

Minutes of Public Meeting

April 10, 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 April 10, 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; Dr. Greg Crider, Attorney and Jena Schmidt, Human Resource Director

**Also Present:** Approximately 19 in person and virtual attendees community members.

- I. Call to Order-by President Jennifer Blackford at 7:01 pm
  - A. Roll Call – All members present – Nan Polk arrived at 7:03p
  - B. Public Comments on Agenda Items: No Comments
  - C. Approval of Agenda: No changes noted.  
Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the agenda as presented with a second by Seth Lee. With no discussion, motion carried 4-0.
  - D. Approval of Minutes: Regular Session March 13, 2023  
Seth Lee moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second by John Griffith. 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  
John Griffith moved to approve all reports as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. 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. Legislative Update: Nan Polk, Board Legislative Liaison, provided an update to the Board on current legislation that is being discussed during the current legislative session.
  - B. Federal Grant Update: Sherri Bergum, Curriculum Director, provided an annual update for the Board on Federal Grant monies received by the corporation. Those grants include: Title I; Title II; Title III; Title IV & Title V. She also mentioned some programming has been purchased using ESSER funds.
  - C. \*Approve Change of Virtual Day in 23/24 School Calendar: Dr. Shoemaker stated discussion has occurred with the teachers. Nan Polk moved to change the virtual day from March 13, 2024 to April 8, 2024 as presented. Jaci Hadsell gave the second and motion carried 5-0.

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- D. \*Approve Change of Virtual Day in 24/25 School Calendar: Dr. Shoemaker stated discussion has occurred with the teachers. Jaci Hadsell moved to change the virtual day from March 6, 2025 to March 13, 2025 as presented. Nan Polk gave the second and motion carried 5-0.
- E. \*Approve Eastwood Bid for Roofing Project: Adam McDaniel stated this was a second round bid and came back with a reduction of approximately \$100,000. Seth Lee gave a motion to approve the bid as presented with a second by Nan Polk. Motion carried 5-0.
- F. \*Approve Exploring Education Professions Course: Adam McDaniel presented this new course for the secondary level. After some discussion, Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the course as presented with a second by Nan Polk. Motion carried 5-0.
- G. \*Approve Revised Elementary School Boundaries: Adam McDaniel provided a map to show the boundaries of students currently enrolled at Sunnyside Elementary. These students will be moved to Riley and Parker Elementary boundaries. Nan Polk moved to approve the recommendation as presented with a second by Jennifer Blackford. Motion carried 5-0.
- H. \*Approve Annual Participation in Food2School Cooperative: Dr. Shoemaker presented the agreement for the annual participation in the Food2School Cooperative. John Griffith 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 – Officially Open
- B. New Auditorium Manager is in place and excelling
- C. Preparing to move from heat to cooling in buildings
- D. Outdoor maintenance is planning to begin
- E. Bus Drivers needed
- F. Perfect on bus inspections to date
- G. HVAC installed in Bundy Auditorium during this summer
- H. Tennis Courts – new signage
- I. High School – raised bed garden

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

- A. Show Choir to State Competition
- B. Spring Sing in May
- C. Parker Earth-Space & Science week
- D. Super Readers – Westwood
- E. NCMS Final Projects in English & Social Studies
- F. Percussion at State Finals
- G. Taco Tuesday Technology Taste Test
- H. Academic Wall of Fame – thank you Dr. Crider
- I. Bundy's Grand Opening – Trojan Award of Excellence to Jaci Hadsell; Adam McDaniel and Judy Hubbard. Also the Choir Room was dedicated as "Hub Choir Room" after Judy Hubbard
- J. Kindergarten Round-Up
- K. Thank you to Custodial and Maintenance during Spring Break

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

- A. \*Approve Transfer from Education Fund to Operations Fund – March: \$375,000 –  
Jennifer Blackford moved to approve the transfer as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell.  
Motion carried 5-0.

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

- A. Jennifer McGowan – definition of Charter Schools
- B. Jaci Hadsell – Amazing job of training students regarding admittance to buildings

VIII. Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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

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

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