

Minutes of Public Meeting

August 8, 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 August 8, 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; Dr. Greg Crider, Attorney and Jena Schmidt, Human Resource Director

Also Present: Approximately 25 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
 - B. Recognitions: Dr. Shoemaker recognized families of Eastwood Elementary for a Rake & Run of their front entrance landscaping. He also presented members of law enforcement on their quick response during a recent intruder alarm. There were six law enforcement officers present. Dr. Shoemaker stated officers were in our building within one minute of the alarm.
 - C. Public Comments on Agenda Items: No comments
 - D. Approval of Minutes: Regular Session July 11, 2022 - Nan Polk moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. With no discussion, motion carried 3-0-1 with Travis Callaway abstaining due to his absence from the meeting.
 - E. Approval of Agenda – Dr. Shoemaker indicated one addition. Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the agenda as amended with a second by Travis Callaway. With no discussion, motion carried 4-0.

- II. Communications/Routine Consent Items/Regularly Recurring Reports/Other
 - A. 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 Travis Callaway. 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. Approve School Configuration of All Buildings: Dr. Shoemaker explained this was a requirement from Indiana Department of Education. The following configuration will be for the 2022/2023 school year:
 - Eastwood Elementary & Wilbur Wright Elementary – Pre-K to Grade 6
 - Parker Elementary, Riley Elementary & Westwood Elementary – Pre-K to Grade 5
 - Sunnyside Elementary – Kindergarten to Grade 3

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- New Castle Middle School – Grade 6 to Grade 8
- New Castle High School – Grade 9 to Grade 12
- New Castle at Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy – Grade 9 to Grade 12

After some questions, Travis Callaway moved to approve the recommendation as presented with a second by Nan Polk. With no discussion, motion carried 4-0.

- B. Extended Work Day Memorandum of Understanding: Dr. Shoemaker shared this MOU for approval indicating it is the same document approved for the 2020/2021 school year with the dates changed. After some discussion, Nan Polk moved to approve the MOU as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 4-0.
- C. School Guard App: Officer Chase Koger gave a short presentation on the new phone app titled School Guard. County Commissioners have purchased the program for the first year of implementation. There was much discussion.
- D. Fresh Food and Vegetable Program: Dee Orick gave a short description of this program for Parker Elementary. After some discussion, Nan Polk moved to approve as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 4-0.

IV. Buildings & Grounds – Updates presented by Assistant to the Superintendent. Adam McDaniel.

- A. Tennis Courts – Dedication Saturday, August 13, 2022
- B. Field House Doors
- C. Bundy Auditorium is on schedule
- D. Handrails completed approximately mid-September
- E. Middle School Update
- F. Middle School Kitchen progress
- G. Thanks Maintenance & Custodian personnel for their efforts in opening of the Middle School
- H. Transportation – full staff
- I. Middle School & High School shout-out for their resiliency the last couple of years

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

- A. High School - new carpet as a result of recent flood damage
- B. Welcome Back Breakfast - \$3500 in donations to give away
- C. Thanks to Teachers/Staff for all their work
- D. Thanks to Custodians, Maintenance, Food Service & Bus Drivers
- E. Pre-K Update
- F. Alternative School Update
- G. HYCA Update – Approximately 62 students enrolled in graduation pathways
- H. Thanks to Mackenzie Jackson for her assistance
- I. Grant Fulton Introduction
- J. Happy Birthday – Mr. McDaniel
- K. Slide Presentation of recent events

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

- A. 2023 Budget Calendar was presented to the Board. This is for informational purposes.

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- B. Approve Interoffice Agreement for Purchase of Delivery Vehicle – Megan Bell gave a presentation on the need for a delivery van. Dee Orick also explained where the deliveries occur and the frequency of the deliveries. Nan Polk moved to approve as presented with a second by Travis Callaway. After a brief discussion, motion carried 4-0.
- C. Report of June Transfer from Education Fund to Operations Fund – \$247,000 for July 2022 – Jennifer Blackford moved to approve the transfer as recommended with a second by Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 4-0.

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

- A. Patty Broyles, Community Member – Thank you to Chase Koger & Fieldhouse handrails
- B. Debby Raines – Thank you to Chase Koger

VIII. Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____