

Minutes of Public Meeting

December 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 December 11, 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; and Greg Crider, Attorney

Also Present: Approximately 12 in person and virtual attendee community members.

Central Office Administrators Present: Matthew Shoemaker, Superintendent; Adam McDaniel, Assistant to the Superintendent; Megan Bell, Chief Financial Officer; and Joel Harvey, Attorney

- I. Call to Order-by President Jennifer Blackford at 7:00 pm – Moment of Silence was observed for Cole Phelps who passed away November 27, 2023.
 - A. Roll Call – All members are present
 - B. Public Comments on Agenda Items: No Comments
 - C. Approval of Agenda: No Comments
Jaci Hadsell moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second by Seth Lee. With no discussion, motion carried 5-0.
 - D. Approval of the Minutes: Regular Session November 13, 2023
Nan Polk moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second by John Griffith. With no discussion, motion carried 5-0.
- II. Communications/Routine Consent Items/Recurring Reports/Other
 - A. Routine Consent Items: Approval of Reports: Travel; Monthly Personnel; Bill Lists; Payroll Claims and Donations; and Field Trip Requests
Jaci Hadsell approved all reports as presented with a second by Seth Lee. With no further discussion motion carried 5-0
 - B. Submission of Monthly Corporation Extra-Curricular Receipts and Disbursements and Fund Reports – no action necessary. No Comments
 - C. Introduced Dr. Angel Hunt, new Principal of Parker Elementary School.
- III. New Business
 - A. Trojan Award of Excellence
Jill Leversedge – Outstanding Service
Wyatt Brewster – Lilly Scholarship Winner
 - B. Approval of Partnership between Henry Community Health and New Castle Athletics. Seth Lee moved to approve this partnership with a second by John Griffith. Motion carried 5-0
 - C. Approval of Distribution of TAG Grant – The amount granted is: highly effective \$515 and effective - \$412. Jaci Hadsell moved to approve as presented with a second by Nan Polk. Motion carried 5-0

- D. Second and Final Approval Board Policy- Library & Wellness
Nan Polk moved to approve the Board Policy as Presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell.
- E. Approval of E-rate Category 1 – Dr. Shoemaker and Dustin Chew presented.
Nan Polk moved to approve the recommendation for E-Rate Category 1 as presented. John Griffith gave the second and motion carried 5-0.
- IV. Buildings & Grounds – Updates presented by Adam McDaniel, Assistant to the Superintendent.
 - A. Sunnyside Restrooms
 - B. Transportation – Need Bus Aides
 - C. Roof - Update
- V. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Slide Presentation – Included: Fam Jam, Joe Petty Gymnasium, Band Legacy, Wilbur Wright Leadership Day (Leader in Me), Retired Teacher Luncheon, National Honor Society Tutors, Lilly Scholarship, Christmas Walk and New Castle School at the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy Graduates.
 - B. Ode the Therapy dog will be at NCHS 1 day per week
 - C. Safety Update from last Thursday
- VI. Budget – Megan Bell, Chief Financial Officer, gave information relating to budget items.
 - A. Report for November Expenses from Education to Operation Fund – Megan Bell reported a transfer of \$300,000 was completed for November.
- VII. Public Questions & Comments – The Meeting is open for comments.
 - A. Jennifer McGowan expressed thank you to the Administration for allowing some staff to attend the funeral of a student.
 - B. John Griffith - Very proud of New Castle Athletic for being prepared in case of emergency.
 - C. Alex Patten requested a meeting with Dr. Shoemaker
- VIII. Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____