

**SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2021**

The Board of School Trustees of the School City of Hobart met in regular session on May 20, 2021, in the Great Hall at Hobart High School, 2211 East Tenth Street, Hobart, Indiana.

ROLL CALL: Terry Butler asked Board Member to log in. The following Board Members and Administrators were present or absent at 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
Misty Scheuneman
Craig Osika
Matt Whiteman
Mike Black
Mathew McKee
Brett Munden

Administrator Absent:

Bob Glover

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Butler indicated that the Board met in executive session prior to the regular session. As published, the meeting was held in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(1) where authorized by federal or state statute; (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 7:19 p.m.

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

AUDIENCE: The following were present in the audience:

Jessica Rodrick, Station 0
Jane Fuller, Innovate WithIN
Zac, Jill, and Evan Fuller, Station 0
Jerry Fuller, high school student and Innovate WithIN – Station 0
Max Jancich, high school student and Innovate WithIN – Station 0
CJ Rodrick, high school student and Innovate WithIN – Station 0
Daniel Schultz, PLTW teacher at Hobart High School
Danielle McKee, teacher at Veterans School and wife of Mat McKee and their daughter
Stefanie Osika, teacher at Veterans School and wife of Craig Osika and their daughters
Jan Osika, mother of Craig Osika, and former high school teacher
Phyllis Truitt, grandmother of Craig Osika
Courtney Gill, teacher at Hobart High School, and her husband and their children
Shaun Zoladz, teacher at Hobart High School and his wife, Jennifer, and their son
Brooke Burczyk, teacher at Hobart High School
Tony and Sydney Curatolo, teachers at Hobart Middle School, and their daughter
Andrew Zimmer, CEO of the Hobart Family YMCA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Stuart Schultz moved that the Board approve the minutes of the work session, executive session, and regular session meetings held on May 6, 2021. Seconded by Donald Rogers. Vote on motion: Aye – Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Schultz, Guthrie, and Butler. Abstain – Robbins. Motion carried 6-0 with 1 abstention.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Ted Zembala, Business Manager, presented the following for the Board's consideration and recommended approval:

► Vouchers for May 20, 2021 – Kelsey Black and Lauren Cicillian, Hobart High School student representatives, shared the reading of the accounts payable voucher summary with Kelsey reading the first half and Lauren Cicillian the last half, as follows:

School Education Fund \$677,617.63
Operating Referendum Fund \$44,511.91
School Operations Fund \$325,395.57
Construction Fund 700 \$13,751.55
School Lunch \$114,377.41
Textbook Rental Fund \$1,211.70
Self-Insurance Fund \$564,588.08
Community Gifts and Donations \$34,398.75
Building Brickies \$150.82
Hobart Educational Foundation \$356.50
Educational and Worker Training Grant \$17,065.39
Career and Technical Performance Grant \$3,739.20
High Ability + Identification Prog 2018/19 \$9,619.77
Medicaid Reimbursement Federal \$12,513.07
Department of Natural Resources \$3,963.00
Title II Part A \$140.08
Fed Stimulus-18003 Ed Stabilization Relief \$3,531.25
Clearing Accounts \$591,623.02
Self-Insurance Clearing \$422,761.32
Clearing/Flexible Benefits AF \$68,551.84
Clearing/Insurance Account \$63,949.33
Credit Card Fee Clearing \$301.19

for a total vouchers of \$2,974,118.38 with no transfers. The April payroll distribution by the school corporation's treasurer was \$2,273,050.71.

Rikki Guthrie moved that the Board approve payment of the vouchers for May 20, 2021. Karen Robbins seconded. Vote on motion: Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Schultz, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 7-0 in favor.

In addition, the Board received copies of the following monthly budget reports, dated April 30, 2021, in their electronic Board packet: Analysis by Object, Estimated Revenue by Account, Summary of Balances by Account-Object, and Summary of Receipts and Expenditures.

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 and Personnel Report Addendum were 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 Reports as presented. Rikki Guthrie seconded. Vote on motion: Porras, Rogers, Hillan, Schultz, Guthrie, Robbins, and Butler. Motion carried 7-0 in favor.

The approved personnel items are as follows:

Contract for Extracurricular Services (Club Duties) –
August 20, 2020/June 10, 2021: Jill Cruz, Early Learning Center/Cooperation, 50 hours,
\$1,250.00

Retirement Resignation –
Lisa Wilkison, Service Center/Director of Transportation, effective June 30, 2022

Resignations –
Teresa Augustine, Hobart High School, media center aide, effective for the 2021-2022
school year
Aleicia Terrell, Service Center, computer technician, effective May 21, 2021

Request for Leave of Absence –

Denise Stephens, Liberty School, food service, FMLA, effective April 26 through June 9, 2021

New Employee –

Tomiko Wright, Hobart High School, pool supervisor, part time, effective May 17, 2021, \$12.21 per hour

ECA Resignations –

Janice Hamady, Hobart Middle School, 8th grade sponsor, effective end of 2020-2021 school year

Janice Hamady, Hobart Middle School, 8th/9th transition sponsor, effective end of 2020-2021 school year

Courtney Gill, Hobart High School, Student Council Sponsor and National Honor Society Sponsor, effective the end of 2020-2021 school year

Teacher Contracts – 2021-2022 School Year –

August 16, 2021/June 3, 2022:

Douglas Adams, Hobart Middle School/mental health counselor, 196 days, \$63,224.00

Shelby Clindaniel, Hobart High School/counselor, 196 days, \$46,377.00

Leonardo Guzman, Hobart Middle School/teacher, 184 days, \$42,400.00

Harley Sutton, Hobart High School/teacher, 184 days, \$42,400.00

Cailin Trezak, Hobart Middle School/teacher, 184 days, \$42,400.00

Savannah Tilford, Hobart Middle School/teacher, 184 days, \$43,600.00

PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION: Hobart High School Innovate WithIN Participants:

Dr. Peggy Buffington welcomed Daniel Schultz, PLTW (Project Lead The Way) teacher at the high school and three of his students Jerry Fuller, Max Jancich, and CJ Rodrick to the meeting and noted that Alli Bradford was unable to attend because she had to work this evening. Dr. Buffington indicated the students were being recognized for their success at the regional competition for the Innovate WithIN program where Alli Bradford placed first for her project titled, “Cramps Revamped”, and Jerry Fuller, Max Jancich, and CJ Rodrick with their project titled, “Station 0”, placed second.

Dr. Buffington indicated that as part of the high school's PLTW program, students in the EDD (Engineering Design and Development) class were required to research, design and develop a product for the Innovate WithIN competition. She indicated that Daniel Schultz was an amazing teacher who inspires his students “to bring out their talents.” She indicated that for this year’s initial competition, Hobart High School had 53 entries, which was more than other area high schools. Dr. Buffington thanked the Hobart Educational Foundation for making funds available to assist students in making prototypes. Daniel Schultz thanked Dr. Buffington for her comments and furnished some background information on the Innovate WithIN competition. He noted that it was a pitch-type competition. Last year Hobart teams placed first and second at the state competition, and the year before Hobart's team placed third in the state competition. In the last three years, around \$80,000 in cash and scholarships were received by the team members. He noted that there are nine regions that compete, and the first place winners from each region compete in the state competition, as well as a wild card team. Last year, a Hobart team was selected as the wild card team. At the state competition, Hobart placed first and second. Mr. Schultz commented that the second place team was the wild card team and noted they beat out eight first place regional competitors. At this year’s competition, Hobart had seven teams and Valparaiso had three so basically our teams were competing against one another. He noted that some teams also compete in other competitions such as those sponsored by Purdue Northwest and NIPSCO. In additions, teams have received four copyrights and four patents, and those products were “getting closer and closer” to being marketed.

The Board and audience viewed Alli Bradford’s “Cramps Revamped” virtual presentation given at the regional competition. After research, Alli found that menstrual cramps affected over 60% of females and noted that 600,000,000 work hours have been lost due to cramps. Heat and compression help with cramps so she developed leggings that have a high waist band with three pockets, two in the front and one in the back, where heated packs can be inserted and folded down. The leggings are made of spandex, cotton, and nylon and will move with the person wearing them so they would not alter the person’s life style. They are a non-medical product and would improve the quality of life for many persons. The leggings can be made for \$43.56, sold for \$90.00, and the profit would be \$46.44. It was noted that Alli won \$1,000 from the regional competition and will represent Hobart at the state competition that will be held in June.

Daniel Schultz noted, “Kids have amazing ideas” and making prototypes can be costly. The students enter other competitions to secure funds for their prototypes and noted that competitions were “so fierce.” He expressed his appreciation to the Hobart Educational Foundation for helping them out this year by

providing funds that assisted students to continue their work. It was noted that Lauren Cicillian joined the Station 0 team after regional competition.

The second presentation was by Station 0, which was an autonomous drone that would respond to emergency situations from calls by a dispatch system that would be integrated into the drone's system. Max Jancich, Jerry Fuller, CJ Rodrick, and Lauren Cicillian each spoke about different aspects of the project. The drone could be dispatched by a dispatch calling system for any emergency such as a fire, auto accident, etc. If it were for a fire, firefighters would be able to see pictures from the drone that would assist in their preparations and what kind of property damage and/or injuries, and the same would be true for any emergency situation. It was noted they totally revamped their design from just a normal drone to a drone within the framework that looked similar to a model airplane. The team expressed their appreciation to the Hobart Educational Foundation for their funding that assisted them to be able to make their changes. They were able to use the 3D printer for some of the parts needed for their new prototype and showed the hand-held electronic control that works with the electronics in the drone portion of the new prototype or any product that they make. It was noted electronics were expensive and were needed so they could be integrated with the dispatch systems, and they were working on finding sponsors that could assist them. The team was working with Merrillville and Hobart Fire Departments. Mr. Schultz indicated the team was about a week away from their test flight that would be going to the middle school.

Dr. Buffington noted that everyone one was proud of the students and their accomplishments, as well as their teacher, Daniel Schultz. On behalf of the Board and Dr. Buffington, Dr. Buffington and Kelsey Black, high school student representative, presented certificates of recognition to the students and Mr. Schultz. Dr. Buffington told Lauren Cicillian that she would have certificate made for her, and Alli Bradford's certificate was given to Mr. Schultz. The Board extended their congratulations to the Station 0 team and wished them well, and wished Alli Bradford good luck at the state competition. Karen Robbins put in a plug for the upcoming Hobart Educational Foundation fundraiser, a movie in the Aquatic Center on May 22nd, and the movie is *Finding Nemo*.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS: Dr. Peggy Buffington indicated all of the candidates had demonstrated leadership and were being recommended for new administrative assignments for the 2021-2022 school year, and she introduced them, as follows:

- Craig Osika, Co-Principal at Hobart High School
Dr. Buffington indicated that Mr. Osika has great rapport with students, was dedicated, and has great leadership skills.
- Courtney Gill, Dean of Students at Hobart High School
Dr. Buffington noted that Courtney Gill was an amazing organizer and gets things done. She works with Yohan's Closet and was a sponsor for the National Honor Society.
- Shaun Zoladz, Dean of Students at Hobart High School
Dr. Buffington said Shaun Zoladz was a dual credit teacher, was all about the whole child, and has been known to "shoot hoops" with a student just needing someone to talk to.
- Tony Curatolo, Dean of Students at Hobart Middle School
Dr. Buffington indicated Mr. Curatolo was a social studies teacher who was involved with the "We the People" program and was involved with designing the middle school's master schedule.
- Mathew McKee, Director of Transportation
Dr. Buffington said that Mr. McKee was "an amazing organizer" and "steps up to the plate" whenever or wherever he is needed. He was involved with the referendum committee and is the President of the School City of Hobart Educational Foundation. He will be working with Lisa Wilkison, Transportation Director, to learn all aspects of the position before Miss Wilkison retires next June. She noted that the transportation department transports around 2,800 of the district's 3,800 students on a daily basis.
- Brooke Burczyk, Director of College and Careers
Dr. Buffington noted Miss Burczyk "helps students find their way." She indicated that she, Danielle Adams, and Tim Krieg have all been involved with dual-credit classes, CTE programs, and Hobart University since its inception. During the 2019-2020 school year, students earned almost 8,000 college credits, which was just under \$1,000,000.00 savings for them and their families. As these areas have continued to grow, someone else was needed to assist as Dr. Krieg's responsibilities were expanding to secondary curriculum and instruction. Miss Burczyk recently assisted in getting students to finish up scheduling their classes for the coming school year.

- Matthew Whiteman, Director of Student Services
Dr. Buffington noted that Mr. Whiteman was part of the high school administration's team as a Dean of Students. He provided the team with data so they could look at it "from a different lens." He will be overseeing the Brickie Virtual School and would be involved with credit recovery, as well.
- Brett Munden, Joan Martin School Principal
Dr. Buffington indicated that she was proud of Mr. Munden and this was going to be "his dream job." She said that he was knowledgeable of discipline rules and school law, and was kind and said he has done a great job at the elementary level.
- Ty Artherhults, Veterans School @ Mundell
Dr. Buffington indicated that Mr. Artherhults had track sectionals this evening. She indicated that he was an outstanding teacher who was interested in a leadership role and that he always gives 100%.

Dr. Peggy Buffington indicated that the recommendations for each administrator were included in the electronic meeting packet for the Board's review. Those recommendations are as follows:

- (Daniel) Craig Osika, Hobart High School Co-Principal, two-year contract with a salary of \$91,901.00 beginning with the 2012-2011 school year (217 days)
- Courtney Gill, Hobart High School Dean of Students, two-year contract with a salary of \$70,000.00 beginning with the 2021-2022 school year (212 days)
- Shaun Zoladz, Hobart High School Dean of Students, two-year contract with a salary of \$70,000.00 beginning with the 2020-2022 school year (212 days)
- Tony Curatolo, Hobart Middle School Dean of Students, two-year contract with a salary of \$70,000.00 beginning with the 2021-2022 school year (212 days)
- Mathew McKee, Director of Transportation, two-year contract with a salary of \$83,046.00 beginning the 2021-2022 school year (212 days) Mr. McKee will work alongside Miss Lisa Wilkison during the transition prior to her retirement.
- Brook Burczyk, Director of College and Careers, two-year contract with a salary of \$76,000.00 beginning the 2021-2022 school year (212 days)
- Matthew Whiteman, Director of Student Services, two-year contract with a salary of \$76,000.00 beginning the 2021-2022 school year (212 days)
- Brett Munden, Joan Martin School Principal, two –year contract with a salary of \$83,046.00 beginning the 2021-2022 school year (212 days)
- Ty Artherhults, Veterans Elementary at Mundell Dean of Students, two-year contract with a salary of \$70,000.00 beginning with the 2021-2022 school year (212 days)

Dr. Buffington requested Board action, and President Butler requested a roll call vote.

Karen Robbins moved that the Board approve the administrative appointments effective for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. Seconded by Stuart Schultz.

In the discussion, the Board extended their congratulations to the administrators on their appointments, and wished the administrators the best of luck.

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

RECEPTION: Recognizing Innovate WithIN students and Administrators: President Butler invited those present for a short reception to recognize the Innovate WithIN students and administrators. He recessed the meeting around 8:05 p.m. and President Butler reconvened the meeting around 8:28 p.m. Mike Black and Andrew Zimmer remained in the audience.

President Butler asked Mike Black if he had any updates on today's sporting events. He indicated that he girls tennis team would be playing for the sectional championship tomorrow and as for boys track, all that he knew was the 4x8 relay team would be going to the regional.

RECOMMENDATION: Awarding of RFP for After School Childcare Program: Superintendent Peggy Buffington indicated that at the April 1st meeting, the Board authorized advertising the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the After School Childcare Program (Latch Key). She indicated that only one proposal was received, and it was from the Hobart Family YMCA and noted that the YMCA's proposal was included in the electronic meeting packet for the Board's review and consideration. She indicated the Form A Fee Schedule was included separately. Dr. Buffington indicated that the Hobart Family YMCA has provided

this program for many years, and there has been a good working relationship with them. She noted that the YMCA had provided a very good program for the district's children for a reasonable cost.

Dr. Buffington recommended that the Board award the RFP to the Hobart Family YMCA. The contract period was August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2022, renewable for one year based upon satisfactory performance.

Rikki Guthrie moved that the Board award the contract to the Hobart Family YMCA as presented. Seconded by Frank Porras.

In the discussion, the Board noted the good job that the YMCA had been doing with the after school childcare program. Andrew Zimmer, CEO of the YMCA, thanked the Board for accepting their proposal and the opportunity to continue working together to provide a program to enhance and enrich the lives of children. Dr. Buffington noted that YMCA was an asset to the community. Dr. Buffington thanked Mr. Zimmer for attending the meeting.

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

RESOLUTION: Safe and Drug Free Open Houses and End of Year Activities: Resolution No. 2021-23 that recognized Safe and Drug Free Open Houses and End of Year Activities was presented for the Board's consideration. President Terry Butler asked the audience if they wanted the resolution to be read in its entirety or whether just reading the title would be satisfactory. The audience indicated that reading the title was sufficient.

Secretary Rikki Guthrie read the title of Resolution No. 2021-23, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23

SAFE AND DRUG-FREE GRADUATION OPEN HOUSES
AND END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR ACTIVITIES

President Butler requested the Board's consideration and approval with a roll call vote.

Stuart Schultz moved that the Board approve Resolution No. 2021-23 for Safe and Drug Free Open Houses and End of Year Activities. Donald Rogers seconded.

In the discussion, the Board commented that it was a "very important resolution."

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

Resolution No. 2021-23, as presented and adopted, is as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23

SAFE AND DRUG-FREE GRADUATION OPEN HOUSES
AND END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, Graduation and school activities have been celebrated in this community by the holding of open houses in private homes and public halls; and

WHEREAS, Students and minors have been served alcoholic beverages at many open houses; and

WHEREAS, Student consumption of alcohol and the resultant effect of driving under the influence has resulted in the death, permanent injury, arrest and damage to property of students, parents and innocent citizens of many communities in Indiana and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Indiana law prohibits the sale, furnishing or providing of alcoholic beverages to minors; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Board of School Trustees of the School City of Hobart, as responsible public officials, desire to state for the record their position with respect to graduation and responsible conduct of students, parents and patrons regarding celebrations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the members of the Board of School Trustees of the School City of Hobart that they encourage parents who wish to provide celebrations for students to make sure that the celebrations are safe and responsible and that alcoholic beverages are not furnished to minors.

This 20th day of May, 2021.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART

By _____
Terry D. Butler, President

ATTEST:

Rikki A. Guthrie, Secretary

RECOMMENDATION: Memorandum of Understanding with Crown Counseling LLC for Student Mental Health Services: Dr. Peggy Buffington told the Board that a Memorandum of Understanding for student mental health services with Crown Counseling LLC for one year to be compliant with state law was included in the electronic meeting packet. She noted that the district needed to execute a memorandum of understanding to be compliant with I.C. 20-34-3-21, Sec. 21 that required each school corporation and charter school to enter into a memorandum of understanding with a community health center established under IC 12-29-2 or a provider certified or licensed by the state to provide appropriate and necessary mental or behavioral health services to students. The agency would provide more intense services than the school district would be able to provide internally, and the memorandum of understanding had to be in place before July 1 of this year. The Term of the contract is from August 18, 2021, for one year. The Memorandum of Understanding was included in the electronic meeting packet. Dr. Buffington indicated that Board Attorney William Longer had reviewed the contract and offered a few revisions that made the memorandum of outstanding compliant with the state law. She indicated that Mr. Longer would be able to answer any questions from the Board. There were none.

Dr. Buffington highly recommended the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Crown Counseling, as presented.

Karen Robbins moved that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding for student mental health services to be compliant with Indiana Code, as presented and authorize the Superintendent to execute the contract. Rikki Guthrie seconded.

In the discussion, the Board noted the need for these services for students.

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

REPORT: Brickie Virtual School: Dr. Peggy Buffington indicated at the last Work Session of the board the Brickie Virtual School (BVS) was discussed as an alternative to the 890 students who are still doing virtual education for the coming school year due to COVID unknowns for those families. She indicated that enrollment was low with 79/99 students “still on the fence.” Due to low numbers, the School City of Hobart would still offer the Brickie Virtual School option, and the district would be using a web portal to deliver curriculum with Indiana certified teachers, rather than using school district teachers. The instruction would be asynchronous (anytime with lessons posted and teacher office hours), and parents would be notified of this change. There was discussion about whether high school students doing virtual education and taking early college classes. Dr. Buffington indicated the students would have to attend the early college classes in person. Dr. Buffington told the Board that in a conference call with the Indiana Department of Education, she was told that if a student was in the building 51% of their day, they could be considered as a full-time student for reimbursement. She noted that Danielle Adams and Brooke Burczyk would be working on doing this with the assistance of Matt Whiteman, as well as Dr. Krieg working on the platform part of the program with Pearson. During the coming school year, she indicated they would be studying the future of BVS and would have recommendations as to its future a little sooner than this year.

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

- School Information – weekly agendas from all the schools and the BricksCenter weekly newsletter.
- Upcoming Activities/Events – the latest list of upcoming activities/events.

May 18 – First Grade Orientation from 5-7 p.m., at student’s home school (Joan Martin, Liberty, or Veterans Elementary Schools),
One parent must accompany their student
Dr. Buffington told the Board that the parents and their soon to be first graders were excited about visiting their home elementary schools.

June 9 – Last Day of School for Students, and
Kindergarten Graduation, Hobart High School, Gymnasium, 6:00 p.m.
(Due to limited capacity, two tickets per graduate; masks required, as well as social distancing. If our status changes to orange or red, a virtual graduation ceremony will be held.)

June 10 – 2021 Senior Parade @ 5:30 p.m. (Rain Date – June 11 @ 5:30 p.m.)
(In partnership with the City of Hobart, Hobart Police Department, and Hobart Fire Department)
The parade leaves from the HHS Aquatic Center parking lot, west on 10th Street to Lincoln Street through downtown Hobart, and ends at Festival Park on Old Ridge Road.

June 13 – Graduation, 6:00 pm in The Brickyard
Dr. Buffington told the Board that if it was raining, the ceremony would be held the following day because they would not be able to hold an indoor graduation due to COVID limitations on people attending.

► Online Auction in Conjunction with City of Hobart – President Butler noted the School City of Hobart would piggyback with the City of Hobart's online auction June 16 with Kraft Auction Services. The district does not have enough items to have a sale on its own. Items for auction will be miscellaneous furniture and equipment items, as well as left over inventory. In addition, they will be getting unneeded items from the schools. No vehicles or expensive equipment like mowers at this time. Items for sale can be seen on Kraft's website and the online auction starts days prior to the sale.

COMMENTS: From the Board and administration, Peggy Buffington appreciated that the Board approved the administrative recommendations and noted that the school district “continues to grow leaders in our community.” She indicated preparations have already begun for the coming school year. She extended her thanks and appreciation to everyone in her office for all that have done and wanted to publicly recognize them. Don Rogers extended his congratulations to the new administrative team and was looking forward working with them. Stu Schultz was excited about the new administrative team and knew they would do a good job. Frank Porras was also excited about the new administrative team. Sandi Hillan extended her appreciation for the high school’s Prom. She thought it was a huge success and said parents and students, alike, were pleased. She noted that her daughter “had so much fun.” Kelsey Black echoed everyone’s comments and thanked the new administrators. She thought the Innovate WithIn students did an excellent job with their presentations. She noted that she had been able to watch Alli Bradford as she worked on her project, and she was proud that she was competing at the state competition. Kelsey thanked the school district for this year’s Prom that added to the seniors’ year, and she “loved it.” She thanked the Hobart Educational Foundation for their sponsorship of the Hall of Scholars, and she was excited about graduating. She noted that she and Lauren only had two more meetings to attend, and she would be celebrating her 18th birthday at the Board’s next meeting. Dr. Buffington told the Board that the Hobart Educational Foundation paid for the swag baskets given to each of the students in the Hall of Scholars. Dr. Buffington thought the students did a great job with their speeches. She noted the Prom was COVID friendly with masks being worn, and the students dressed elegantly, wore their masks, and had a great time. The National Honor Society paid for all the food, and she was very appreciative because there was no cost to students who attended. After everything that everyone had been through this past year, she was so special to see the students enjoying themselves and having fun. As an educator, she was so happy for them, and it was all possible because everyone pitched in and made the Prom happen. Kelsey Black said everyone had a great time and the dinner was phenomenal and thanked everyone who worked so hard to make the Prom possible for them. Sandi Hillan expressed her appreciation to everyone. Lauren Cicillian thanked the School City of Hobart for their support of the PLTW program, noted that she has seen and worked with the same kids on different projects and noted that it all began at the middle school with those PLTW classes. She said it has been so much fun and a great time and would be something that she would always remember. She indicated that she began working with the Station 0 team after the Innovate WithIN regional competition. Dr. Buffington told Lauren that she was a great addition to their team.

From the audience, Mike Black indicated that Andrew Zimmer had reminded him that Andrew was a sophomore in high school playing basketball for him when his wife was pregnant with Kelsey.

Continued comments from Board members and administrators, Karen Robbins noted that she was glad to be back and that the tax season was finally over. She was looking forward to next the next school year.

Rikki Guthrie extended her congratulations to all of the administrators on their appointments and commented that they would do well. She noted that the Innovate WithIN students were doing wonderful things that would affect the lives of people, and she was looking forward to seeing them being used. She thanked Mr. Zimmer and the YMCA for providing the after school childcare program and noted that both of her children had attended the program. Ted Zembala congratulated all of the administrators. He noted that Dr. Buffington has a knack for assessing the needs of students and putting people in the right places to meet those needs. He noted the Innovate WithIN student presentations were amazing. The students look at situations and try to make them better, rather than thinking that it's the way it has always been. Tim Krieg commented that he follows a couple of people on social media, and he saw some of the pictures from the Prom. He said it was nice to see the students having a good time and said Dr. Buffington had made the evening normal for a little while for those at the Prom, and he was very grateful for what we have now. Dr. Krieg noted the Innovate WithIN projects were outstanding, and he extended his congratulations to the administrators on their appointments. Jon Mock commented that the Innovate WithIN projects were outstanding, and he was surprised at the changes that had been made in the Station 0 project in a short period of time. He was looking forward to working with the new administrators and noted graduation activities were coming up. Bill Longer extended his congratulations to the administrator appointees and to the Innovate WithIN students and was looking forward to the coming year. Terry Butler commented that because people have worn masks for so long, he was not sure if he would recognize anyone when we don't have to wear masks any more. He noted it had been a busy meeting

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, President Butler adjourned the meeting around 8:58 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular session meeting is June 3, 2021.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART

By _____
Terry D. Butler, President

ATTEST:

By _____
Rikki A. Guthrie, Secretary

Submitted for Approval: June 3, 2021