



# New Castle Community

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The New Castle Community School Board met in regular session at the Community Education Center on Monday, June 12, 2017. Those present were: Mrs. Elizabeth Whitmer, Mrs. Nannett Polk, Mr. Jamey Marcum, Mr. Travis Callaway, Mr. Kim Williamson, Mr. William Pheffer, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Sherri Bergum, Curriculum Director; Mrs. Megan Bell, Director of Finance; and Dr. Greg Crider, Corporation Attorney.

Others present were Debbie Denny, Art Edinger, Sue Hoover, Jennifer Kelsik, Jaci Hadsell, Bob Hadsell, Travis Weik, Mark Goggin, Annette Goggin, Chris Walker, Shane Osting, Steve Welsh, David Youngquist, Patty Broyles, Dustin Chew, Karen Preble, Aimee Flynn, Angie Jones, Eldon Pitts, and John Lee.

The minutes from the May 8, 2017 and May 19, 2017 meetings were unanimously approved by the Board on a motion by Mrs. Polk and seconded by Mr. Marcum, as presented.

On a motion by Mr. Marcum and seconded by Mr. Callaway, the agenda was unanimously approved, as amended with President Whitmer adding item E. to Section II, Recommend Approval of Interim Superintendent.

Mr. Pheffer introduced retirees in attendance and their years of service with New Castle Schools. President Whitmer presented them with an engraved bell as a token of appreciation. Debbie Denny, High School Special Education, 17 ½ years; Art Edinger, Grade 5 at Greenstreet and Parker, 40 years; Jaci Hadsell, NCMS Principal and Choral Department, 25 years; Susan Hoover, Special Education at Eastwood, 37 years; and Jennifer Kelsik, High School Physical Education and Coach, 34 years. The Shapiro Award is presented annually to the retiree with the greatest number in years of service to New Castle Schools. This year the award goes to Art Edinger who has 40 years with New Castle Schools. Retirees not in attendance were Liz Crane, NCMS Science, 32 ½ years; Robert Hobbs, Director of NCCC, 24 ½ years; Larry Koby, Director of Technology, 39 years; Diane Slabaugh, High School Art, 34 years; and Sara Wilson, NCMS Science, 39 ½ years. He thanked them all for their years of service.

John Lee asked for the reason Mr. Fisher was relieved of his duties. President Whitmer stated he officially retired, there is a settlement agreement but information will not be announced at this time. Mr. Marcum noted he can receive a copy of the settlement agreement with Mr. Fisher upon request.

The Travel Report; Monthly Personnel Report; Bill List (Nos. 57758 through 58042); Payroll Claims and Donations; Field Trip Requests; Submitted Monthly Corporation Extra-Curricular Receipts and Disbursements; and Fund Reports were unanimously approved by the Board on a motion by Mr. Callaway and seconded by Mr. Marcum, as submitted. Mr. Pheffer noted parents cover the expense of basketball camp. Also, teams participated in a new program by visiting other sporting events and earning trips to King's Island.

Added to the agenda was the recommendation to appoint Mr. Steven Welsh as interim Superintendent. Mr. Welsh is a retired Superintendent from Blue River School Corporation, and has many years with South Henry School Corporation. He will begin his duties at New Castle on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 and continue until the vacancy is filled. On a motion by Mrs. Polk and seconded by Mr. Williamson, this recommendation was unanimously approved, as presented. Mrs. Whitmer introduced Mr. Welsh who was in attendance.

Board members previously received a copy of the Latchkey Contract for 2017-2018. Mr. Pheffer noted all schools must offer before or after school programs for students. Turning Point Life Center has offered to host our after school program again this year. There is no cost to the school corporation. Parker, Riley, and Westwood are the locations. Busing is available to students at no cost. On a motion by Mr. Marcum and seconded by Mrs. Polk this recommendation was unanimously approved, as presented. It was noted there is no religious education at the program.

Board members previously received a copy of the ICAP Headstart Contract for June 2017 through June 2019. The program is housed at the old Greenstreet building. An additional classroom is needed this year for a full day program so the monthly fee has increased to \$600.00 per month. On a motion by Mr. Marcum and seconded by Mr. Williamson, this recommendation was unanimously approved, as presented.

Board members previously received a copy of the instrument rental fee increase for Band participation for Grades 7-12. The current rental fee of \$30.00 per semester will increase to \$50.00 per semester beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. On a motion by Mr. Marcum and seconded by Mrs. Polk this recommendation was unanimously approved, as presented.

Mr. Pheffer explained the process of re-paving the south parking lot at the High School. Board members previously received a bid chart, a letter from the architect, and two drawings. Being recommended is the bid from E & B Paving from Muncie, Indiana at the cost of \$667,735, plus or minus. Mr. Pheffer explained the base bid; details of the work to be done; per unit replacement price; phases of the project; and alternative bids for parking areas if cost allows. Depending on the condition of the parking lot as work begins, funds may be available to do more. On a motion by Mr. Marcum and seconded by Mrs. Polk, this recommendation was unanimously approved, as presented. In addition to the paving project, a roofing project at Eastwood has begun, and we have reimbursed the Rainy Day Fund. With all the summer work being done, of the 2 million dollar Geo Bond, the total costs comes to 1.7 million, excluding architect fees and soft costs.

Board members previously received a copy of the notice of extension agreement for third party purchasing services with HPS, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. This is the second optional extension. On a motion by Mr. Marcum and seconded by Mr. Callaway, this recommendation was unanimously approved, as presented. Ms. Orick noted HPS takes care of all bidding for food and paper products. Since we belong to a huge purchasing group, we get a better price along with rebates.

Mr. Pheffer stepped in as acting Superintendent from May 9, 2017 through June 13, 2017. The stipend is \$2,160 per month, the same he was paid in 2009. On a motion by Mrs. Polk and seconded by Mr. Callaway, this recommendation was unanimously approved, as presented. Mr. Welsh will begin his duties as interim Superintendent on June 14, 2017. The board thanked Mr. Pheffer for all of his help.

Board members previous received a copy of the settlement agreement and general release between Stephen G. Fisher and the Board of School Trustees. On a motion by Mr. Marcum and seconded by Mr. Callaway, this recommendation was unanimously approved, as presented.

Dr. Crider noted this agreement becomes public record and can be obtained by request.

Mr. Walker shared the sad news that Sharon Daffron, a Special Education Teacher Aide, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. She had just retired at the end of the school year. Homecoming is scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The football game will be Saturday at 1p.m. with a parade that morning. The High School was notified by Ivy Tech, IU, and Vincennes that 882 courses were completed by students earning college courses, earning a total of 2404 credits. This equals a saving of \$325,944 in college tuition for the 2016-2017 school year. This is our first year as an Early College High School.

Next year we have 67 students in line for this program, prior to attending college. Mr. Walker noted Annette Goggin, English Teacher at the High School, is responsible for 50 plus of those college course completions.

Mrs. Goggin noted she has graded a lot of essays, and this year's students were the nicest group she has taught in her thirty one years. The kids were wonderful.

Jennifer Kelsik requested the striping on the parking lot to be done in the correct colors. Lines in the middle of the lanes should be yellow instead of white.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.