

Minutes of Public Meeting

July 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 July 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; Joel Harvey, Attorney and Jena Schmidt, Human Resource Director

Also Present: Approximately 25 in person and virtual attendee community members.

- I. Call to Order-by President Jennifer Blackford at 7:00 pm
 - A. Roll Call – All members present – Nan Polk attended virtually.
 - B. Public Comments on Agenda Items: No Comments
 - C. Approval of Agenda: Amendments: Three changes – III h – Oct. 23; III i – Graduation Date discussion & III j – Homecoming Discussion – Seth Lee had a question regarding routine consent agenda items. Jaci Hadsell then moved to approve the agenda as presented with a second by Seth Lee. Motion carried 5-0.
 - D. Approval of Minutes: Regular Session June 12, 2023
Seth Lee 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
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 – Dr. Shoemaker introduced new administrative staff members – Alex Griffin as High School Asst. Principal and Clint Wilson as Parker Elementary Principal
 - A. New Castle Retiree Recognition: Dr. Shoemaker recognized retirees from the 2022/2023 school year with a minimum of ten years of service, both certified and non-certified. Years 10-19: Vicki Houser; Years 20-29: Julie Brammer and Sheryl Zampitella; Years 30-39: Jamie Antic; Years 40-49: Cindy Linder.
 - B. Approval of 2023/2024 School Hours: John Griffith moved to approve the 2023/2024 school hours as presented with a second by Seth Lee. With no discussion, motion carried 5-0.
 - C. Approval of 2023/2024 School Building Configuration: Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the school building configuration as detailed with a second by Seth Lee. Motion carried 5-0.

- i. Elementary: Pre-K to Grade 5 – Eastwood, Parker, Riley, Westwood and Wilbur Wright
 - ii. New Castle Middle School: Grade 6 to 8
 - iii. New Castle High School: Grade 9 to 12
 - iv. New Castle Schools at Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy: Grade 9-12
 - D. Approval of 2023/2024 SRO Memorandum of Understanding: This MOU is the same as approved in the past just updated with current dates. Seth Lee moved to approve as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 5-0.
 - E. Approval of 2023/2024 Food Service Smart Systems Renewal: Dee Orick presented on this renewal. John Griffith moved to approve as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. With no discussion, motion carried 5-0.
 - F. Approval of 2023/2024 Food Service Community Eligibility Program: Dee Orick stated with program will provide all students with breakfast and lunch, free of cost. Jaci Hadsell moved to approve as presented with a second by John Griffith. Motion carried 5-0.
 - G. Approval of 2023/2024 Food Service Meal & Ala Carte Pricing: Dee Orick presented on pricing for the 2023/2024 school year. Jaci Hadsell moved to approve as presented with a second by John Griffith. Motion carried 5-0.
 - H. Approval to move October Board Meeting from October 9 to October 23, 2023: Dr. Shoemaker stated this was due to fall break and allowing staff to compile all required Board Reports. John Griffith moved to approve as requested with a second by Seth Lee. With no discussion, motion carried 5-0.
 - I. Graduation Date Discussion: There was much discussion regarding the date of Graduation. No action was taken.
 - J. Homecoming Discussion: There was much discussion regarding Homecoming. No action was taken.
- IV. Buildings & Grounds – Updates presented by Adam McDaniel, Assistant to the Superintendent.
- A. All departments are diligently working to prepare for students
 - B. Mini Bus Driver needed
 - C. Update on roofing projects at Eastwood and Riley
 - D. Update on Bundy Auditorium HVAC
- V. Superintendent Report – Updates presented by Superintendent, Dr. Matthew Shoemaker.
- A. Employability Grant update
 - B. Intruder exercise
 - C. Ivy Tech Partnership
 - D. John Thompson – Ivy Tech Award
 - E. Adult Ed Graduation
 - F. Behavior Classroom and BCBA
 - G. AP English – all scored 4 or 5 – Thanks to Kelly Gant
 - H. Back to School Festival Prep – Food Service making 450 snacks
 - I. Listing of Important Upcoming Dates

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

A. Report Transfer from Education Fund to Operations Fund for June - No vote is needed.

Megan Bell reported a transfer of \$200,000.

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

A. Patty Broyles – Gymnastics

VIII. Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12p

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____

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