

Minutes of Public Meeting

February 14, 2022

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 February 14, 2022.

Board Members Present: Cory Bennett, Member; Jennifer Blackford, President; Travis Callaway, Vice President; Jaci Hadsell, Secretary; and Nan Polk, Member both in person and virtually.

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

Also Present: Approximately 36 in person and virtual attendees community members both in person and virtual.

- I. Call to Order-by President Jennifer Blackford at 7:00 pm
 - A. Roll Call - All members present both in present and virtually
 - B. Approval of Minutes: Regular Session & Finance Committee: January 10, 2022
Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second by Cory Bennett. With no discussion, motion carried 5-0.
 - C. Approval of Agenda – Dr. Shoemaker amended the agenda to include Item III b.
Nan Polk moved to approve the agenda as amended with a second by Cory Bennett. With no discussion, motion carried 5-0.
- 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 –
Cory Bennett moved to approve all reports as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. With no further discussion motion carried 5-0.
 - C. Submission of Monthly Corporation Extra-Curricular Receipts and Disbursements and Fund Reports - no action necessary.
- III. New Business –
 - A. Fanning & Howey Report – Dr. Shoemaker gave a brief summary and then turned the meeting over to Lara Blankenburg to present her recommendation.
 - Bundy Renovations – Jaci Hadsell moved to award the bid to Pride Mark subject to entering into an agreement with a contractor that is satisfactory to the School Board. Nan Polk gave the second and after a brief discussion, motion carried 5-0.
 - Bundy HVAC – Jaci Hadsell moved to award the bid to Quality Plumbing & Heating subject to entering into an agreement with a contractor that is satisfactory to the School Board. Cory Bennett gave the second and the motion carried 5-0.
 - B. Approval of Secondary Course Offerings: Adam McDaniel gave a short summary of the new course offerings at the secondary levels for the 2022-2023 school year. Nan Polk moved to

approve the recommendation with a second by Jaci Hadsell. After some discussion, motion carried 5-0.

- C. Second & Final Reading for Neola #34 Volume #1: Dr. Shoemaker indicated the proposed updates were recommended from Neola based on legal updates. No changes were made since the first reading. Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the policies as recommended by Neola with a second by Cory Bennett. After some discussion, motion carried 5-0.
- D. Approval of Erate Category 2: Dustin Chew presented his recommendation for Category 2 Erate funding for internal connectivity. Cory Bennett moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 5-0.
- E. Juul Lawsuit Resolution: Dr. Shoemaker presented a Resolution Authorizing Litigation against Manufacturers, Distributors and Sellers of Electronic Cigarettes and Vaping Products and an Attorney-Client Engagement Agreement. There was much discussion. Nan Polk then moved to approve New Castle Community School Corporation approve the Resolution and enter into the Engagement Agreement. Jaci Hadsell gave the second and after some discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

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

- A. High School Chillers - installed
- B. Middle School Furniture – is being delivered
- C. School Counselors – moving forward in preparation of incoming students
- D. Graduation as a Destination
- E. Custodian-Maintenance during recent Snow Emergency
- F. Transportation Team safety of students

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

- A. Mask Mandate update
- B. Rhema Glover – for updated Board Room
- C. Food Service - 1,000,000 meals served by Food Service throughout the pandemic
- D. Girls swimmers advancing to State Competition
- E. Color Guard with 2nd place finish out of 15 schools
- F. Wrestler advancing to State Competition
- G. Girls Basketball – compliments were received from Sectional Officials
- H. Solo & Ensemble Competition received multiple medals
- I. Red Hot Blues – Grand Champion out of 12 schools
- J. Homework Help – High School assisted 75 students in the last month
- K. Honor Roll Students – Great Job

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

- A. Transfer from Education Fund to Operations Fund – January Expenditures in the amount of \$315,000.00 - Cory Bennett moved to approve the transfer in the amount requested with a second by Nan Polk. With no discussion, motion carried 5-0.

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- VII. Public Questions & Comments – The meeting is open for comments.
- A. Judy Hubbard, Retired Teacher - Bundy Renovations
 - B. Andy Hood, parent – Homeschool students participation in Athletics
 - C. Jennifer Hood, parent – Homeschool students participation in Athletics
 - D. David Youngquist, parent – Homeschool students participation in Athletics
 - E. Patty Broyles, former employee – Comments related to parent comments
 - F. Jaci Hadsell, Board Secretary – 12 year Swimming School Record broken this weekend
 - G. Dr. Shoemaker thanked the speakers

VIII. Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____

