

Minutes of Public Meeting

December 12, 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 December 12, 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; Dr. Greg Crider, Attorney and Jena Schmidt, Human Resource Director

**Also Present:** Approximately 18 in person and virtual attendees community members.

- I. Call to Order-by President Jennifer Blackford at 7:00 pm
  - A. Roll Call – Four members were present, Travis Callaway was not in attendance.
  - B. Public Comments on Agenda Items: No Comments
  - C. Approval of Agenda: Dr. Shoemaker stated there were no changes. Jaci Hadsell then moved to approve the agenda as presented with a second by Nan Polk. Motion carried 4-0.
  - D. Approval of Minutes: Regular Session November 14, 2022  
Seth Lee moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second by Nan Polk. 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  
Nan Polk moved to approve all reports as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. 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 – Cory Bennett introduced the new Baseball Coach – Jody Gray. Congrats
  - A. First Reading of Board Policy Updates – Dr. Shoemaker stated this item is required and no vote necessary at this time. He then explained the process. There were some questions and clarifications mentioned.
  - B. \*Teacher Appreciation Grant Ratification – Dr. Shoemaker explained the steps necessary to ratify the distribution of these funds to teachers. The amount granted is: highly effective-\$516.35 and effective-\$413.08. Jaci Hadsell moved to approve as presented with a second by Nan Polk. Motion carried 4-0.
  - C. Alternative Education Presentation – Stephen Sullivan presented on the New Castle Academy and the Alternative Education Program. The Academy consists of three programs; Opportunity School, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy and the Behavior Support Program. Data was presented to the Board and questions were answered. The future plans are to grow each program to better benefit students.

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

- A. Fieldhouse handrails are completed
- B. Bundy Auditorium – seats installed & scheduling of events beginning
- C. Previous Administration Building has been demolished
- D. Maintenance Department winter preparations
- E. Transportation – Continue to hire drivers
- F. ETT – New pathways have been developed
- G. College & Career Day

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

- A. Recognize Travis Callaway for service and commitment to students
- B. Board of Finance Meeting prior to the next Regular Session – 6:45 p.m.
- C. Reorganization during January Regular Session
- D. Big thank you to organizations who support our students during the Holiday Season
- E. Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Row for administering the Heimlich to a student
- F. Slide Presentation which included– Academic All-State; IASP Conference; New Castle Christmas Walk; Library Trees; Christmas Programs; Career Center Leadership Tours; Trojan Basketball; Literacy Lunch; NCMS Bowling; Wilbur Wright field trip to Yuletide Celebration; HYCA Graduation; Christmas in the Cafeteria

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

- A. Report for November Expenses from Education to Operations Fund – Megan Bell reported a transfer of \$344,000 was completed for November. She will provide a report in January for the December transfer amount.

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

- A. Nan Polk, Board Member – Fieldhouse Handrails

VIII. Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53p

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

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

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