponsors, Chris King and Greg Crouch, and members of the Valorant and Super Smash Brothers Ultimate (SSBU) teams to the Board meeting. She noted that there are many extracurricular activities at the high school besides athletics. She mentioned the performing arts and their ISSMA (Indiana State School Music Association's state competition for band, orchestra, and choir, and the Chess clubs' competitions, and she was excited to recognize the two E-sports teams who are state champions. She turned the meeting over to Chris King.

Chris King extended his congratulations to Victoria on her state championship and noted it was an amazing feat. He noted that Coaches Shaun Doyle and Ben Horjus were unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Doyle was receiving his Master's Degree this evening, and Mr. Horjus had a family obligation. He said that both Hobart teams were successful in winning state championships this past weekend that were held at Ball State University.

Mr. King introduced the Valorant team members, as follows: Dylan Ault, captain, Sofia Melgarejo, Jackson Butler, Tyler Johnson, and Chandler Johnson. Liam Garcia was unable to attend. Mr. King said the team worked hard to reach the state completion and were the returning state champion. They played the same team they played last year. Congratulations were extended from the Board, and on behalf of the Board and Dr. Buffington, the HHS student representatives presented certificates of recognition to the team members. Mr. King then introduced the Super Smash Brothers Ultimate team members Daveion Holmes, Xavier Torres, and Marcus Fernandez. Team members unable to attend were Nicholas Petrakovic and Joshua Gilbert. Mr. King said this team also played well. He said that Daveion Holmes was a national grand champion, and he will receive his medal at their awards banquet. Mr. King mentioned that Daveion also enters independent competitions outside of Hobart's program. The Board extended their congratulations to the team, and on behalf of the Board and Dr. Buffington, the HHS student representatives presented certificates of recognition to the team members and the coahes. Pictures were taken of both teams for social media.

Chris King mentioned that members of the E-sports program have to be students in good standing and have to keep their grades up much like what student athletes have to do. Mr. King said Hobart E-sports had sponsored a winter tournament last school year but did not do one this school year. He was hoping to do a tournament next winter. It was noted that more colleges are offering scholarships for their E-sports teams. Manchester University here in Indiana is "known as Smash Brothers University," and Purdue University Northwest built a new facility for their E-sports program. There are many job opportunities available in their industry. Mrs. Hillan commented that she really misspoke when she told her son that playing video games was not going to get him into college. It was also mentioned that the future looked good for Hobart's E-sports program with the formation of the middle school's E-sports team this year. The coaches of that team are Mike Jimenez, Josh Reno, and Jenai Richards.

Dr. Buffington thanked the student, parents, and coaches for coming to the meeting, and thanked the teams for representing the high school and Hobart community, told them everyone was proud of their accomplishments, and "to keep up the good work."

President Butler invited audience members to stay for the rest of the meeting but excused anyone who needed to leave

PRESENTATION: Hobart Branch of the Lake County Public Library: Dr. Peggy Buffington, welcomed Meagan and Justina, representatives from the Hobart Branch of the Lake County Public Library, to the meeting. They noted their summer calendar and reading program information were still in development so they did not have any handouts. They highlighted their upcoming 2024 summer reading program activities. The program begins June 1 and will end on July 31 and was for children, teens, and adults. The registration will be done through an online platform, and participants could read e-books and real books, as well as listening to audible books. They explained how prizes could be earned and how participants would earn tickets for the grand prizes.

Meagan and Justina indicated the library participates in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library that is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five. They enjoyed going to the various summer feeding stops that the school district has, said that has been enjoyable and successful, and would like to do that again this year. In addition, it was mentioned they needed teen volunteers, and students would be required to attend one of two training sessions. Dr. Buffington said she would post the information for them. In addition, Dr. Buffington volunteered to run off and distribute their summer program information for the elementary students, if they would send the electronic information to her. She said no flyers are given to middle or high school students because they never take them home.

Dr. Buffington told them that this summer there will be two different elementary summer school programs for at Veterans School. One is district sponsored and the other is sponsored through Victory4Kidz in partnership with the Urban League of Northwest Indiana and the Indiana Department of Education.

The district's program would be for second and third graders who have not passed the IREAD assessment test and will allow third graders to retest this summer on June 26 and 27. The program will run from June 10 to June 27, Monday through Thursday with no classes on Fridays. The Victory4Kidz program was a by invitation program where students will receive 3.5 hours of instruction in literacy and math, have a 30 minute lunch, and then an hour of STEM. The program will be in session Monday through Friday from June 10 to July 12, excluding June 21, June 28, and July 4 and July 5 from 8:30 am to 1:30. Dr. Buffington thought the librarians could visit the program and speak to the students while they are eating lunch. Mrs. Hillan even volunteered a bumble bee costume that someone could wear.

In the discussion with the presentation, Sandi Hillan noted the importance of their summer reading program and said the loss of learning during the summer has been documented. The Board thanked them for their presentation and coming to the meeting.

CONSIDERATION: Trademark License Agreement with Cheryl Shepitka: Superintendent Peggy Buffington presented a trademark license renewal agreement with Cheryl Shepitka dba Sew You're a Brickie to use Yohan, our trademarked logo, with a 10% royalty payable to the district on a quarterly basis. The agreement is for two years from May 5, 2024, through May 4, 2026. Dr. Buffington noted that all proceeds received from the trademark license agreements goes to the Brickies from the Start, the birth to kindergarten program, at the Early Learning Center.

President Butler requested Board action.

Stuart Schultz moved that the Board approve the trademark agreement with Cheryl Shepitka with a 10% royalty and authorize the superintendent to sign the trademark agreement. Frank Porras seconded.

In the discussion, it was noted that the pictures of the products being sold were appreciated. Mr. Butler inquired about the amount of monies that has been received from the trademark license agreements, and Dr. Buffington said that she would send it to the Board.

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

RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT: John Anderson Foundation Grant: Dr. Peggy Buffington highlighted the grant that was awarded to the school district from the John Anderson Foundation in the amount of \$5,000.00. She noted it was for two purposes. The first was for the Hobart High School Theatre Department to use \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of sewing machine(s) to assist with making costumes for their theatrical productions. The second was to use \$4,000.00 to purchase some new robotics upgrade kits, parts, and specialized tournament components, and repair and storage kits for the VEX IQ robots. The upgrade kits will ensure continued use of the existing robots while providing them with important updates from new technologies. The additional tournament components will help bring the existing robots to competition status and enable students to compete in the next competition. Additional components also provide the students with the ability to work on the robots and run tests in advance of competitions.

A copy of the grant was part of the electronic meeting information for the Board's review, as was the email grant award notification from the Directors of the John Anderson Foundation. Dr. Buffington extended her

appreciation to Chris King for researching the robotics products, costing them out, and preparing the verbiage for that part of the grant and to Pat Schoon for preparing, gathering the necessary information, and submitting the grant application. In addition, she thanked Coach Rogers for his connection with the foundation. Dr. Buffington commented that the foundation does not wish to receive tokens of appreciation grant recipients, but she was grateful because the grants have assisted both programs to continue to flourish and grow, as part of the STEAM curriculum. Since 2010, the district has received \$58,000.00 in grant awards from them.

Dr. Buffington recommended acceptance of the grant and requested Board action.

Rikki Guthrie moved and Frank Porras seconded that the Board accept the John Anderson Foundation Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 and authorize the superintendent to execute any necessary documents for the grant award. Vote on Motion: Aye – Porras, Rogers, Schultz, Hillan, Guthrie, and Butler. Motion carried 6-0 in favor.

# <u>UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS</u>: The Board received the following information:

- ➤ Town Hall Meeting with Sal Khan Dr. Peggy Buffington highlighted the Town Hall Meeting with Sal Khan that was held virtually on April 26, 2024. She said that everything worked out great and it went "on without a hitch." She commented on the humbleness of Sal Khan who was a child of immigrant parents and the wonderful programs he has built to assist students to be successful. He answered the ten questions that were submitted from more than 700 turned in for consideration. Dr. Buffington indicated that Mr. Khan did not know what questions he would be asked until the students asked them. He stressed the importance of seizing every opportunity, and he shared his struggles and challenges. He, also, shared his mindset, his aspirations and the peaks and valleys that happened along the way that made him the person he is today. In addition, the Town Hall offered a wealth of information about his vision in developing Khan Academy, and Khanmigo, the AI assistant.
- ➤ <u>School Information</u> weekly agendas from all of the schools, the weekly BricksCenter newsletter, and the May monthly activity calendar from the Early Learning Center. Dr. Buffington said these items were available for their review.
- ➤ <u>Upcoming Activities/Events</u> the latest list of upcoming activities/events. Dr. Buffington highlighted the following activities/events:

May 3 – Food Services Recognition Day

May 6 – 17 – ILEARN Biology Test Window, Biology students at HHS and HMS

May 7 – Primary Election Day and E-learning Day, grades K-12 – Dr. Buffington indicated that since all of its asynchronous days have been used, the district would be synchronous for 50% of the day.

and

Sixth Grade Orientation (for current Fifth Grade students during day) and Parent Meeting in the HMS Auditorium @ 5:30 pm.

May 8 – Teacher Recognition Day and School Nurse Recognition Day

May 11 – Hobart High School Prom @ the St. Elijah Banquet Hall, Merrillville, 6-10:00 pm

May 16, 2024 – First Grade Orientation (for current kindergarten students)

May 27 – Memorial Day

May 30 – Last day for students

May 30 - Kindergarten Graduation, HHS Gymnasium, 6:00 pm

May 31 – Last day for teachers

<u>June 2</u> – Graduation for the Class of 2024, The Brickyard, 6:00 pm

Dr. Buffington mentioned that the Hall of Scholars was tomorrow evening and said there was not a dinner. Past recipients seemed to enjoy getting swag bags instead. If any Board members wanted to attend, they should be at the high school by 5:00 pm, there will be hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and speeches will begin at 6:00 pm.

➤ Online Auction: City of Hobart & School City of Hobart — Dr. Buffington noted that school district did not have enough items to have our own auction, so the School City of Hobart Service Center Departments were joining in the City of Hobart's online auction with Kraft Auction on May 23, 2024. She noted the district's surplus items, as follows: Chevy Impala security vehicle, Kubota tractor, Kubota blowers, 8' x 24' cargo trailer, miscellaneous cafe tables, and old buses. She appreciated being able to join with the city's auction.

<u>COMMENTS</u>: From the audience, Chris Wells, middle school teacher, spoke to the Board about the Hobart Middle School's Teachers Hall of Fame. He noted that that he has officiated basketball and football for many years, and he got the idea for a Teachers Hall of Fame here after visiting a school that had one in Jimtown. Last

year was the first year and those former teachers recognized were Sue Buha, Rich Lain, Jackie Sawyer, and Mary Cezus, posthumously. This year the teachers being recognized will be Betty Whiting, Kristine Stelzner, Steve Balash, posthumously, and Janet Deal. He noted Mrs. Deal was traveling here from Arizona with two of her children. Mr. Wells mentioned that Mrs. Deal, when she was a teacher at Foreman Elementary School, received recognition from President Richard Nixon with an "Award of Excellence" for Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Protection Service in 1973. It was for the planting of pine trees at Foreman School and then a similar pine tree was planted at each child's home. Mr. Wells commented that Mrs. Deal told him that she has had 18 former students visit her in Arizona. Dr. Buffington was proud of him for starting the Teachers Hall of Fame program to recognize former middle school teachers and complimented him on the honorees that have been selected. She noted Janet Deal was active in Kiwanis after she retired. Sandi Hillan mentioned that she was a former Foreman student who had Mr. Shinovich, another good teacher. She was jealous that her friends had Mrs. Deal and said they "still rub it in." Mr. Wells commented that getting the recognition plaques last year turned out to be much difficult than he anticipated it would be. He was not able to pick them up until just before the luncheon. Mr. Wells invited the Board and administration to the middle school's potluck luncheon on May 31st, the last day for teachers. The Board thanked Mr. Wells for coming to the Board meeting and sharing information on the Teachers Hall of Fame at the middle school. Bradley Keehn thanked the Board for the E-sports program at the middle school because his son was participated this year and thoroughly enjoyed the program. He commented the champion chess player was a neighbor and friend of his son. In addition, he mentioned that his daughter was not happy that the library was closed due to the work on their parking lot. He thanked the Board for all that they do for students.

From the administration, Peggy Buffington noted you know the school year was ending when there are activities/events almost every night. She enjoys being at the schools and seeing students just being happy. When walking into the schools, they are "happy to see you and tell you a story." When you can help students, there is nothing like it. As the year winds down, Dr. Buffington extended her thanks and appreciation to the staff for all they do for our students. Chris King thanked the Board for the E-sports recognition and invited Board members to visit them and see the teams in action at practices in Rooms 1301 and 1303. They are done for the season now, but they could join them next fall. He mentioned a particular student and how far he had come this past school year and commented the program has helped students who "don't have somewhere to be." He thanked the middle school's E-sports sponsors and team members for having a great season and noted that one of their teams made it to semi-final competition and two other teams almost made it to state competition. He was pleased about the Teachers Hall of Fame at the middle school and noted that all of the honorees "were amazing teachers."

From the Board, Frank Porras extended his congratulations to Chris King, the E-sports teams and the other coaches and commented that they should have continued success because of the freshmen and sophomores on the teams. He also complimented sixth grader, Victoria Cecoi, on her state championship, and he commented the student representatives were "awesome" and wished them "good luck at college." Don Rogers was glad that there were no more SpringFest tickets to collect, and he inquired about the length of time involved in an E-sports match. Chris King said the Smash Brothers matches could last one and one-half hours, but a Valorant match could last up to three hours. He mentioned that there was a varsity team for each of games played, but there was no limit on the number of teams that can be built under each varsity team. He commented he was not looking forward to the time they may have to turn away players, and he hoped "it never happens." Stuart Schultz offered his congratulations on all of the student successes, was impressed with their accomplishments, and noted the other side of the room makes things happen all the time. Hobart is the best, graduates outstanding students every year, and he thanked Dr. Buffington and her team for this. Madelyn Burton extended her congratulations to Victoria on her championship, especially as a sixth grader, and the E-sports teams and their coaches. She mentioned the sponsors are "some of the best teachers" at the high school. Angelina Zepeda echoed all the previous comments and congratulated Victoria for winning her state chess championship and the E-Sports teams for their championship. She commented on Daveion Holmes only being a freshman and being ranked first in the nation. She was proud of the work the high school did with Khan Academy. Sandi Hillan commented that YouTube can be used to follow people of interest, and they can even earn monies if they have a large enough following. Mrs. Hillan extended congratulations to the middle school chess player, and she thanked Brad Keehn for coming to all the Board meetings. She noted he was a good parent and was "a model for others." She appreciated the library offering their summer reading program again this year and noted its importance to students and loss of learning. She hoped it would assist in closing the gap for them. Rikki Guthrie commented Mrs. Hillan had mentioned the same things she wanted to say. She did express her appreciation to Dr. Buffington for her willingness in making time in her schedule to recognize students. She thanked Chris King and the E-Sports sponsors for "making a difference" and mentioned the difference in the demeanor of one the team members from last year. She gave "a shout out" to the outstanding freshman E-Sports gamer. In addition, she extended her appreciation for the PLTW Distinguished School District designation again this school year. Terry Butler mentioned that the SpringFest raffle grossed about \$11,000.00, which was down around \$2,000.00 from previous years. It was noted that there were other activities and events going on at the same time. Terry Butler told Dr. Buffington that a former school board member donated an aquarium and "a \$100 gift card for whatever they want to use it for." He was glad that more people were speaking about what's happening down state. Dr. Buffington announced that the next Voice & Choice with Cooking with Dr. Buffington and Friends that they will be preparing and serving a buffet at the Maria Reiner Center on May 14 from 9-11:00 am. Mr. Butler noted that the Hobart Postal Service food drive will be May 11. Stu Schultz said the Kart Club finished second in their race.

**ADJOURNMENT**: There being no further business to come before the Board, President Butler adjourned the meeting around 8:54 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**: The next regular session meeting is May 16, 2024.

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|                                       | By<br>Terry D. Butler, President                  |
| ATTEST: BySandra I. Hillan, Secretary |   |

Submitted for Approval: May 16, 2024