

## Minutes of Public Meeting

September 11, 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 September 11, 2023.

**Board Members Present:** Jennifer Blackford, President; 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 16 in person and virtual attendee community members.

- I. Call to Order-by President Jennifer Blackford at 7:01 pm – A moment of silence was observed for the anniversary of 9/11/2001.
  - A. Roll Call – Four members present – John Griffith was not in attendance.
  - B. Public Comments on Agenda Items: No Comments
  - C. Approval of Agenda: No changes or amendments  
Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second by Nan Polk. With no discussion, motion carried 4-0.
  - D. Approval of Minutes: Regular Session August 14, 2023  
Seth Lee moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second by Seth Lee. 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  
Nan Polk moved to approve all reports as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell. With no further discussion motion carried 4-0.
  - 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. First Reading of Policy Updates – Dr. Shoemaker indicated approximately 15 policies were presented on first reading and slated for final approval during the October Regular Session.
  - C. \*Approval of HSA Reimbursement to Transfer Existing HSA Funds – Dr. Shoemaker stated the corporation is transitioning to First Merchants Bank as the HSA provider for school employees. The previous company will be assessing a transfer fee of \$25. Dr. Shoemaker is requesting approval to compensate employees who transfer their funds to First Merchants Bank by November 10, 2023. Seth Lee approved the request as presented with a second by Nan Polk. Motion carried 4-0.

- D. \*Approval of High School Fee Schedule – Mr. McDaniel requested approval for the High School Fee Schedule justification for submission to the state. He also mentioned other schedules were approved in August. After some questions, Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the request as presented with a second by Seth Lee. Motion carried 4-0.

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

- A. Eastwood & Riley Elementary roof updates
- B. Bundy HVAC update
- C. Achievement Day
- D. Transportation Fencing
- E. SIG – Early College Planning Workshops
- F. High School Science Equipment additions

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

- A. RDC Meeting – Approval of \$125,000 over three years
- B. ECESC Interviews for new Director held on September 22, 2023
- C. Stronger Connections Grant – Skybound partnership
- D. US News and World Report – New Castle named Best Henry County High School
- E. Wall of Excellence Update and Presentation
- F. Pre-Negotiations beginning
- G. School Board visits to HYCA
- H. Board Slides
  - i. Grandparents Day & Westwood Shark Day
  - ii. Counselors College Fair
  - iii. Spirit Week
  - iv. Parker shares Military Pride
  - v. HS Green Jacket
  - vi. Wilbur Meets ZED
  - vii. Eastwood performs surgery
  - viii. MS – Steam activity
  - ix. Riley solar
  - x. Sam Alford Trojan golf tourney

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

- A. Approve Transfer from Education Fund to Operations Fund - August expenses \$350,000.00  
Nan Polk moved to approve the transfer as requested with a second by Seth Lee. Motion carried 4-0.

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### Public Hearings

\*Budget Hearing – Opened at 7:30 pm - Megan Bell gave a brief presentation on Debt Service, Education Fund, and the Operations Fund. She stated the Assessed Value was increased. There were no public comments and the Public Hearing closed at 7:36 pm.

\*Capital Project Hearing – Opened 7:36 pm – Megan Bell gave a brief presentation which listed potential items to be included within the plan. There were no public comments and the Public Hearing closed at 7:38 pm.

\*Bus Replacement Hearing – Opened 7:38 pm – Megan Bell gave a presentation on the five-year replacement plan. This plan is a projection not a guarantee of purchase. There were no public comments and the Public Hearing closed at 7:40 pm.

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

- Patty Broyles – Westwood Elementary Comments
- Jennifer McGowan – HSA fee approval

VIII. Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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

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

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