

Minutes of Public Meeting

February 13, 2023

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 February 13, 2023.

**Board Members Present:** Jennifer Blackford, President; John Griffith, Member; Jaci Hadsell, Secretary; Seth Lee, Member; and Nan Polk, Vice President Thanks Amy!!!!

**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 48 in person and virtual attendees community members.

- I. Call to Order-by President Jennifer Blackford at 7:00 pm
  - A. Roll Call – All members present
  - B. Public Comments on Agenda Items: No Comments
  - C. Approval of Agenda: Dr. Shoemaker stated he will table Item III f until March. John Griffith then moved to approve the agenda as amended. Jaci Hadsell gave the second and motion carried 5-0.
  - D. Approval of Minutes: Regular Session January 9, 2023  
Nan Polk moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. With no discussion, motion carried 5-0.
  
- 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 Nan Polk. With no further discussion motion carried 5-0.
  - C. Submission of Monthly Corporation Extra-Curricular Receipts and Disbursements and Fund Reports - no action necessary. No comments
  
- III. New Business –
  - A. Trojan Award of Excellence to Brevan Thrine – Dr. Shoemaker, Cory Bennett and Coach Black updated those present on the recent Wrestling Competition. Then a Trojan Award of Excellence was presented to Brevan Thrine for his conduct during the competition.
  - B. \*Approval of Updated Drug Prevention Policy #5530.01 – The second and final approval of this policy was presented for Board approval. After some discussion, Nan Polk moved to approve the policy on final reading with a second by Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 5-0.
  - C. \*Approval of Revised Secondary Student Handbook – This revision is updated as a result of an Attendance Intervention Committee in coordination with the Henry County Probation Department. After some discussion, Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the revision as presented with a second by Seth Lee. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. \*Approval of Area Career Center Curriculum Additions – These courses are additions to the 2023/2024 school year in the vocational school. Mackenzie Jackson and Dr. Shoemaker briefed the Board on these additions. It was also noted these courses will be ran through Ivy Tech as they have the curriculum and instructors in place. Seth Lee moved to approve the additions for the 2023/2024 school year as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. After a brief discussion, motion carried 5-0.
- E. \*Approval of Bids for Eastwood and Riley Elementary Roofs – Adam McDaniel gave a short explanation of this request. He stated the bids are from Moisture Management, who has designed the project and the amounts are within the amount we have available. Nan Polk moved to approve as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 5-0.
- F. \*Approval of 2023/2024 Student Device Purchase – This item was tabled until March.
- G. \*Approval of Meals on Wheels Agreement – Dee Orick gave a brief explanation of the program stating this will not be to generate income, but to provide a service to our community. The program will begin to operate from the High School cafeteria. John Griffith moved to approve the agreement as presented with a second by Nan Polk. Motion carried 5-0.
- H. \*Approve Resolution to Repurpose Sunnyside Elementary to the Sunnyside Education Center (effective the 2023/2024 School Year) – Dr. Shoemaker explained the resolution and the process that was completed to come to this recommendation. The goal is to maintain the facility for educational purposes. Adult Basic Education will be moving to the Education Center as well as partnering with the East Central Educational Service Center to provide a location in New Castle for Professional Development for the several area corporations. Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the resolution as presented with a second by Nan Polk. After some discussion, motion carried 5-0.
- I. \*Approval to Authorize Superintendent to develop an MOU with East Central Education Service Center to enter into a Joint Services Agreement – Dr. Shoemaker provided information regarding this memorandum of understanding. He stated the Board would ratify the agreement during their next Regular Session. Nan Polk moved to approve as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 5-0.
- J. Update on St. James Property – Dr. Shoemaker informed the Board that the Corporation has completed the purchase of 3.73 acres behind the St. James Episcopal Church which includes a parking lot adjacent to corporation property. He then spoke of plan for the property. The Board stated their excitement of the proposed plans.

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

- A. Bundy Auditorium – Upcoming Opening
- B. Roof Projects
- C. St. James Property
- D. Transportation – Currently fully staffed
- E. SIG – Education Transformation Team
- F. Grow Your Own Initiative – Almost 40 students who will be visiting colleges

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

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- A. Pre-School Presentation – Brief Slide Show
- B. Swim Team Congratulations
- C. Solo & Ensemble Results
- D. School Counselor Appreciation Week
- E. Trojan Chicken Visits Westwood Elementary
- F. Eastwood AttenDANCE Award
- G. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade visits to the Area Career Center
- H. Kiwanis & Shoe Sensation
- I. Evening Optimist – Plaque presented to NCCSC Basketball League

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

- A. \*Approve Transfer from Education Fund to Operations Fund – January: \$337,000 – Jennifer Blackford moved to approve the transfer as requested. Nan Polk gave the second and the motion carried 5-0.

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

- A. Josh Douglas, Parent – Event at Elementary School

VIII. Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

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

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

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