

SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
WORK SESSION
June 3, 2021

The Board of School Trustees of the School City of Hobart met in a work session on June 3, 2021, in the Board Room 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
Frank Porras
Donald H. Rogers
Stuart B. Schultz

Board Member Absent:

Sandra J. Hillan

Administrators Present:

Ted Zembala
Christopher N. King
William J. Longer
Jonathan Mock
Tim Krieg

Administrator Absent:

Peggy Buffington
Bob Glover

CALL TO ORDER: President Butler called the meeting to order around 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Deferred to regular session.

AUDIENCE: The following were present in the audience:

Carole Carlson, *The Post-Tribune*
Greg Crouch, media teacher at the high school
Kyle Rader III, high school student, and his father, Kyle II
Leila Castro, high school student

EXECUTIVE ORDER: Attorney William Longer reviewed proposed Board policy changes regarding Board members attending meetings electronically. He noted that he had prepared Resolution No. 2021-24 for the regular session meeting that incorporated all of the legislative requirements and met Indiana Open Door law. He indicated the need to do this was because the Governor's Executive Order would expire on June 30, and he felt policy should be in effect for the Board to follow when this happens. It would be the first reading of the resolution, and he commented that ISBA would probably be offering guidance on this in the near future, but the policy could be amended. He used information from the Association of Indiana Municipalities, and the resolution was compliant with current state law. The law requires a governing body to adopt written policy establishing the procedures that apply to a member's participation in a meeting electronically. The Board could adopt procedures that would be stricter than those mentioned in the statute. Fifty percent of the Board must be physically present at a meeting that would be attended electronically by another member of the Board. A member attending a meeting electronically would be counted as part of the quorum and would be able to vote as long as the person could be seen and heard. Mr. Longer noted that Section 5 of the resolution listed the items that a Board member would not be able to participate by electronic communication at a meeting where the Board was taking final action. Those items are adopting a budget; make a reduction in personnel; initiate a referendum; impose or increase a fee; impose or increase a penalty; exercise the power of eminent domain; or establish, impose, raise or renew a tax. He noted that a member may attend two consecutive meeting electronically but must attend at least one meeting in person between sets of meetings unless it was for one of the following reasons: military service; illness or other medical condition; death of a relative; or an emergency involving actual or threatened injury to persons or property. There was discussion along with Mr. Longer's presentation.

BRICKYARD PROJECT: President Butler told the Board that cost of a project for the Brickyard at the high school was costing more than expected. Further details would be forthcoming once all of the details were finalized.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business designated for the work session, President Butler adjourned the meeting around 6:43 p.m.

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Terry D. Butler, President

ATTEST:

Karen J. Robbins, Vice President

Submitted for Approval: June 17, 2021