

Minutes of Special Session
October 26, 2020

The New Castle Community School Board of Trustees met in Bundy Auditorium located at 601 Parkview Drive, New Castle, IN 47362 on October 26, 2020.

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

Central Office Administrators Present: Matthew Shoemaker, Superintendent; Lisa Smith, Assistant Superintendent; Megan Bell, Chief Financial Officer, Sherri Bergum, Curriculum Director, Joel Harvey, Attorney and Jena Schmidt, Human Resource Officer

Also Present: Approximately 7 staff and community members.

- I. Call to Order – Opened Meeting at 5:02 pm
 - a. Roll Call – All members present.
 - b. Approval of Agenda – Cory Bennett moved to approve the agenda as presented with a second by Kim Williamson. Motion carried 5-0.
- II. New Business
 - a. Public Hearing – The Special Session was suspended at 5:04 pm to convene a Public Hearing on the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Dr. Shoemaker presented the primary changes.

Dr. Shoemaker also stated the New Castle Education Association will vote to ratify the contract on Tuesday, October 26, 2020 and will be brought to the School Board during their next regular session. The hearing was then opened for public comment:

Patty Broyles – asked about the gap and salary of teachers who have worked for the corporation less than ten years. Dr. Shoemaker explained the gap and legislative requirements.

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:21 pm.

- b. *Approve MOU – Dr. Shoemaker explained the Memorandum of Understanding and the creation is a result in a shortage of substitute teachers. This Memorandum of Understanding will be funded through the CARES Act. Nan Polk moved to approve as presented with a second by Jennifer Blackford. With little discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

III. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____