

**Northern Rush County Schools**  
**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**

**April 17, 2019, 6:00 p.m.**

**Mays Community Academy**

Present: Nansi Custer, President; Marcia Schwering, Treasurer; Shannon Dawson, Secretary; Krissi Williams, Director/CFO; Shannon New, Principal; Rosemary Noah; Patrick Newkirk; Kathy Foreman; Steve Schwering; Scott Wildey

Absent: Deanna Disney, Vice President

The regular meeting was preceded by the presentation by the Third Grade teachers, Hattie Isenberg and Lauren Yoke.

President Nansi Custer called the regular meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

No copies of the Minutes of the March meeting were available; they will be approved via email vote.

Principal's report – Shannon New

- Enrollment is at 220, including one new 7<sup>th</sup> grader
- ILEARN begins Monday, April 22; we have 62 groups

Director/CEO's report – Krissi Williams

- Presentation of financial reports
- Approval of Claims/Payroll – motion by Shannon Dawson, second by Nansi Custer; passed on voice vote

Maintenance/Safety Director's report – Patrick Newkirk

- Gatorguard Floors assessment set to begin (paid for by CSP grant); Marcia moved to approve the contract, Shannon seconded; passed on voice vote
- Looking into a software program to scan parents and other visitors upon entrance into school

Cafeteria Director – Rosemary Noah

- Applied for a grant to revamp the breakfast program
- Need the new cooler ASAP

Transportation Director – Kathy Foreman

- Nansi reported on the status of state legislation regarding school bus safety during stops

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New Business – Nansi asked those in attendance to contact their legislators regarding the \$1000 per pupil funding proposal before state lawmakers

Krissi Williams further report:

- CEC presentation, best practices for Special Education
- Email from charter school grant specialist at IDOE, sharing best practices in a board email
- Certificate from AdvancEd for accreditation
  - a. Pre-K through 7<sup>th</sup> grade is accredited through 2024
  - b. Places Pre-K in line for Level 4 Paths to Quality following Level 3 recertification

Public comment:

- Adam Trueblood expressed concern about whether students are getting the support they need at school, forcing families out with a focus on academic success.
- Becky Lehman Mann expressed concern that typical children will fall through the cracks and worries that some students are being overlooked. She doesn't feel she's being notified when her child is falling behind.
- Nansi pointed out that teachers and aides are making a heavy lift for all students at all levels of academic and personal support and believes most concerns are about communication. She explained that Title 1 moneys are being spend on T1 service and the school is in good standing.
- Donita Davis, Kathy Foreman, and Megan Davis spoke about the supports provided across the MCA spectrum for all students
- Shannon Dawson pointed out that the school needs to hear from parents in order to be able to address/correct concerns. Everyone deserves an opportunity to address difficulties, but those need to be properly communicated first
- Marcia reminded parents that they can go through different layers of administration, starting with classroom teachers on up to board members, to have their concerns addressed
- Nansi finalized the discussion by saying that everyone involved has a seat at the table and MCA's work is done as a team

Board comment: Marcia inquired about PreK and Kindergarten enrollment numbers. PreK 17; KG 25

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm

*Deanne Denny, VP 5-15-19*  
*Marcia Schewering, Treasurer 5-15-19*  
*Shannon Dawson, Secretary 5/15/19*  
*Monsi Curtis, Pres. 5/15/19*