

## Minutes of Public Meeting

November 8, 2021

The New Castle Community School Board of Trustees met in the Boardroom at Community Education Center located at 322 Elliott Avenue, New Castle, IN 47362 on November 8, 2021.

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

**Central Office Administrators Present:** Matthew Shoemaker, Superintendent; Adam McDaniel, Assistant to the Superintendent; Megan Bell, Chief Financial Officer; Sherri Bergum, Curriculum Director; Dr. Greg Crider, Attorney and Jena Schmidt, Human Resource Director

**Also Present:** Approximately 52 community members both in person and virtual.

- I. Call to Order-by Vice President Jennifer Blackford at 7:00 pm.
  - A. Roll Call - Four members were present. Travis Callaway was not in attendance.
  - B. Approval of Minutes: Regular Session: October 18, 2021 & Public Hearing November 4, 2021 – Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second by Nan Polk. With no discussion, motion carried 4-0.
  - C. Approval of Agenda – Cory Bennett moved to approve the agenda as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. With no discussion, motion carried 4-0.
  
- II. Communications/Routine Consent Items/Regularly Recurring Reports/Other
  - A. Public Questions and Comments on Agenda Items – No comments
  - B. Routine Consent Items: Approval of Reports: Travel; Monthly Personnel; Bill Lists; Payroll Claims and Donations; and Field Trip Requests – Nan Polk moved to approve all reports as presented with a second by Cory Bennett. With no further discussion motion carried 4-0.
  - C. Submission of Monthly Corporation Extra-Curricular Receipts and Disbursements and Fund Reports - no action necessary.
  
- III. New Business
  - A. Trojan Award of Excellence – Presented Trojan Award of Excellence Award – Dr. Shoemaker acknowledged the family of Joe Petty for the generous donation of \$398,000 to the school corporation. Other awards were presented to Officer John Sproles, Mackenzie Jackson, Brandon Powell and Gage Reno for their acts of bravery and quick response to provide care and support during a tragic accident at the Building Trades Facility. Don Criswell was also presented an award for being Trojan Tough and for his care to the students in his program.
  - B. Re-Entry Protocol Update – A letter received from Dr. Kristina Box, State Health Commissioner, which outlined protocols and guidance for Indiana Schools to follow regarding legal requirements to observe control measures. The Health Advisory Committee meets every two weeks to discuss various topics. Dr. Shoemaker also stated morning walkers will be allowed in the Field House from 5:45 am to 7:15am each student day. No vote is necessary.
  - C. Middle School Curriculum – Jacob White, Principal gave a presentation on plans for re-entry into the Middle School and what it is expected for students and staff when sixth grade students

move to the new Middle School with seventh and eighth graders. There were some questions from the Board and positive comments regarding the presentation.

- D. Approval of 2021-2022 NCEA Master Contract – Dr. Shoemaker gave a brief presentation on the changes and updates in the Master Contract. He also thanked the negotiating and administrative teams for their collegiality during this process. He reiterated that conversations were solution based and productive. After some comments from both the Board and negotiating team, Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the 2021-2022 NCEA Master Contract as presented with a second by Nan Polk. Motion carried 4-0.

IV. Buildings & Grounds – Adam McDaniel, Assistant to the Superintendent gave a report on the following:

- A. Middle School Project – Both programming and curriculum
- B. Band/Choir back returned to their spaces
- C. New Gymnasium done by January
- D. New concrete plaza at the Middle School
- E. Thanks to secondary team and transportation department
- F. Parker/Eastwood secured entrances are finishing up Phase 2
- G. Tennis complex update
- H. Field House Doors
- I. High School Cooling Towers
- J. Bundy Auditorium Design bids will be out this week
- K. Baseball field improvements
- L. Elementary improvements
- M. Wilbur Wright playground
- N. Transportation Department – Hosted a training for drivers
- O. New white bus has been received
- P. House Bill 1008 – Learning Recovery Grant will be developed for Middle School students

V. Superintendent Report – Updates presented by Superintendent, Dr. Matthew Shoemaker.

- A. Congratulations to: Band and Cheerleading for their advancement in State competitions
- B. High School on recent play of The Little Mermaid and the directors
- C. School Calendars will be completed for the next two year

VI. Budget – Megan Bell, Chief Financial Officer, gave information relating to budget items.

- A. Transfer from Education Fund to Operations Fund – October Expenditures in the amount of \$271,000.00 – Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the transfer in the amount requested with a second by Cory Bennett. With no discussion, motion carried 4-0.
- B. Budget Line Item 2 – Megan Bell presented information and then Nan Polk moved to approve the recommendation as presented with a second by Cory Bennett. With no further discussion, motion carried 4-0.

VII. Public Questions & Comments – The meeting is open for comments.

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- A. Patty Broyles, Community Member: Comments on Teacher Contract & increases for other staff members.
- B. Liz Whitmer, Community Member: Questions on time frame for donations for playground equipment.

VIII. Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_