

The New Castle Community School Board of Trustees met in the Boardroom at the Community Education Center located at 322 Elliott Avenue, New Castle, IN 47362 on July 23, 2020.

Board Members Present: In Person: Cory Bennett, Member; Travis Callaway, President; Nan Polk, Secretary; Kim Williamson, Vice President and Virtual: Jennifer Blackford, Member

Central Office Administrators Present: Matthew Shoemaker, Superintendent; Megan Bell, Chief Financial Officer; Sherri Bergum, Curriculum Director; Jena Schmidt, Human Resource Officer, Dr. Greg Crider

Also Present: Approximately 32 community members both in person and virtually.

- I. Call to Order-by President Travis Callaway at 2:59 p.m.
 - A. Roll Call - All members present. In Person: Cory Bennett, Travis Callaway and Nan Polk. Virtual Attendance: Jennifer Blackford and Kim Williamson
 - B. Approval of Agenda – Nan Polk moved to approve the agenda as presented with a second by Cory Bennett. With no discussion, motion carried 5-0.

- II. New Business
 - A. Acknowledge State Farm Donation of \$500 each from Doug Meier and Fred Donnell. Matt Shoemaker thanked them for their assistance in helping us provide supplies for our teachers and staff as we plan our re-entry.
 - B. Board Projects Priorities – Matt Schumaker, Bill Payne and Jane Herndon were all available for questions and comments during the presentation of the priority list. Lisa Smith presented the priority list stating many hours and meetings have gone in to making this list the most equitable possible between Elementary, Middle and High school to reach the most students possible. There was some discussion regarding funding and possible refinancing costs if the additional projects extend beyond the two year plan. After much discussion, Dr. Shoemaker asked for approval of the priority list stating it can be altered as necessary. Nan Polk moved to accept the priority list as presented with a second by Cory Bennett. Motion carried 5-0.
 - C. Other New Business
 - *Virtual Academy Update – Dr. Shoemaker reported 470 students have enrolled in the Trojan Virtual Academy as of this afternoon. The deadline has been extended through July 30, 2020 due to the mask mandate placed by the State. There was much discussion on the process and plan for the virtual program as well as the offerings we will be able to provide due to the fact our staff will be administering instruction.

 - *Calendar and Instruction Hours Changes for students – Dr. Shoemaker explained the recommended changes to our 2020-2021 school calendar. The hour change is to allow our teaching staff time to plan for planning virtual instruction. There was also a brief discussion regarding after-school childcare. Nan Polk moved to approve the calendar as presented with a second by Cory Bennett. Motion carried 5-0.

 - *Extra-Curricular Activities for Virtual Students – Dr. Shoemaker expressed his thanks to staff and parents who have sent questions and comments. He also indicated he is unable

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to respond personally and will address the questions listed on a FAQ located on the corporation web-site. Dr. Shoemaker is recommending allowing students who are enrolled in the Trojan Virtual Academy to participate in extra-curricular activities. After some discussion, Nan Polk moved to approve as presented with a second by Cory Bennett. Motion carried 5-0.

*Update Changes to Re-Entry Plan – Dr. Shoemaker indicated the revisions to the re-entry plan are highlighted in the packet. The primary revision is a result of the mask mandate from the state level. Nan Polk moved to approve as presented with a second by Cory Bennett. Motion carried 5-0.

*Athletic Handbook – After a brief discussion, Nan Polk moved to approve the handbook as presented with a second by Cory Bennett. Motion carried 5-0.

*Personnel Report – After a brief discussion, Nan Polk moved to approve the Personnel Report as presented with a second by Cory Bennett. Motion carried 5-0.

*Security Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Dr. Shoemaker stated the memorandum has been updated and reviewed by legal counsel. After some discussion, Nan Polk moved to approve the MOU as presented with a second by Cory Bennett. Motion carried 5-0.

I. Adjournment – With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 pm.

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____