

**SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART
WORK AND REGULAR SESSIONS
September 15, 2005**

The Board of School Trustees of the School City of Hobart met in work and regular sessions on September 15, 2005, in the Board Room at Hobart Middle School, 705 East 4th Street, Hobart, Indiana, with the following present or absent as noted:

Board Members

Jason Back
Robert W. Marszalek
Stephen R. Turner
Michael J. Rogers
Terry D. Butler
William David Bigler
Nancy J. Norris
Hobart High School student representative

Staff Members

John A. Leach
Rich Edwards
Peggy Buffington
Ted Zembala
William J. Longer

Absent:
Peter L. Goerges

WORK SESSION: The work session began around 6:07 p.m.

AUDIENCE: The following were present in the audience for the work session:

Brian McFarland, Gibraltar Design
Don Monday, Gibraltar Design
Todd Cass, Gibraltar Design
Chris LaFollette, Envoy, Inc.

Mr. McFarland told the Board that Gibraltar would be seeking their approval of the Design Development Phase in the regular session meeting. Approval will confirm the directions which have been given and allow the team to continue moving forward on the project. Drawings should be completed in January and ready for bidding. Bids would be opened around the middle of February. The Board was told that the project is still on schedule. Mr. Turner asked Gibraltar and Envoy to prepare for the Board an upcoming schedule for the project showing expected timeline dates such as bidding, the starting of construction, and so forth. Dr. Leach indicated that the project was progressing very well and that a lot of work has been accomplished, and even though there were still some things that needed to be addressed, Gibraltar needed to have design development approval. Mr. McFarland explained that approval would include the following:

- Floor plan layout was acceptable for the building
 - Because of steering committee meetings, minor changes will continue.
 - The exterior design was acceptable and includes the use of utility size brick, limestone accents, and windows.
 - Meetings are continuing in the mechanical, electrical, and technology areas.
 - The field house will be bid as an alternate.
- Site plan
 - The general layout was acceptable and includes the following:
 - vehicular drives,
 - parking concept,
 - general component layouts, and
 - related functional site items shown
 - Final hard surface paving and parking count will be coordinated with the Board and City as well as any potential landscaping buffers and other such items.
 - Final determination of wetlands work will be dependent on reviews from the Corps of Engineers and IDEM.

Because of the concern about the small windows, Mr. Butler asked if these were changed, would that cost the Board money? Mr. McFarland indicated that it wouldn't. However, he said if Board wanted to add another floor to the school, "that would be a problem." There was lengthy discussion and some of the items noted are as follows:

- Mr. Rogers wanted to know if the Board approves room design and if it was part of the design development phase. Indicated that he had faith in what the team was doing, but wanted to know when this would be approved.

Mr. McFarland indicated that they haven't completed the room design phase and are still meeting with steering committee members. Dr. Buffington indicated that most of the rooms are done except for the rooms that are more complex. Dr. Leach indicated that information would be prepared so the Board would be aware of what would be in the classrooms and color selections so they would have the opportunity to view before they are finalized.

- Told that all of the regular academic classrooms will have similar casework and furniture except the English department will have more storage files because of the large amount of books they use. Blackboards were the only "no" item, and all of the classrooms will have whiteboards.
- Told the science area has been a challenge, but after a meeting with Mr. Black, the design was coming together.
- Told that the staff members have been very helpful in trying to resolve problems.
- Mr. McFarland noted that furniture wasn't part of the design and development issues and noted that they are half way done meeting with the steering committee members.
- Mr. Turner commented that the Board has been very involved in the building process, but the time was coming when they will need to step back. He noted that once construction begins the Board won't have much involvement in the project.
- Mr. Monday noted the importance of the staff's input and the diligence of the steering committee members to meet with their department colleagues because logistically they couldn't meet with everyone. Once this process is completed, they bring information back to the Board for their viewing.
- Asked whether childcare class will meet daycare requirements and was told that they felt that it will and school districts may be exempt from the guidelines. Also, that requirements are different depending upon the ages of the children being served.
- Dr. Leach indicated that a safety specialist company can review the drawings and specifications for a cost of \$3,500. Everyone thought it was a good idea, and Dr. Leach noted that the Board's approval would be handled through the voucher process. Mr. Monday wanted to know when the plans would be reviewed because he wanted the key components in ready for the review. He thought the plans would be almost completed in December.

Through Mr. McFarland's PowerPoint presentation the Board was able to see an animated exterior fly by of the school project with and without the field house. During this process, he addressed some concerns that the Board had had about project. The utility brick (larger brick) was used locally at Joan Martin School as well as at St. Mary Medical Center's Oncology Center and Linden House. They thought that signage might be the way to tie the schools together by using a large monument sign similar to the one at Joan Martin. He noted that a two inch metal panel has the R-value of 14.5 and comes with a 20 year warranty on the finish. As part of the presentation, he showed the new canopy that was developed as well as two versions of the front windows with and without the small windows.

In the discussion Dr. Buffington said that she would like to have the exterior fly by animation placed at the downtown storefront so the community will have access to view it. Mr. Rogers indicated that he felt everything should be on one site, and for bidding purposes, Mr. Butler felt the architects should focus on having everything on the new school site with alternates. There was discussion clarifying what would be included in the alternate package for the site plan. Mr. Bigler felt that the Board needed to look at what was part of the original plan.

The discussion continued, and architects indicated that there would not be any islands in the parking areas. Dr. Leach noted that schools last more than twenty years and asked what happens to the panels around that time. The architects told them that they begin to chalk and begin fade. The panels can be painted. Mr. Bigler asked if there were other problems, and he was told only the color. Mr. Rogers asked about the parking and distance to the entrance, and the architects indicated that there would be ten parking spaces in the drive area by the building for handicapped and short-term visitors. Mr. McFarland indicated that they are continuing to work on wetland issues.

Mr. Monday brought up the issue of a turf field versus a grass field. There was discussion about physical education and athletic needs with the use of either type of field. Mr. Turner indicated that he still questions the cost estimates of a turf field, but he was willing to go along with whatever the other Board members wanted to do. Mrs. Norris indicated that she wasn't sold on turf because it is such a new product and maintenance issues that she has read about. It was noted that a soccer practice field will be lost with a grass field. There was discussion of the layout of fields in relation to the wetland areas and usage issues. Mr. Cass spoke to the Board about the benefits of a synthetic turf field. He said that if land space was an issue, it works well because it allows for a lot of usage, the turf will not tear up and was great for football and soccer, the turf is playable even after a large amount of rain, and there were maintenance savings over a period of time. Our maintenance costs were lower than those projected in information that the Board received. Mr. Bigler noted there are a number of professional soccer organizations using turf for their fields. Mr. Butler indicated that Warren Central likes their turf field and noted that even the middle school uses the field.

Mr. McFarland showed the Board the front of the building with a change in the window design and that the smaller windows were used in other areas of the building. Almost everyone preferred the new design. Mr. McFarland and Mr. Monday asked the Board to consider approval of the design Development phase of the project in its regular session meeting.

Mr. Monday and Mr. McFarland showed the audience members a quick exterior fly by of the new school project with and without the field house before the regular session meeting.

The Board thanked Gibraltar and Envoy for the presentation.

The work session ended around 7:43 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Jason Back, President of the Board, called the regular session meeting to order around 7:44 p.m.

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

AUDIENCE: The following were present in the audience for the regular session:

Nancy Mast, middle school teacher
Steve Euvino, casual observer
Roger Mullins, PUC student observer
Brian McFarland, Gibraltar Design
Don Monday, Gibraltar Design
Todd Cass, Gibraltar Design
Chris LaFollette, Envoy, Inc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Back indicated that the Board met in executive session prior to the work session, as noted on the agenda, in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) to discuss job performance evaluation of individual employees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Stephen Turner moved to approve the minutes of the executive and work and regular sessions of September 1, 2005. Seconded by Michael Rogers. All ayes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The following were presented for the Board's consideration:

1. Vouchers for September 15, 2005:

The student representative read the summary sheet of the September 15 accounts payable voucher register as follows:

General Fund - \$339,184.58,
Debt Service Fund - \$18,979.06,
Capital Projects Fund - \$37,184.19,
Transportation Operating Fund - \$18,128.88,
Retirement/Severance Bond Fund - \$15,769.22,
Construction Fund - \$289,673.50,
School Lunch Fund - \$39,689.54,
PCGB Agreement Proceeds Fund - \$1,041.91,
Legacy Foundation, Inc. Fund - \$109.61,
Hobart Educational Foundation Fund - \$1,120.15,
Gifted & Talented Fund 2004-2005 - \$709.73,
Technology Fund - \$3,532.80,
Title I Fund 2004-2005 - \$89.06,
Title I Fund 2005-2006 - \$5.61,
Drug Free Schools 2004-2005, \$37.35,
Title II, Part A Fund 2004-2005 - \$351.20,
Clearing Accounts - \$309,314.86, and
Clearing/Flexible Benefits - \$658.00

totaling \$1,075,579.25 with transfers totaling \$4,015,859.00 for the repayment of 2004 tax anticipation warrants (General Fund - \$1,701,712.00; Debt Service Fund - \$1,929,831.00; Capital Projects Fund - \$235,733.00; and Transportation Operating Fund - \$148,583.00) for a grand total of \$5,091,438.25. The August 2005 payroll distribution by the corporation treasurer totaled \$930,049.26.

Nancy Norris moved to approve as presented. Seconded by Stephen Turner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board members also received the following monthly financial reports dated, September 13, 2005: Summary of Balances by Account-Object, Estimated Revenue by Account, Analysis by Object. and Summary of Receipts and Expenditures.

2. Safety and Asset Protection and HVAC Installation Projects at George Earle, Liberty, and Ridge View Elementary Schools and Hobart High School:
 - a. Application for Payment for Lake Shore Floor Covering - \$3,186.00

Mr. Zembala indicated that this was their third and final payment for Lake Shore Flooring and the release of their retainage. The payment had been approved by Mr. Skimehorn and Mr. Zembala.

Stephen Turner moved for approval. Michael Rogers seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Butler asked about outstanding payments for this project, and he was told that most everything has been paid.

PERSONNEL: Ted Zembala, Business Manager, presented the following personnel items for the Board's consideration:

Extra Duty Resignations –

Christina Degenhart, Hobart High/co-sponsor of student council, effective the conclusion of 2004-2005 school year

Karen Marshall, Hobart High/junior class sponsor, effective for the 2005-2006 school year

Extra Duty Assignments –

Diane Klikus, Hobart Middle/team leader, 2005-2006 school year

Erin Wright, Hobart Middle/volleyball, 2005-2006 school year

Homebound Teaching Contracts –

September 1, 2005/January 20, 2006: Robert Graham, business foundations, \$ 50.06 per hour; Dwight Mathis, U. S. History, \$ 50.06 per hour; Cathy Nelson, English 12: 7-8, \$ 37.71 per hour; and Kari Roach, economics, \$ 48.57

Service Agreements --

Hobart High/ISTEP remediation, September 6, 8, 13, 19, 2005

Darrin Cline, 5 hours, \$221.70 and John McDaniel, 5 hours, \$250.30

Hobart High/ISTEP remediation, September 7, 12, 14, 19, 2005

Andrea Fressle, 5 hours, \$257.65; and Cynthia Lach, 5 hours, \$254.05

2005-2006 Aide Assignments –

Title I Program, 2005-2006 school year (160 days/15 hours maximum per week)

Audrey Pontney, Ridge View School, \$11.38 per hour; and Donna Fuller, George Earle School, \$12.24 per hour

ELL Program, 2005-2006 school year (beginning September 14, 2005/3¾ hours per day)

Melissa Merriman, \$10.55 per hour; and Conchita Sargent, \$11.38 per hour

2005-2006 Contracts Returning Employees --

➤ Technology Department, July 1, 2005/June 30, 2006

2 - Computer Coordinators -- 212 days

3 - Computer Technicians

➤ School Bus Drivers and Matrons, August 24, 2005/June 7, 2006 - 180 days

24 - Returning Bus Drivers

2 - Drivers who have completed probationary period:

Mary Ellen Peterson and Gerald Rich @ \$52.94 per day

5 - Returning Matrons

➤ Miscellaneous Contracts

Business Manager - July 1, 2005/June 30, 2007

Director of Support Services - July 1, 2005/June 30, 2007

Food Service Director - July 1, 2005/June 30, 2007

Head Bus Mechanic - July 1, 2005/June 30, 2007

Legal Consultant - July 1, 2003/June 30, 2007

School Nurse - August 19, 2005/June 16, 2006 - 191 days

➤ Administrator Contracts

July 1, 2005/June 30, 2007

Elementary Principals and Assistant Principal - 212 days

Secondary Principals, Assistant Principals, and Athletic Director - 227 days

Central Office Administrators - 260 days

All contracts reflected the 2½ per cent salary increase approved by the Board on September 1, 2005

Mr. Zembala recommended approval and requested Board action.

Nancy Norris so moved. Michael Rogers seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: There were no comments from the audience on the listed agenda items.

PROGRESS REPORT: DESIGN DEVELOPMENT FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT:

Brian McFarland, Gibraltar Design, noted that the Board has had several work sessions devoted to the design development phase of the high school project, and he asked the Board for approval of the Design Development Phase of the New High School Project. The Board would be approving the Design Development as reviewed with modifications given by the Board and to authorize them to proceed with the Construction Document Phase of the project.

Terry Butler so moved. Seconded by Michael Rogers.

In the discussion Mr. Rogers indicated his pleasure with the progress on the project and that it will all be on one site and thought it was "a step forward for the future." Mr. Butler commented on all of the work that has been done by staff members, the administrative team, Gibraltar, and Envoy. He thought "it was excellent" that the whole school community has been involved and noted that this doesn't always happen in other school districts.

Vote on Motion: All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board thanked Gibraltar and Envoy for their presentations.

SUMMER FIELD TRIP REQUEST: HOBART MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY AND WASHINGTON, D. C.: Dr. Leach introduced Nancy Mast, middle school teacher, who was requesting the Board's approval for a trip next summer for middle school students to New York City and Washington, D. C. He indicated that Principal Svetcoff submitted a letter supporting her request, and Dr. Leach recommended approval of the academic field trip contingent upon the authority of the Superintendent to cancel the trip due to unsafe conditions in the world.

Mrs. Mast told the Board that the trip would be for 7th graders and will provide them with the opportunity to visit historical and cultural sites that will enhance their studies of U. S History as 8th graders. She noted that Explorica from Boston was organizing the tour which would be next June after school is out for the summer. She used this company before and found them to be very accommodating for middle school age students. Information included with Mrs. Mast's request is as follows: 1) a letter from Explorica and a copy of its liability insurance; 2) preliminary itinerary ; 3) trip information provided to students; 4) Explorica's optional insurance for travelers; 5) rules for student behavior and evaluations; 6) medical consent form, health information, and letter of intent; 7) group leader agreement and release; 8) Explorica's terms and conditions; and 9) Explorica company information and phone numbers. Mrs. Mast indicated that the maximum student/chaperone ratio would be 6:1. Chaperones will be teachers and other adults. Last year 20 students and eight adults went on a similar trip.

Mr. Marszalek extended his appreciation to Mrs. Mast for extending the classroom to include the experiences of visiting Washington, D. C. and New York City. Mrs. Mast indicated that she enjoyed traveling with the students who in the past have been very well behaved. Mr. Butler indicated that this was an outstanding trip for students.

Terry Butler moved for approval. Stephen Turner seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board thanked Mrs. Mast for coming to the meeting.

SELECTION: SOIL TESTING COMPANY FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT: Chris LaFollette from Envoy reviewed the four proposals received for soil boring testing for the new high school project on Tenth Street. (A copy is available at the Administration Office.) He recommended acceptance of the lowest proposal from Earth Exploration in the amount of \$16,070.00.

Stephen Turner so moved. Terry Butler seconded.

In the discussion Mr. Butler pointed out the wide range in the cost of the proposals. Mrs. Norris mentioned that there had been problems before with soil testing because the company was not union affiliated. Mr. LaFollette indicated that soil testing was considered a professional service, not a trade. There was discussion about this and what had happened before. Dr. Leach indicated that the Board could authorize the superintendent to deal with any problems that might arise. He noted that union workers will be used for the new school project and paid wages in accordance with the prevailing wage scales. Mr. Marszalek said that if there were any problems, he felt Mr. LaFollette and Dr. Leach would be able to solve them.

Vote on Motion: All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: TRANSFER OF MONEY ON DEPOSIT FROM THE DEBT SERVICE FUND TO THE TRANSPORTATION FUND: Ted Zembala, Business Manager, presented Resolution

No. 2005-13 for the Board's consideration. Because of the state's financial condition, it no longer is funding transportation costs. He explained that a law was passed to allow school corporations to transfer monies from the Debt Service Fund to the Transportation Fund to compensate for the state's lack of funding transportation expenses. However, he noted that this was only allowed for two years—2005 and 2006. In 2007 the levy for the transportation fund will have to be increased to include all transportation expenses.

Stephen Turner, Secretary, read Resolution No. 2005-13 aloud.

Resolution
2005-13

(A copy of resolution is available at the Administration Office.)

Nancy Norris moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-13. Terry Butler seconded. Secretary Turner called roll on the vote: Ayes - Norris, Bigler, Butler, Rogers, Turner, Marszalek, and Back. Nays - No one. Motion carried.

In the discussion, Mrs. Norris noted that this was another way that the state is saving money by shifting these costs to the local taxpayers. She also questioned how the state computed the information, and Mr. Zembala indicated that the Department of Education has to interpret the law as passed by the legislature so the verbiage listed was their interpretation of the law.

ADOPTION: YEAR 2006 BUDGET, CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND PLAN, AND SCHOOL BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN: Business Manager Zembala presented four resolutions for the Board's consideration. Two were for the 2006 Budget, one for the Capital Projects Fund Plan, and one for the School Bus Replacement Plan. He indicated that as part of the budget process, the Board approved advertising a protected budget, held the public hearing at the last meeting, and now needed to adopt the 2006 Budget, the Capital Projects Fund Plan, and School Bus Replacement Plan at this meeting. He recommended that as part of the adoption of the Capital Project Fund Plan, the Board needed to authorize the advertisement of the Notice of Adoption for the plan. Mr. Zembala commented that after the budget hearing, he felt that the tax rate would be around \$1.8304 which would be almost the same as this year's rate of \$1.8307. Mr. Turner asked exactly what information had to be read. Attorney William Longer asked the audience members if there were any objections if the resolutions were not read in total. There were none. The following resolutions were then considered by the Board, and Secretary Turner read the headings of each resolution as recommended by Mr. Longer:

Resolution No. 2005-14

RESOLUTION OF APPROPRIATIONS

(A copy of Resolution No. 2005-14 is available at the Administration Office.)

Terry Butler moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-14. Seconded by Nancy Norris. Secretary Turner called roll on the vote: Ayes - Norris, Bigler, Butler, Rogers, Turner, Marszalek, and Back. Nays - No one. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2005-15

RESOLUTION OF TAX RATES
RESOLUTION LEVYING TAXES AND FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION

(A copy of Resolution No. 2005-15 is available at the Administration Office.)

Michael Rogers moved to adopt Resolution No. 2005-15. Terry Butler seconded. Secretary Turner called roll on the vote: Ayes - Norris, Bigler, Butler, Rogers, Turner, Marszalek, and Back. Nays - No one. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2005-16

Resolution to Adopt the Year 2006 Bus Replacement Plan

(A copy of the resolution is available at the Administration Office.)

It was moved by Nancy Norris to approve Resolution No. 2005-16. Seconded by David Bigler. Secretary Turner called roll on the vote: Ayes - Norris, Bigler, Butler, Rogers, Turner, Marszalek, and Back. Nays - No one. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2005-17

Resolution to Adopt the 2006 Capital Projects Fund Plan

(A copy of the resolution is available at the Administration Office.)

Michael Rogers moved to adopt Resolution No. 2005-17 and to authorize the publication of the Notice of Adoption of the plan. Seconded by David Bigler. Secretary Turner called roll on the vote: Ayes - Norris, Bigler, Butler, Rogers, Turner, Marszalek, and Back. Nays - No one. Motion carried.

Superintendent Leach asked for clarification on the approval of Resolution No. 2005-15. He inquired as to whether there should also be a motion to include the approval of the underlying budget that the tax rates reflect and to authorize the Board's President and Secretary to sign the Budget Submission Letter and Certificate which will be filed with the county auditor for our budget hearing. Attorney Longer felt that it would be appropriate for the Board to do this.

Approval was so moved by Michael Rogers. Terry Butler seconded. Secretary Turner called a vote on the motion: Ayes - Norris, Bigler, Butler, Rogers, Turner, Marszalek, and Back. Nays - No one. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT: INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TITLE I GRANT FOR 2005-2006: Dr. Rich Edwards, Assistant Superintendent, requested the Board's permission to accept the 2005-2006 Title I Grant in the amount of \$140,792.46. He noted that the program was reviewed with the Board when they granted approval to submit an application for this school year. He gave a brief history about grant funding which continues to decline because of No Child Left Behind. Urban area funding has increased while suburban school grants have decreased, and an example he cited was the 2003-2004 Title I grant which was around \$230,000. However, he said the program is very worthwhile, and staff are working hard to assist the students.

Stephen Turner moved to accept the grant. Seconded by Nancy Norris.

In the discussion, Dr. Edwards was asked if grant funds were being shared with the nonpublic schools. He indicated they were not. He explained that St. Bridget School usually participates in the grant, but they didn't have any free or reduced lunch students living in the George Earle or Ridge View school districts this year. Mr. Butler questioned the \$3.00 difference between the current FY 2006 and total funds available in FY 2006 and total funds approved. Dr. Edwards explained that after all of the grants are approved, the remaining funds are then divided among the participating schools. As a rule, this amount has been significantly greater than the \$3.00 received this year. Mrs. Norris noted that some states don't even accept Title I funds.

Vote on Motion: All ayes. Motion carried.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS:

- **School Information** - The Board received weekly activities calendars from Joan Martin and Liberty Elementary Schools and a monthly activities calendar from Ridge View Elementary School.

COMMENTS: From the administration, Dr. Leach reminded everyone the Educational Foundation's 7th Annual Taste of Autumn was coming up on October 5 at Avalon Manor. He noted that the School City, the City of Hobart and St. Mary Medical Center partnered for a joint effort in collecting funds to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Donation cans have been placed in community, and a fund

was established at HFS Bank. All of the proceeds will be given to the Red Cross for the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. A concert was held this evening with Wolfgang performing and the new JROTC honor guard reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Leach read the statement that he prepared to be read at the concert which noted the school district's efforts to raise money, indicated that one of our teachers was currently in New Orleans helping with relief efforts to provide needed medical attention and supplies, and thanked the Hobart community for their support. Dr. Leach noted ADM day and indicated that he would have a report for the Board at the next meeting. He said that the employee raises that were approved at the last meeting were based upon an historical increase over the past few years. Dr. Leach expressed his appreciation to the middle school staff and students for their continued efforts and hard work during the recent hot weather because they are the only school without air conditioning. He indicated that he had visited the school on a hot day and found everyone "working hard and in high spirits." He said that there was a nice picture of Joan Martin students singing the national anthem and Beth Martinez, middle school teacher, highlighted on the education page in *The Times* newspaper. Dr. Edwards reminded everyone that ISTEP+ and GQE testing will be held in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Zembala thanked Gibraltar for the "fly by of the new school project" and indicated that it allowed everyone to see the building project coming together. He also noted that he met with a representative from the good government initiative reviewing how revenue and expenditures are tracked and said everything went well.

There were no comments from the audience.

From the Board, Mrs. Norris reminded Dr. Leach that it was time to be considering an alternate/new student representative to the Board. Dr. Leach indicated that he had already spoken to Mr. Spitzer about this. Mr. Bigler commented that he had attended the first dance of the school year at the middle school and said that he had "a good time." The student representative indicated that during the GQE testing dates, students who had previously passed the test are volunteering to work in the community, and he thought it was a nice thing for them to do. Mr. Butler said he was interested in what our ADM figures will be because Coop's classes have been increasing district wide. Mr. Marszalek indicated that ISTEP testing was important for students as well as school corporations. He was pleased to see that a pep rally was held for ISTEP testing on an elementary school agenda and noted that he was delighted with the emphasis being placed on academics.

President Back thanked everyone for attending the meeting and because there was no further business to come before the Board, he adjourned the meeting around 8:32 p.m.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART

BY _____
Jason Back, President

ATTEST:

BY _____
Stephen R. Turner, Secretary

Submitted for Approval: October 7, 2005