

Minutes of Public Meeting

May 08, 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 May 08, 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; Joel Harvey, Attorney and Jena Schmidt, Human Resource Director

Also Present: Approximately 21 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: No changes noted.

Nan Polk moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. With no discussion, 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 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 – Cory Bennett, High School Athletic Director introduced Bobby Jones as the new Varsity Girls Basketball Coach. Dr. Shoemaker then introduced Lorraine Woodruff, BCBA.
 - A. Economic Development TIF Presentation – Corey Murphy, from the Economic Development Corporation gave a brief presentation on a Tax Increment Financing Area being proposed. The presentation was informational only and an approval will be requested in June. There were several questions from the Board on the proposal and presentation.
 - B. HYCA Presentation – Grant Fulton, Director of Extended Learning and HYCA Principal gave a presentation on the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy program.
 - C. Grant Updates – Sherri Bergum, Grant Fulton and Adam McDaniel gave a presentation on the competitive based grants awarded to the Corporation. These include: Employability Skills Innovation and Implementation (ESII); School Improvement Grant (SIG); and Exploration,

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Engagement and Experiences (3E). Dr. Shoemaker wanted to thank these individuals for their many hours of work and dedication on behalf of the students.

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

- A. Transportation – Drivers are still needed
- B. Spring Sing – this week at Bundy
- C. Pre-Construction meeting for roofing projects & HVAC in Bundy
- D. Successful Auction – Thanks to Mayor York for the use of a storage space
- E. Baseball Field – wind screens
- F. Sunnyside Building will be transitioning soon
- G. Nan Polk asked about playground equipment & funding

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

- A. Remembering Stacey Crane, retired teacher
- B. JAG Seniors – Lola Alley, Instructor
- C. Scholarships awarded
- D. Elementary Updates from Parker, Riley, Sunnyside, Westwood & Wilbur Wright
- E. Black Box Theater production of Adventures of Tom Sawyer
- F. Freshman Activity Fair
- G. Food Service Theme Day – Cinco de Mayo & chicken wing day
- H. Principal's Day & Teacher Appreciation Week

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

- A. *Approve Transfer from Education Fund to Operations Fund – April: \$360,000 – Jennifer Blackford moved to approve the transfer from Education Fund to Operations Fund as requested. Jaci Hadsell gave the second, motion carried 5-0.

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

- A. Jennifer McGowan, NCEA President & Teacher – Recent law changes
- B. Travis Callaway, Parent & Former Board Member – Track & Field
- C. Josh Douglas, Parent – Westwood Elementary
- D. Nan Polk, Board Member – High Ability

VIII. Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42p

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____