

Minutes of Public Meeting
March 11, 2024

The New Castle Community School Board of Trustees met in the Boardroom at the Community Education Center located at 322 Elliott Avenue, New Castle, IN 47362 on March 11, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Board Members Present: Nan Polk, President, Jennifer Blackford, Vice President, Seth Lee, Secretary, Jaci Hadsell, Member and John Griffith, Member

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 Gail Edwards, School Support Specialist

Also Present: Approximately 37 in person and virtual attendee community members.

- I. Call to Order – by President Nan Polk at 6:30 pm
 - A. Roll Call – All Members present
 - B. Public Comments on Agenda Items: No Comments
 - C. *Approval of Agenda: Amendment Items 3h, 3i, 3j have been added. Jennifer Blackford made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second by Jaci Hadsell, motion carried 5-0
 - D. *Approval of Minutes: Jaci Hadsell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with a second by John Griffith, motion carried 5-0
- II. Communications/Routine Consent Items/Regularly Recurring Reports/Other
 - A. *Routine Consent Items: Approval of Reports: Travel; Monthly Personnel; Bill List; Payroll Claims and Donations; and Field Trip Requests. Jennifer Blackford made a motion to approve consent agenda items as presented with a second by Seth Lee, motioned carried 5- 0
 - B. Submission of Monthly Corporation Extra-Curricular Receipts and Disbursements; and Fund Reports: No action necessary
- III. New Business
 - A. Retiree Recognition
 - Kim Denney – 5th Grade Teacher at Westwood Elementary – 11 years
 - Colleen Myers –Tiny Trojans PreK at Westwood Elementary – 38 years
 - Lisa Dumford – Purchasing Secretary – 31 years
 - Shalinda Silvers – NCHS PVE Instructor – 15 years
 - B. Trojan Award of Excellence
 - Megan Bell – For a 2021-2023 Clean Audit
 - Lorraine Woodruff – For Developing a new role in our schools

- C. Attendance Presentation – Katie Smith
- D. *Approval of 2025/2026 School Calendar
After a brief discussion Jaci Hadsell made a motion to approve the 2025/2026 School Calendar as submitted with a second by Jennifer Blackford, motion carried 5-0
- E. *Approval of Secondary New Courses
After a brief discussion Jaci Hadsell made a motion to approve the Secondary New Courses with a second by John Griffith, motion carried 5-0
- F. *Approval of E-Rate Category 2 – Dustin Chew Presented
Jennifer Blackford made a motion to approve the E-Rate Category 2 as presented with a second by Seth Lee, motion carried 5-0
- G. *Approval of Smart Mouth Pizza Agreement – Megan Bell Presented
John Griffith made a motion to approve the Smart Mouth Pizza Agreement as presented with a second by Jennifer Blackford, motion carried 5-0
- H. First reading of Policy#7510 Use of School Facilities – Form Revision only
- I. *Approval of Parker Elementary Roof Project – Adam McDaniel Presented
After a brief discussion Jaci Hadsell made a motion to approve the Parker Roof Project as submitted with a second by Jennifer Blackford, motion carried 5-0
- J. Legislative Update – Nan Polk presented

IV. Buildings/Grounds/Transportation/Support services

- Bus Inspection – All buses passed
- Opening Bids in April for – NCHS Restrooms and Athletic Restrooms
- Sunnyside restrooms scheduled to open on April 9th
- Some discussion concerning Eclipse Day and the City using our parking lots

V. Superintendent's Report - Updates presented by Superintendent, Dr. Matthew Shoemaker.

The Following were part of a slide presentation:

- NCCC – Culinary Arts and Cosmetology
- Westwood Skating
- Addison McGowan Full Ride to Indiana State
- Kiwanis and Shoe Show Donation
- Wilbur Wright's Dr. Seuss week
- Tiny Trojans
- NCMS to Anderson University
- Mobile Dentist at Elementary Schools
- Parker Lighthouse – Leader In Me
- NCHS Seniors – Basketball Sectionals
- Circle the State with Song at Bundy
- Education Careers
- AP Physics tries new equipment

- Band Department Shines
- Choirs move toward state

Dr. Shoemaker also mentioned, spam emails, February 20th Community School Luncheon, Better Futures Day, Spring Break starts March 23rd and runs through Sunday April 7th, due to eclipse staff will not report to work on April 8th but work from home, due to traffic from the possible tens of thousands of visitors we will have a planned 2-hour delay on the 9th. Dr. Shoemaker also welcomed Brooks Fitzgerald Cox – Congrats to Kelley and Daniel Cox.

VI. Budget – Megan Bell, Chief Financial Officer

- A. *Approve transfer from Education Fund to Operations Fund in the amount of \$325,000.

VII. Public Questions and Comments - The meeting is open for comments. There were no comments.

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

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____