

The New Castle Community School Board of Trustees met in the Community Education Center located at 322 Elliott Avenue, New Castle, IN 47362 on February 22, 2021.

Board Members Present: Cory Bennett, Member; Jennifer Blackford, Member; Travis Callaway, President; Jaci Hadsell, Member and Nan Polk, Secretary

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

Also Present: Approximately 16 staff and community members.

- I. Call to Order – Opened Meeting at 6:30pm
 - a. Roll Call – All members present.
 - b. Approval of Agenda – Nan Polk moved to approve the agenda as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 5-0.

II. New Business

Review of Construction Process: Dr. Matthew Shoemaker indicated this meeting was requested during the previous regular session to allow time to touch base with a donor for the construction of tennis courts. He then stated a video conference was held and the individual donor agreed to increase his donation to \$500,000. All conference participants were excited to be a part of this project as it will benefit not only our students, but the community as well. Dr. Shoemaker asked for permission to seek bids to determine if this project is worthwhile. He also stated that seeking bids will not commit the Board to the project. The bids will provide the necessary information on how to proceed. The Board will be required to take action once the bids have been received. Jaci Hadsell read a prepared statement expressing her concerns of such projects without addressing various needs of our existing buildings and properties. There was much discussion among the Board. Dr. Shoemaker and Lisa Smith also provided input then Dr. Shoemaker asked for permission to seek bids for the tennis courts. Travis Callaway moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Nan Polk. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Shoemaker and Lisa Smith gave some updates on several other items.

A brief discussion occurred on a possible resolution that may be brought to the Board in a future meeting.

III. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7: 13pm

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____