

Minutes of Public Meeting

March 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 March 14, 2022.

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

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 42 community members both in person and virtual attendees.

- I. Call to Order-by President Jennifer Blackford at 7:00 pm
 - A. Roll Call - All members present
 - B. Approval of Minutes: Regular Session February 14, 2022 & Special Session February 22, 2022
Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second by Travis Callaway.
With no discussion, motion carried 5-0.
 - C. Approval of Agenda – Dr. Shoemaker stated there were no changes to the agenda. 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 Travis Callaway.
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 – Trojan Award of Excellence – Dr. Shoemaker presented the award to Thomas Cory for his efforts and dedicated work during renovations in the New Castle Fieldhouse.
 - A. Fanning & Howey Report – no report
 - B. Policy Revisions – 1st reading for Policy #0164.04-Meeting of the Board Defined – This policy was presented for first reading and will be brought before the Board in April for second and final reading.
Policy #1613-Student Supervision & Welfare; #3213-Student Supervision & Welfare; #4213-Student Supervision & Welfare and #7510-Use of School Facilities were presented for review and approval. These policies include a student safety component. Jaci Hadsell moved to waive the first reading of these four (4) policies. Cory Bennett gave the second and the motion carried 5-0. Nan Polk then moved to approve the above mentioned policies on second and final reading as recommended with a second by Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Annual Participation in Food2School Cooperative – Dee Orick presented the recommendation for approval. Nan Polk moved to approve the participation in the Food2School Cooperative as presented with a second by Cory Bennett. Motion carried 5-0.
- D. Re-Entry Update – Dr. Shoemaker explained the updates which included requirements for mask mandates, contract tracing and the discontinuation of the COVID dashboard. Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the Re-Entry Plan updates with a second by Nan Polk. After some questions, motion carried 5-0.
- E. Wrap Around Services Presentation – Sherri Bergum gave a presentation of the various ways the New Castle Community School Corporation is providing services for our students.

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

- A. Middle School scheduled for completion within the first 2 weeks of April
- B. Middle School furniture is being delivered and placed in classrooms and teachers were able to tour the facility and see their assigned classrooms for next school year
- C. Tennis Complex work is continuing
- D. Cooling towers are nearing completion
- E. Fieldhouse doors replacement will begin next week
- F. Bundy Auditorium had pre-construction meeting last week
- G. Friends of Bundy have collected over \$28,000 in donations toward their goal of \$100,000
- H. Support Staff attended workshop on March 9 on how to educate the whole child
- I. Middle School students taking NWEA and SAT

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

- A. Updated on Various student and staff accomplishments in:
 - *Gymnastics; Bowling; Color Guard; Red Hot Blues
 - *JAG Class Competition & FCCLA Leadership Award
 - *Basketball Boys & Girls All Conference
 - *CTE Culinary Instruction – Pro-Start Educator of the Year
 - *Daniel Cox – HHC Coach of the Year
 - *Dee Orick Outstanding School Support

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

- A. Transfer from Education Fund to Operations Fund – February Expenditures in the amount of \$272,000.00 – Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the transfer in the amount requested with a second by Nan Polk. With no discussion, motion carried 5-0.

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

- A. Liz Whitmer, Former Board Member: Wilbur Wright playground progress
- B. Deanna Malott, Parent: High School baseball program
- C. Josh Barber, Parent: High School baseball program
- D. Josh Cooper, Parent: High School baseball program

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- E. Rodney Scott, Parent: High School baseball program
- F. Patty Broyles, Retired employee: Coach requirements
- G. Kelly Rector, Parent: High School baseball program
- H. Ricky Reno, Business Owner: High School baseball program
- I. Holly Miller, Teacher: Support of coach
- J. Jack Rusch, Parent: High School baseball program
- K. Josh Jenkins, Parent: High School baseball program
- L. Sandy Scott, Parent: High School baseball program

VIII. Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____