

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; and Nan Polk, Vice President

Central Office Administrators Present: Matthew Shoemaker, Superintendent; Adam McDaniel, Assistant to the Superintendent; Megan Bell, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Greg Crider, 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 moment of silence was observed.
 - A. Roll Call – Four members physically present – Seth Lee is in attendance virtually.
 - B. Public Comments on Agenda Items: No Comments
 - C. Approval of Agenda: Amendments: One Addition: New Business III i. – Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Out of School Suspension Program
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 July 10, 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
John Griffith 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. New Castle Retiree Recognition – No retiree recognition this month.
 - B. Approve Bus Routes – A. McDaniel presented maps and stops for all morning and afternoon bus routes. He then requested approval as presented. Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the bus routes as presented with a second by John Griffith. Motion carried 5-0.
 - C. Approve Food Service Contracts – D. Orick presented each contract for her department as listed below and requested approval for each as presented. Jaci Hadsell moved to approve all contracts as presented with a second by Nan Polk. Motion carried 5-0.
 - i. Contract with Indiana Department of Education Nutrition Department: Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program will be in all elementary buildings for 2023/2024.

- ii. Contract with Prairie Farms Dairy & Gordon Food Service: Cost of milk, food and supplies were included in the board packet.
 - iii. Agreement with ICAP Head Start: The Food Service Department will be providing meals for Head Start for 2023/2024.
 - D. Approve Henry County Foundation Pass-through General Account: Dr. Shoemaker explained the rationale and benefits for the creation of this account. After a brief discussion, John Griffith moved to approve the account as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. With no questions, motion carried 5-0.
 - E. Approve Student Curricular Material Corporation Costs for 2023/2024: Dr. Shoemaker gave a brief explanation of the elimination of textbook fees as a result of recent legislation. The curricular material corporation costs are justification for the state for reimbursement purposes. After some questions Jaci Hadsell moved to approve as presented with a second by Nan Polk. Motion carried 5-0.
 - F. Approve Supply Fee Donations – A. McDaniel explained the fee donations. He also gave an example specifically for band and choir funding requirements. He indicated these donations do not impact grades; however, they greatly impact the experience for our students. After some discussion, Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the request as presented with a second by John Griffith. After a brief discussion, motion carried 5-0.
 - G. Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Hoosier Youth ChalleNGe Academy: Dr. Shoemaker explained the MOU and identified the change from the previous year. After some questions from the Board, John Griffith moved to approve the MOU as presented with a second by Nan Polk. Motion carried 5-0.
 - H. Graduation Date Discussion Continued – The Board received feedback as a result of the previous Board meeting as well as the article in the newspaper. The Board, upon the recommendation of the building administrator to maintain the current date for the next couple of year. The graduation date for the 2023/2024 school year will be June 2, 2024.
 - I. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Out of School Suspension Program: Dr. Shoemaker explained the document for approval is a template that will be used for area corporations who choose to send students to the program. After some discussion, Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the template as presented with a second by John Griffith. Motion carried 5-0.
- IV. Buildings & Grounds – Updates presented by Adam McDaniel, Assistant to the Superintendent.
- A. Transportation – Fully staffed
 - B. Finished Roofs at Eastwood and Riley Elementary
 - C. Bundy Auditorium update
 - D. School Opening went Great
- V. Superintendent Report – Updates presented by Superintendent, Dr. Matthew Shoemaker.
- A. Great Opening to 2022/2023
 - B. Full-Time Pre-K and all classes are full
 - C. New Behavior Resource Class at Eastwood
 - D. 7 new employees from \$4.3 million School Improvement Grant

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- E. Out of School Suspension Program
- F. Sunnyside Education Center Projects
- G. Pre-Negotiations today with New Castle Education Association
- H. Slide-Show recent activities

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

- A. Approve Transfer from Education Fund to Operations Fund - July expenses \$250,000.00

Jennifer Blackford moved to approve the transfer as requested. Nan Polk gave the second and motion carried 5-0.

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

- A. Alex Patton, Livestream – broadcast games on IHSAA champions network
- B. Erin Groce, Former student - CTE Graphic Design Program
- C. Angela Talbott, CTE Teacher Mentor – Graphic Design Program
- D. Heather Groce, mother to Erin Groce – Graphic Design Program
- E. Nan Polk – Custodial Staff

VIII. Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____