

Minutes of Public Meeting

March 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 March 13, 2023.

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

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 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: One Change – Award Presentation at the beginning of New Business. Nan Polk moved to approve the agenda as amended with a second by Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 5-0.
 - D. Approval of Minutes: Regular Session February 13, 2023
Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second by Seth Lee. 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
Seth Lee moved to approve all reports as presented with a second by John Griffith. 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 – Dr. Shoemaker presented the Trojan Award of Excellence to Chase Koger for his service as the School Resource Officer of the Year. Congratulations was given from the Board.
 - A. *Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with East Central Education Service Center (ECESC): Dr. Shoemaker presented along with Executive Director of East Central Service Center, Katie Lash. They stated the MOU was unanimously approved by the ECESC Board last week. Dr. Shoemaker also stated that the agreement included the participation of the NCCSC Superintendent on the ECESC Board as soon as a board position became available. He mentioned that the ECESC graciously invited his participation on the board without waiting on a vacant seat. During the discussion, Dr. Shoemaker indicated the Sunnyside Education Center would house not only the ECESC, but also several Adult Basic Education classes and offices, an IVY Tech Partnership Classroom, EIW Workforce Board Classroom, and potentially our new Elementary Alternative Education class as well as our new Out of

School Suspension Program. After much discussion, John Griffith moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. *Approve Updates of Narcan & Lice Protocol Procedures: Dr. Wilkey presented her recommendation for the updates. She indicated she would ensure training occurs and Telehealth will be a wonderful resource for physician input. After some discussion, Nan Polk moved to approve as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 5-0.
- C. *Approve 2024/2025 School Calendar: After a brief discussion, Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the calendar as presented with a second by Seth Lee. Motion carried 5-0.
- D. *Approve High School Weighted GPA Proposal: Kirk Amman gave a powerpoint presentation with John Thompson and Angi Johnson. The recommendation was to add Ivy Tech Dual Credit courses to the weighted grade classification. The high school will also be moving toward the Latin classification of GPA to include Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Summa Cum Laude. The distinction of Valedictorian and Salutatorian will remain intact. However, this new recognition structure will replace the Top 10 and will likely recognize more students for their academic achievements. Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the recommendation as presented with a second by Nan Polk. Motion carried 5-0.
- E. *Approve Additional School Improvement Grant Pathway Coursework: Mr. McDaniel presented the recommendation for additional Pathway Courses. He indicated the additional courses will be taught by current staff without the need for additional staff. After some discussion, Seth Lee moved to approve as presented with a second by John Griffith. Motion carried 5-0.
- F. *Approve Purchase of 2023/2024 Student Devices: Dr. Shoemaker and Megan Bell explained the process for student device distributions occurs on a four-year cycle. After some discussion, Nan Polk moved to approve as recommended with a second by Seth Lee. Motion carried 5-0.
- G. *Approve Purchase of Scale Computing Platform: Dustin Chew explained the recommendation to technology infrastructure. There was some discussion, then Jaci Hadsell moved to approve as presented with a second by Seth Lee. Motion carried 5-0.
- H. *Approve Purchase of Wireless Radio System: Adam McDaniel detailed the need for the recommended upgrade. He stated the new system will provide flexibility and the recommendation is the lowest of three bids. The Board was also informed that funding for this expense has been approved through ESSER funds. Nan Polk moved to approve as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 5-0.

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

- A. Bundy Auditorium – Open House on April 8 beginning at 10:00 am
- B. Roof Projects Update
- C. School Improvement Grant – Better Futures Day on March 17
- D. Virtual Day & Senior Exit Interviews on March 15
- E. Transportation – Bus Drivers are needed
- F. Summer Lawn Maintenance – upcoming posting

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

- A. Safety Initiative Updates including:
 - i. Elementary Alternative Education (position advertised)
 - ii. Alternative to Out of School Suspension Program (position advertised)
 - iii. BCBA (Board Certified Behavioral Analyst) (position advertised)
- B. Grow Your Own: Ball State University & Anderson
- C. JAG to State Competition
- D. Day in the Life of a Trojan
- E. Parker Elementary Storybook STEM Night
- F. FCCLA – Awards Presented to Mackenzie Jackson & Leesa Meyers
- G. IVY Tech President’s Award to John Thompson
- H. Food Service visits legislative session
- I. Riley & Wilbur Wright – Night of the Arts
- J. Staff Blood Donation
- K. Wilbur Wright to Indy Fuel Hockey
- L. Tylin Thrine, Freshman – Wrestling State Champion: Record 42-0
- M. Brevan Thrine – Wrestling All-Star Team
- N. Red Hot Blues – Show Choir Competition
- O. Gymnastics Competition
- P. High School High Five Friday

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

- A. *Approve Transfer from Education Fund to Operations Fund – February: \$350,000 – Jennifer Blackford moved to approve the transfer from Education Fund to Operations Fund in the amount of \$350,000. Jaci Hadsell gave the second and motion carried 5-0.

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

- A. Jennifer McGowan, NCEA President – Collaboration on school calendar.
- B. Nan Polk, Board Member – Upcoming visit by State Legislators-March 17 at 5:30 pm.
- C. John Griffith, Board Member – Superintendent getting out to the Middle School cafeteria.
- D. Jaci Hadsell, Board Member – Bundy Auditorium Open House & recognize past athletes.

VIII. Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24p

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____