

Minutes of Public Meeting

November 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 November 14, 2022.

**Board Members Present:** Jennifer Blackford, President; Jaci Hadsell, Secretary; Seth Lee, Member; 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 28 in person/virtual attendees.

- I. Call to Order-by President Jennifer Blackford at 7:00 pm
  - A. Roll Call – Three members present at the opening.
  - B. Public Comments on Agenda Items: No comments
  - C. Approval of Agenda: Dr. Shoemaker indicated two adjustments to the agenda. Nan Polk then moved to approve the agenda as amended with a second by Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 3-0.
  - D. Approval of Minutes: Regular Session October 17, 2022  
Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second by Nan Polk. With no discussion, motion carried 3-0.
- 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  
Nan Polk moved to approve all reports as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. With no further discussion motion carried 3-0.
  - C. Submission of Monthly Corporation Extra-Curricular Receipts and Disbursements and Fund Reports - no action necessary. No comments
- III. New Business – Cory Bennett introduced the new Baseball Coach – Jody Gray. Congrats
  - A. Installation of new Board Member – Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the installation of Seth Lee as a School Board Member. Nan Polk gave the second and the motion carried 3-0. – Joel Harvey installed Seth Lee and after the oath was administered, Seth Lee began his duties. Jennifer Blackford acknowledged a conflict of interest for Seth Lee as an owner of Sports Elite which does business with the corporation.
  - B. Approval of Support Staff Stipends – Dr. Shoemaker briefly explained the stipend for Support Staff. Nan Polk commented her gratitude for work well done. Seth Lee then moved to approve the stipend as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 4-0.
  - C. Approval for Board President to complete land acquisition transaction and sign all related documents for 3.7 acres on east side of St. James Episcopal church property. This includes a wooded area to build a Greenhouse including aquaponics. The purchase price will be the

average of two appraisals - \$43,750. Nan Polk moved to approve the recommendation as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. After a brief discussion, motion carried 4-0.

- D. Additional Appropriations Hearing – Joel and Megan gave a brief explanation of this Public Hearing and then opened up for community comment. With no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:23 pm.
- E. Approval of Additional Appropriation Resolution – This resolution was briefly discussed and a copy was provided to the Board for approval. Nan Polk moved to approve the resolution as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 4-0.
- F. Approval of Final Bond Resolution – This resolution was briefly discussed and a copy was provided to the Board for approval. Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the resolution as presented with a second by Nan Polk. Motion carried 4-0.
- G. Destination Graduation Presentation – Adam McDaniel, Sherri Bergum and Mercy Jumbo gave an informative presentation of #Destination Graduation. There was some discussion and questions from the Board.

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

- A. Middle School Kitchen is complete
- B. Bundy Auditorium is progressing
- C. Fieldhouse Handrails are being installed
- D. Transportation during inclement weather
- E. Maintenance preparing for inclement weather
- F. ETT-SIG continues to plan

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

- A. HYCA Tri-State Challenge
- B. Red Ribbon Week
- C. High School Class Officers
- D. Skating Parties
- E. Multigenerational Connections
- F. Semi-State Competitions for Band and Girls Cross Country
- G. High School Cheerleaders – Obtained 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in State Competition
- H. Virtual Training Day
- I. Veterans Day Programs
- J. High School Fall Dance

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

- A. Approve Transfer from Education Fund to Operations Fund – October \$254,000 – Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the transfer as presented with a second by Jennifer Blackford. With no discussion, motion carried 4-0.
- B. Approve Anticipated Transfer from Education Fund to Operations Fund – for November and December not to exceed \$580,000. Jennifer Blackford moved to approve the recommendation as presented with a second by Seth Lee. After a brief discussion, motion carried 4-0.

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C. Recommend Approval of 2023 Budget (Line 2) Resolution – Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the resolution as presented with a second by Jennifer Blackford. Motion carried 4-0.

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

A. No comments

VIII. Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00p

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

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

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

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