

Minutes of Public Meeting

May 9, 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 May 9, 2022.

**Board Members Present:** 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; Mr. Joel Harvey, Attorney and Jena Schmidt, Human Resource Director

**Also Present:** Approximately 19 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 - Four members present-Cory Bennett was not in attendance.
  - B. Approval of Minutes: Regular Session April 11, 2022 & Special Session May 2, 2022  
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 – Dr. Shoemaker indicated there were no changes to the agenda.  
Travis Callaway moved to approve the agenda as amended 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 – Jaci Hadsell moved to approve all reports as presented with a second by Nan Polk. With no further discussion motion carried 4-0.
  - C. Submission of Monthly Corporation Extra-Curricular Receipts and Disbursements and Fund Reports - no action necessary. No comments
- III. New Business –
  - A. Re-Entry Protocol Update – Dr. Shoemaker reported no changes to the Re-Entry Plan at this time. The agenda item is required for compliance with ESSER reporting. Nan Polk moved to approve as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 4-0.
  - B. Approval of Math Textbook Adoption – Dr. Shoemaker and Mr. McDaniel provided explanations of the recommendation for secondary Math textbooks. Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the recommendation as presented with a second by Nan Polk. After a new questions, motion carried 4-0.
  - C. Approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> & Final Reading of School Board Policy #9270-Equivalent Instruction for Compulsory Attendance Compliance Purposes (Home Schooling and Non Accredited Schools) – Dr. Shoemaker provided clarification that if a student were to test out of a course, the student

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would not receive credit for taking the course on a transcript. Travis Callaway moved to approve the policy on 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading with a second by Nan Polk. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Approval of Computer Science Curriculum K-6 – Sherri Bergum provided details of this curriculum adoption for next school year. Nan Polk moved to approve the curriculum as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 4-0.

E. Approval of Bus Purchase – Adam McDaniel recommended the purchase of two large and one short yellow bus for purchase. He explained the reasoning and provided answers to questions from the Board. Nan Polk then moved to approve as recommended with a second by Travis Callaway. Motion carried 4-0.

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

- A. Baseball field (The Mac) is open with a game today
- B. Middle School close to completion – Dedication on May 14
- C. Tennis courts on target for end of June or beginning of July
- D. Field House doors close to completion
- E. New chillers are complete in all buildings
- F. Bundy Auditorium renovations to begin June 6
- G. Friends of Bundy – raised approximately \$70,000 to date

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

- A. IASBO presentation during the Annual Meeting with Fanning & Howey
- B. Provided a slide show of current happenings within the district

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

- A. Transfer from Education Fund to Operations Fund – April 2022 Expenditures in the amount of \$330,000.00 - Jennifer Blackford moved to approve the transfer in the amount requested with a second by Travis Callaway. With no discussion, motion carried 4-0.

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

- A. Andy Hood, Parent – commented on policy #9270

VIII. Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

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

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

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