

**NORTH HARRISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
BOARD MINUTES**

**January 8, 2009**

1. A duly advertised regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Mr. Robert Chinn at 7:30 p.m. in the North Harrison Community School Library.
2. Secretary Fred Naegele polled the Board and found that all members were present. Dr. Tom Fihe, Interim Superintendent, and Dr. Ken Oppel, Assistant Superintendent, were also in attendance.
3. Mr. Jerry Renneker moved and Mr. Fred Naegele seconded a motion to approve Board minutes for December 11, 2008, and the Special Board meeting of December 23, 2008. The motion passed with a unanimous.
4. Mr. Jerry Renneker stated is this on a different type of paper, was it calculated different or do we go through a lot of paper.
5. Dr. Ken Oppel stated he couldn't answer that.
6. Dr. Tom Fihe stated he is handicapped due to the short amount of time he has been here.
7. Dr. Ken Oppel stated this looks like art paper.
8. Mr. Jerry Renneker inquired this is a different type of paper.
9. Dr. Ken Oppel stated yes.
10. Mr. Mike Beyerle stated is this a year supply.
11. Dr. Ken Oppel stated he didn't know.
12. Mr. Jerry Renneker inquired when we buy an equivalent of \$20,000 paper order do we take bids or price comparison?
13. Dr. Ken Oppel stated the paper order goes through the Wilson center. They take state bids. They due the bidding process for us.
14. Dr. Ken Oppel stated there are 24 school corporations that do this.
15. Dr. Tom Fihe stated around 26, they buy in bulk.
16. Mr. Gary Byrne inquired about the general fund. This is the first time he has seen the end year report. How much of the 5 million dollar loan was paid back, the general fund says 1.9 million.
17. Dr. Tom Fihe stated are you on page one of the general fund report.
18. Mr. Gary Byrne stated yes. The beginning year balance was 1.9 million.
19. Dr. Tom Fihe stated our cash balance on December 31, 2008 was 1.9 million and we have a 2 million dollar loan outstanding, that has to be paid. At first look it appears we are going to be in the hole but that is not the case. We have received only 2/3 of the property tax receipts. We have 1/3 still to come in. I can't tell you that dollar amount, but we can be sure when the other 1/3 of the property receipts come in for 2008 it will make up for the loss.
20. Mr. Gary Byrne stated do you know how much we have already received.
21. Dr. Tom Fihe stated this doesn't give the property tax figure.
22. Mr. Mike Beyerle inquired about claim #1987. One invoice for the mirror speed bump.
23. Dr. Ken Oppel stated he has spoken to Jeff Brown. Miss Jones had requested these to slow down the students driving.
24. Mr. Jerry Renneker inquired about the check #9820 the search for the K-9 services He wasn't aware we had to pay for this service.

25. Dr. Ken Oppel stated we have used a service out of Louisville, KY that we have used for several years. He goes to multiple schools and participates in national searches. His dogs can search for drugs and gun powder at the Middle School and High School. We are very pleased with this service.
26. Mr. Mike Beyerle inquired about claim #2008 to Retailer Supply.
27. Mr. Jeff Brown, Maintenance Director, stated it was for general custodial supplies on December 19. Soap dispensers and large trash can liners.
28. Mr. Mike Beyerle inquired how long does the soap last.
29. Mr. Jeff Brown stated 350 shots per each refill.
30. Mr. Gary Byrne inquired how many can you get out of a barrel.
31. Mr. Jeff Brown stated the dispensers we were using the nozzle was being turned upside down and causing problems for the ceiling.
32. Mr. Mike Beyerle inquired about the floor finish.
33. Mr. Jeff Brown stated it was in an area at North Harrison Elementary that was inadequately completed and Morgan Cafeteria that takes a beating in a high traffic area. We are using a new wax. Instead of stripping wax twice a year we will only do it once a year.
34. Mr. Jerry Renneker inquired about voucher #9872 to Grainger. What is the difference from this faucet and the one we purchased from J. A. Sexour on voucher #9878. There is a major difference in faucets.
35. Mr. Jeff Brown stated there is a hot pan faucet and they run 300 degree water. They didn't have replaceable seats. We had to replace the whole faucets
36. Mr. Gary Byrne stated on voucher #9872 and #9878.
37. Mr. Jerry Renneker inquired about voucher #9885 to Davis, Davis and Layson.
38. Dr. Ken Oppel stated this is for personnel and student discipline issues.
39. Mr. Jerry Renneker inquired about voucher #9889 to Good Stewart Software
40. Dr. Ken Oppel stated this is for the energy program that Mr. Hanen uses.
41. Mr. Mike Beyerle inquired about voucher #2053 to Hill Top Gas. The set tank at the baseball field, is this a new tank for some reason.
42. Dr. Ken Oppel stated the tank is for 250 gallon. This is part of the grant when the building was built there was a furnace in it.
43. Mr. Mike Beyerle stated it was taken out of the general fund.
44. Dr. Ken Oppel and Dr. Tom Fihe stated no, it should come out of the grant. Let me check on that.
45. Mr. Gary Byrne stated it looks like it is for the gas.
46. Mr. Mike Beyerle stated there is a set tank fee.
47. Dr. Ken Oppel stated the 5450 would be the Hill Top fee to install.
48. Mr. Mike Beyerle inquired about gas baseball for 200 gallons is that just gas.
49. Dr. Ken Oppel stated I think so. He thought it meant a furnace had been purchased.
50. Mr. Mike Beyerle stated fund 720 still has over \$5000.00.
51. Mr. Fred Naegele stated wouldn't setting the tank be charged to the capitol project fund for that grant.

52. Mr. Mike Beyerle stated he thought it would be charged to the construction fund for the baseball.
53. Dr. Tom Fihe stated he will look in to this to see why it was charged to the general fund.
54. Mr. Jerry Renneker inquired on the two vouchers above that. It is for gas for the Middle School & High School green house and are we using those.
55. Dr. Ken Oppel stated I think so.
56. Mr. Kelly Simpson stated not yet but, we will be soon for the spring sales in February or March.
57. Mr. Gary Byrne moved and Mr. Mike Beyerle seconded the motion to approve merchant claims #1962 – #2066 (2008) and #1 - #48 (2009) and payroll for January 16, January 30 and February 13, 2009. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
58. Dr. Tom Fihe introduced Mr. Hal Kovert and Mr. Don Neil from Kovert Hawkins for the Morgan Elementary project.
59. Mr. Hal Kovert gave an update on Morgan Elementary. No more sink holes were found and not a lot of rock was found. Our architect staff has been going through the building gathering details for a solid base drawing. This will minimize changes in the future. We have evaluated the asbestos. We are aware there is some and it needs to be fine tuned. This will need to be removed before demolition. We had a meeting with D.J. Hanen on technology. We held a meeting with staff and administration on their thoughts for this project. This is a part of the design. They have visited with the principal and are continuing to develop plans. They held a daylong session in May and are incorporating those ideas. We will hold more meetings with the staff. We have meet with Performance Services on the HVAC System. Today we received approval from the Department of Local Government Finance. In the future we will meet with the staff and community again before we move forward. The parking in the rear has been enlarged. The car drop off will occur at the front. A loading dock will be added. The next few weeks we will try to finalize a design to bring to the Board for approval.
60. Mr. Robert Chinn inquired can you have a web page so we can watch the changes.
61. Mr. Hal Kovert stated yes, they can make a web page link and give details to D.J. Hanen.
62. Mr. Mike Beyerle inquired could the loading dock be moved, so you don't see it first.
63. Mr. Hal Kovert stated they have looked at that and yes, it will be moved.
64. Mr. Jerry Renneker inquired where is the cafeteria in relation to the loading dock.
65. Mr. Gary Byrne inquired is there as many parking spaces that we currently have or more spaces.
66. Mr. Hal Kovert stated more.
67. Mr. Fred Naegele stated is the current playground going to be moved.
68. Mr. Hal Kovert stated yes. One of the major comments from the staff is they didn't like this playground so far away so it will be moved.
69. Mr. Fred Naegele stated for a safety benefit.
70. Mr. Robert Chinn inquired how far away is the baseball field from the playground.
71. Mr. Hal Kovert stated the shelter house is close by and there is a sink hole that we will need to stay away from.
72. Mr. Robert Chinn stated during the summer there may be fly balls and children playing on the playground equipment.
73. Mr. Gary Byrne stated that area isn't too bad. There is a low spot that a lot of water washes through there.
74. Mr. Jerry Renneker inquired is the asbestos removal going to be done not during the school year.

75. Mr. Hal Kovert stated yes, it depends on the extend of it. If it was a small area we would do in the evening when students are out if it is a big area then we will complete it in the summer.
76. Mr. Gary Byrne inquired during this project once the construction starts how often you or someone from your firm will be on site to inspect the work.
77. Mr. Hal Kovert stated we will be out here weekly. When the construction activity gets heavy we would be out here more often. John Hawkins his partner only lives five miles from here. It is easy access to him.
78. Mr. Robert Chinn stated we received final order.
79. Mr. Hal Kovert stated yes, we received it this afternoon around 4:00 – 4:30.
80. Mr. Robert Chinn stated we are cleared to go.
81. Mr. Hal Kovert stated yes, there are a couple of papers to sign.
82. Mr. Gary Byrne inquired how long until the bonds would sell. This is the next phase.
83. Mr. Hal Kovert stated we won't sell them until after we receive the bids. That was a condition of the order was if the bids come in less than the estimate then we are supposed to sell less bonds. This is normal routine or process.
84. Mr. Gary Byrne inquired what was the time frame on putting the bids out, was there a time line.
85. Mr. Hal Kovert stated the end of February or the first of March as going out for bids.
86. Mr. Gary Byrne inquired usually it takes how long to bond, a month.
87. Mr. Hal Kovert stated we do a four week bid time. Once we have the bids for them to sell the bonds while the contractor is getting things organized, they can usually turn that around in three to four weeks. That is called closing of the bonds. They will advertize and things will go quickly. Selling the bonds takes as little as four hours to a day and half depending on the market. Bonds are selling right now so that is a good thing. At a little higher rate than what we would like but 5 to 6 months ago they weren't selling.
88. Mr. Gary Byrne stated what is the rate. Do you have a clue.
89. Mr. Hal Kovert stated he did not know.
90. Mr. Gary Byrne stated just higher than we thought it would be.
91. Mr. Hal Kovert stated just a higher rate in the market than were a year ago.
92. Mr. Hal Kovert stated the part that takes time is after the bonds are sold. Then they need to be printed and that takes time. It actually goes through a processing similar to a real estate closing.
93. Dr. Thomas Fihe inquired assuming if everything goes smoothly when do you anticipates turning dirt and starting construction.
94. Mr. Hal Kovert stated this summer.
95. Dr. Ken Oppel stated what month are you thinking. He is worried about summer school.
96. Mr. Hal Kovert stated it depends on the inside. One of the first things is the front floor needs to match up with the A wing. The gym area, café, and other wing is two feet higher than the other areas. We looked at the grades and there is a hump so we can cut that down so we can get all the building on the same level. We will cut that up, fill, and get the rock back for the school year. The play ground needs to be moved as soon as possible so we can open that space for construction. They will need this area for the construction materials. The only concern inside is to remove asbestos this summer.
97. Dr. Ken Oppel inquired when we would know so we can plan summer school.
98. Mr. Hal Kovert stated he hasn't talked to Ken Pierce about that but will within a couple of weeks.

99. Mr. Robert Chinn inquired can summer school be moved to one building.
100. Dr. Ken Opiel stated yes.
101. Mr. Robert Chinn stated he received information in the mail from Harrison County Public Library they have requested Mr. Jon Howerton to be our appointment from North Harrison School. This is a formality for someone to be there and Mr. Howerton will do a good job.
102. Dr. Tom Fihe stated there are no resignations.
103. Mr. Fred Naegele made a motion, and Mr. Jerry Renneker seconded, to appoint A, B & C. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- A) Mrs. Nicole Cockerham as a voluntary 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade cheerleading coach at North Harrison Middle School effective the 2008-09 school year.
  - B) Mr. John Harter as JV baseball coach (lay) at North Harrison High School effective the 2008-09 school year
  - C) Mr. Randy Brightman as Varsity Assistant baseball coach at North Harrison High School effective the 2008-09 school year
104. Dr. Tom Fihe stated on December 11, 2008 the Board had asked Dr. Opiel and himself to interview two firms to be considered for construction manager to be responsible for Morgan Elementary project. The two firms were Construction Resource Management firm with Principal Russ Gates and John Gansel. The other firm was James L. Shireman with Principal Mark Shireman. Dr. Opiel and I interviewed both managers for a two hour period. During the interviews we tried to make sure the procedures and questions were similar so we could make a valid basis of comparison. At the conclusion we talked to individuals from the area that have experience working with these two firms. It is my recommendation to recommend the James L. Shireman firm for construction manager for the Morgan Elementary project. Dr. Opiel and I discussed following the interviews is what type of experience do they have. We have spoken to a number of people from the area that has experience working with these two firms. We feel we have done a very thorough job of analyzing their responses to our questions by talking to people who have worked with them or who have employed them in school construction projects. Our recommendation is to employ James L. Shireman as the construction manager for the Morgan elementary project. Some of the reasons that we thought James L. Shireman would do a better job than Construction Resource Management is they have more experience with School Corporations and on-site construction management experience. Our project would be a better project if a firm has enough people on staff that can give support to the people who are serving as the construction manager on site. We found the Shireman firm has a larger organization than Construction Resource Management. Construction Resource Management has a staff of two people and the Shireman firm has a large staff. The Shireman firm has been in business for 51 years in Harrison County and the Construction Resource Management firm started in 2005 so they have been in business a shorter time. If a business has been in Harrison County for 51 years then they must have satisfied a lot of people. The Shireman firm has five construction manager projects in progress however one is 99% complete, one is 90% complete, one is 40% complete and two are 10% complete. So with the Shireman firm it appeared that they might have too many projects going at once, but two of the projects are close to the completion. The Construction Resource Management firm appeared to have no projects in process so they were available. The fee for the Shireman firm was higher than Construction Resource Management firm. The Shireman firm quoted \$339,444.00 and that was a fee for the entire project regardless of the length with no price increase. Construction Resource Management firm quoted \$210,000.00 with no reimbursables and they would remain on the project until completed with no additional fee. The Shireman firm currently carries workers compensation insurance and Construction Resource Management firm does not carry this insurance. These were some of the items that separated these two firms. After the interviews were complete we felt the Shireman firm might take a more aggressive leadership role in the development of this project. The Construction Resource Management firm might have taken a more secondary role in some of the activities in the project.
105. Mr. Gary Byrne stated give me an explanation, this doesn't make sense to me.
106. Dr. Tom Fihe stated the best example is the coordination meetings. The Shireman firm stated they would organize, manage and complete the minutes for all the coordination meetings. The Construction Resource Management firm stated the coordination meetings would be managed by the general contractor not them. We thought it is important to see them supervise those meetings. This is where a lot of problems occur during a project.

107. Mr. Gary Byrne inquired if we requested the other firm to do that, do you think they would.
108. Dr. Tom Fihe stated that may be possible.
109. Mr. Jerry Renneker inquired during the North Harrison Elementary building project how many different people were on the grounds at the site for the Shireman firm.
110. Dr. Ken Oppel stated Kevin Kitterman had to leave due to health reasons after three months. Then Donnie Timberlake was assigned to the construction site. He was there every day. 75% of the meetings were attended by the site manager and Mark Shireman. Paula Albin attended the meetings and took the minutes and handled the payroll area. She handled the claims from the contractors.
111. Mr. Jerry Renneker stated day to day it was Donnie Timberlake so one person every day.
112. Dr. Ken Oppel stated yes.
113. Dr. Tom Fihe stated we would hope that the construction manager we select would stay on site during the entire building project. The advantage of using a larger firm is if there is an illness or injury then you don't have to rely upon one to two people to handle the responsibility.
114. Mr. Jerry Renneker inquired you have two people and the Shireman firm. If a firm requested only one person to be there, the other firm has two people so the worst case scenario you have one person then the other can fill in. So you have the same situation with no real advantage.
115. Dr. Tom Fihe stated that is correct.
116. Mr. Jerry Renneker stated looking at recommendations to the reasons you gave as far as experience, 51 years of experience compared to four to five years of experience is good. When you hire a new teacher other than the college education and practicum work – what makes you hire them? They have no experience, they walk in to the school system, you pay them to do a job and you expect them to do a job – that is what they do.
117. Dr. Tom Fihe stated sometimes you have to do that.
118. Mr. Jerry Renneker stated sometimes there is a certain amount of risk when you hire someone with less experience.
119. Dr. Tom Fihe stated that is correct.
120. Mr. Jerry Renneker stated originally in the beginning we put a cap on the cost now the cap is not going to be there. It might have added a never ending fee that could be charged after the 22 months – that has been erased so that is not a concern with the recent proposal. That cap was put on at the beginning of the term.
121. Dr. Tom Fihe stated the original did not include that.
122. Mr. Jerry Renneker stated now it does. Now I understand the workers compensation insurance concerns are no longer valid.
123. Mr. Gary Byrne stated why do they not have workers compensation insurance.
124. Dr. Tom Fihe stated during the interview process it was stated the two people would become the school corporation employees as opposed to the Shireman firm they have their own workers compensation insurance. Any differences in that area can be worked out. We had to make our judgment based on the information they gave us.
125. Mr. Russ Gates started to offer information.
126. Dr. Tom Fihe stated we would prefer not to conduct the second interview.
127. Mr. Gary Byrne stated that is fine.
128. Mr. Gary Byrne stated the reason he checked into this is because they are not a corporation but a partnership. They are not required to have it but if we want them to have it then they can get it.

129. Mr. Jerry Renneker inquired how many people did you speak to at the Riverside project that the other group had done that spoke highly or didn't speak highly, what was the response.
130. Dr. Ken Oppel stated he had spoke to numerous administration and Board members (past and present) and to be in a public meeting the only thing he could say was this is based on their recommendation.
131. Mr. Gary Byrne stated did you have anyone state at Riverside that they wouldn't want them to return that was on the Board or principals or any recommendation that you received.
132. Dr. Ken Oppel stated this was based on our recommendation.
133. Dr. Tom Fihe stated we are uncomfortable in repeating comments that was made in confidence especially negative ones. In a public meeting if we report those comments then those people won't want to share information again. Our recommendation is a reflection of not only our interviews but reports of other people.
134. Mr. Gary Byrne stated he called several Board members and talked to administration and they stated they did a good job. He stated he didn't mind doing that publicly. He could not find anybody that said they didn't. The way he sees it and he has done his own checking, is that both companies are qualified to do the jobs. He hasn't found anything bad on either company. His position is we are talking about \$130,000 of the taxpayer's money and if he felt the other company couldn't do the job for \$210,000 then he would agree with you. He disagrees on this one. They are both reputable companies. On the last project we had, before and after he was on the Board, in his opinion the architect wasn't qualified. This time we have a qualified architect that does schools, the other architect didn't do schools. He completed jails. When he was asked that question the old architect wouldn't answer. He had only done two renovations in the last five years. We have some highly qualified architects that work with schools. He will be on site, as he said weekly, sometimes more to over see this project. The lack of years experience – how do you get the experience. We are not the first people this company has done jobs for and this is not anything different than what they done at Riverside. Riverside was probably more complex. In his own opinion, that is \$130,000 we can save with our qualified architects. He is comfortable saving that money.
135. Mr. Jerry Renneker stated he thinks it is a sizable difference in price. If this difference in price was done at North Harrison Elementary site, it was probably warranted due to it was more complicated school to start construction. He had not heard one person deny that it was a major pain in the back end of a horse. Here we have a project that's a seemingly easier project, from the stand point of looking at the construction photos, and how it is going to be constructed. We have a new building, we don't have to build a new building on top of another, and we have new structures and some demolition. It seems to him it is a simpler project and trying to figure out how we can account for the difference in cost in what seems like two qualified companies.
136. Mr. Fred Naegele moved and Mr. Mike Beyerle seconded a motion to appoint James L. Shireman as construction manager of the Morgan Elementary project. The motion passed with a 3-2 vote (Mr. Byrne & Mr. Renneker opposed).
137. Mr. Fred Naegele stated we asked the superintendent and assistant superintendent to make a recommendation to us and he trusted their judgment. We have hired them to oversee and run this school corporation, and if we don't follow their judgment or recommendation then this responsibility falls back on the Board. I don't know about Construction Resource Management, but they are recommending James L. Shireman. If something falls through with them, then I will hold these two men accountable. That is why I support their recommendation because they need my support.
138. Mr. Gary Byrne stated that is why we have a five member Board. You do your own research and sometimes you do take the recommendation, But when you see the recommendation is not necessary valid.
139. Mr. Fred Naegele stated that is true, you have five opinions.
140. Dr. Tom Fihe stated we did a lot of research and put in a lot of time and sincere examination of which of these two firms could best do the job. We appreciate the difference of opinion that other people have and see this in a different light. It doesn't bother us at all, and this is the role of the school Board. We appreciate the fact that people are willing to look and examine this differently. If the Board had decided to go the other way then we would have been 100% cooperative. A 2-3 vote doesn't bother us. If it was a 5-0 vote all the time we would be in trouble.
141. Dr. Ken Oppel stated Pre-School Special Education playground fence had been approved by Dr. Phil Partenheimer in December. This fence would be similar to the Middle School fence. Two quotes were

received for this project; Fall City Fence and Down Home Fencing. It is recommended to approve Down Home Fencing. Pre-School Special education students are three, four and five years old.

142. Mr. Gary Byrne stated you have two quotes – who is Down Home Fencing.
143. Dr. Ken Oppel stated these are former students Zach Davis and Danny Turner. It is a new company and they do good work. There is a difference in price.
144. Mr. Gary Byrne inquired where is Fall City Fence from.
145. Dr. Ken Oppel stated Louisville, Kentucky.
146. Mr. Gary Byrne inquired how long have they been doing fences.
147. Dr. Ken Oppel stated he did not know.
148. Mr. Gary Byrne stated has it been for a long period.
149. Someone in the audience stated 35 years.
150. Mr. Gary Byrne stated why we wouldn't use that company then if they have been doing it for 35 years and the other company is just now doing it. If we are going to use that philosophy to make decisions then we need to start to think about it on other options. Fencing is pretty important.
151. Dr. Ken Oppel stated he didn't disagree.
152. Mr. Mike Beyerle stated who put this fence up.
153. Dr. Ken Oppel stated Fall City.
154. Mr. Mike Beyerle stated where is the money coming from.
155. Dr. Ken Oppel stated the contingency fund.
156. Mr. Mike Beyerle stated so out of the construction fund.
157. Mr. Jerry Renneker stated describe where this fence will go and how big of an area does it cover.
158. Dr. Ken Oppel stated it is the east end of the Elementary at the very far end of the playground. It is 230 feet and eight feet tall. It has two single gates and one eight foot gate.
159. Mr. Robert Chinn stated is this at the square end of the building.
160. Dr. Ken Oppel stated yes, the playground hasn't been moved.
161. Mr. Robert Chinn inquired did it have a fence.
162. Dr. Ken Oppel stated there was a temporary fence.
163. Mr. Mike Beyerle stated nothing but temporary.
164. Dr. Ken Oppel stated we have not had a pre-school.
165. Mr. Mike Beyerle stated that is not what he asked.
166. Dr. Ken Oppel stated we had a temporary construction fence. At Rainbows End they had a fence.
167. Mr. Mike Beyerle stated they were on the highway. Were there any other options or did you like this one.
168. Dr. Ken Oppel stated we could have gone with a cheaper fence. There are other options.
169. Mr. Mike Beyerle stated how many feet and what was the cost.

170. Dr. Ken Oppel stated he could not answer that. It is similar in cost 21 – 22 thousand even with the gate. That was paid out of riverboat.
171. Mr. Mike Beyerle inquired how much was in the contingency fund.
172. Dr. Ken Oppel stated he did not have those figures.
173. Mr. Jerry Renneker inquired if Down Home Fence has workman compensative insurance.
174. Dr. Oppel stated he did not know.
175. Mr. Gary Byrne stated should we find out.
176. Mr. Jerry Renneker stated maybe we should table this.
177. Mr. Fred Naegele inquired how long quotes are good for.
178. Dr. Ken Oppel stated 30 to 40 days.
179. Mr. Robert Chinn inquired if this fence was the same through both companies.
180. Mr. Jeff Brown stated yes, they will purchase from different manufactures.
181. Mr. Mike Beyerle inquired if it would be the same materials.
182. Mr. Jeff Brown stated yes.
183. Mr. Gary Byrne inquired same gage, same strength same everything.
184. Dr. Ken Oppel stated that is what we quoted.
185. Mr. Robert Chinn inquired did we give them specifications to go by.
186. Mr. Jeff Brown stated yes.
187. Mr. Gary Byrne stated it needs to be rebid if you do that.
188. Mr. Robert Chinn stated this is just a quote.
189. Dr. Ken Oppel stated he would get more specific drawings.
190. Mr. Robert Chinn stated he needed a motion to approve the fence at the elementary - it failed for lack of a motion.
191. Mr. Robert Chinn stated Linda Schneider was the appointment of this Board for the Library. It has been recommended by the Library Director that Mr. Jon Howerton be appointed our representative.
192. Mr. Jerry Renneker moved and Mr. Gary Byrne seconded a motion to approve Mr. Jon Howerton for the Library Board. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
193. Mr. Robert Chinn thanked Mr. Jon Howerton for doing this. He is retired and it is appreciated.
194. Mr. Fred Naegele moved and Mr. Mike Beyerle seconded a motion to approve 2008-09 High Ability Grant from Indiana Department of Education for \$32,254.00. Miss Lisa Jones, North Harrison Elementary Principal, applied for this grant. No match is required. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
195. Mr. Mike Beyerle inquired if the money is sent after we approve the grant.
196. Miss Lisa Jones stated yes, their agent will send it.
197. Mr. Robert Chinn inquired do we have to spend our own money first before they will reimburse it or is it a grant.
198. Miss Lisa Jones stated they deposit this then it is available to us.

199. Mr. Gary Byrne stated thank you for finding this money.
200. Mr. Fred Naegele inquired are we changing our February Board meeting as we have done in the past.
201. Mr. Robert Chinn stated we will add that in other items.
202. Mr. Gary Byrne stated there aren't other items for action.
203. Mr. Robert Chinn stated we have our February meeting at a different school so we will be at Morgan Elementary.
204. Mr. Mike Beyerle inquired did you find out anything on the Ramsey Water with the regulatory fee. That was discussed last month at Mr. Don Hanen's presentation.
205. Dr. Ken Opiel stated he has not informed him.
206. Mr. Mike Beyerle stated that he thought Dr. Opiel and Mr. Don Hanen were working together on this matter.
207. Dr. Ken Opiel stated he wrote to the Regulatory Commission but he has not received a response. He was in the office today but didn't see anything.
208. Mr. Mike Beyerle stated we are still waiting.
209. Dr. Ken Opiel stated yes.
210. Mr. Mike Beyerle stated it was said that Ramsey did not have to charge for this, so it was up to us to deal with them. It isn't the amount; it's that they are charging it period. He indicated we should be talking to them about it.
211. Dr. Ken Opiel stated he was informed that Ramsey Water should have been charging, and they haven't been. Mr. Don Hanen is trying to change this ruling.
212. Mr. Mike Beyerle stated instead of us talking to Ramsey Water.
213. Mr. Jerry Renneker stated have you taken a box of donuts and a cup of coffee to them and try to talk. That is what they are charging us.
214. Mr. Mike Beyerle stated they are also charging \$82.00 and some change for a two inch meter that we don't use one gallon of water from each month. Someone needs to be talking to Ramsey Water. Do it in a public meeting or something needs to be done. Don't wait on the regulatory commission to send a letter back. On the Special Education Pre-School transportation, can you come up with figures on how we are saving money. Compare this to the first semester in 2008.
215. Dr. Ken Opiel stated yes.
216. Mr. Fred Naegele stated Mr. Richards reminded him also that we change the Board date due to the girl's sectional. Mr. Simpson will that be conflicting if we have the meeting on February 12, the second Thursday of the month.
217. Mr. Kelly Simpson, North Harrison High School Principal, stated the sectional is on Thursday and will be played at home.
218. Mr. Jerry Renneker moved and Mr. Mike Beyerle seconded a motion to change the date of the Board meeting to February 9, 2009. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
219. Mr. Robert Chinn thanked Mr. Jon Howerton for his work with the Library. We have done some things tonight that were different opinions by Board members. Every once in a while that happens. That makes our county great. We need to understand this as a Board and community. When we make a decision, it will be the right one in the end. There is enough input and thought process that goes with it, whether you agree or disagree, (he has worn both shoes) the end result usually works. That is why we have a Board instead of individuals. Thanks to each of the Board members for putting their information out. Sometimes we make a decision based on a motion, and sometimes we make them on decisions that have been investigated. Tonight they have been investigated pretty hard.

220. Mr. Mike Beyerle moved, and Mr. Jerry Renneker seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

221. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

222. At 9:30 p.m., the Board met in executive session with all members present. Also present were Tom Fihe, Ken Opel, Kelly Simpson, Doug Dodge, Karen Lambertus, Lisa Jones and Lance Richards. The purpose of the meeting was to receive information regarding employees, prospective employees, collective bargaining and pending litigation. The executive session ended at 12:18 a.m. with no action being taken.

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President

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Secretary