

Northern Rush County Schools

Regular Board Meeting

February 20, 2019

Mays Community Academy

Present: Nansi Custer, President; Deanna Disney, Vice President; Marcia Schwering, Treasurer; Shannon Dawson, Secretary; Shannon New, Principal; Krissi Williams, CEO (by phone); Patrick Newkirk; Rosemary Noah; Kathy Foreman; Steve Schwering

- I. President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:02pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.
- II. Presentation: Principal New introduced Tommy Reddicks and Jess Monk of the Paramount School of Excellence in Indianapolis addressed the Board with a proposal to have MCA participate in a joint health data project via Community Health Network. The premise is that healthier students who are not repeatedly in the nurse's office perform better academically and emotionally. The program would start in 2021; research currently underway at two sites. Mr. Reddicks says the research will back a proposal that the state of Indiana should fund a school nurse/health aide in every school plus correlate social/emotional wellbeing to physical health, demonstrating risk indicators.
Deanna presented a motion to have MCA join the Paramount Schools Health Data Project; Marcia seconded. Passed on voice vote. Our participation will begin in the fall semester of 2019.
- III. Minutes – Marcia moved to approve the January 2019 minutes; Deanna seconded. Passed on voice vote.
- IV. CEO/Director's report – Krissi Williams:
 - Motion to approve Payroll/Claims by Deanna, seconded by Shannon. Passed on voice vote
 - No news on cafeteria grant
 - Our CSP Grant has been approved. The execution of the grant will be for \$315,000. The expenses must be solidified by September. They will include (but are not limited to) concrete repair, a new well, floor repair, new risers, additional ChromeBooks, a large laminator, and the outdoor cooler
- V. Principal's Report – Shannon New:
 - Current enrollment is 231. 4th grade is closed; 6th grade has one open seat; Kindergarten has one open seat
 - Current students' Intent to Return forms are due this Friday
 - 2019-20 Kindergarten currently has 17 new students scheduled to enroll. Roundup dates are March 20, April 3 and April 17
 - Sorrell, Thomas and Zentz attended the 2 Good for Drugs/Violence conference in Atlanta. They are requesting the Violence workbooks as well as the Drugs workbooks

- Mrs. New attended a conference on holds training. We now have two people in the building trained in holds. A staff training session will be scheduled
- VI. Maintenance Director's Report – Patrick Newkirk:
- Koorsen has installed two new pull stations on the second floor
 - The sink in the girls' upstairs restroom has come off the wall; will be replaced with a vanity cabinet
 - New spending budget is working
 - Investigating a leak in the gym over the bleachers
 - Suggestion for video screen(s) in the gym to encourage quiet
- VII. Food Service Director's Report – Rosemary Noah:
- Waiting on a freezer via the Cafeteria Grant
 - In the process of doing our Commodities Program again
- VIII. Transportation Director's Report – Kathy Foreman:
- Our Carthage route is overcrowded. Adjustments being worked out
 - Kathy and Steve attended the state transportation meeting
 - Bus policy? We'll check
- IX. Old Business –
- Our Advance Ed accreditation was delayed somewhat by their Pre-K assessment. We expect our final letter by the first week of April (per Krissi)
- X. New Business –
- Krissi would like MCA to become a Full Title School so that any student can receive services. This would also make reporting easier. It would not make us eligible for more money under the current format. A motion to apply for Full Title status was made by Shannon Dawson, seconded by Deanna. Passed on voice vote
 - Indiana Charters Contract. A motion to accept the new contract was made by Deanna, seconded by Marcia. Passed on voice vote
 - By Laws. (Ball State is satisfied with our changes.) Deanna moved to approve the By Laws, Marcia seconded. Passed on voice vote
 - Board e-meeting policy. Shannon Dawson moved to approve an e-meeting policy for issues that may need to be expedited by the Board. Deanna seconded. This measure passed on a roll call vote
 - E-learning. Motion to move forward with an official e-learning program under the state's policy made by Shannon Dawson, seconded by Deanna. Passed on voice vote. Mrs. New will craft an appropriate curriculum
 - Paige Sorrell indicated the Butter Braid awards must go out by 3/11
- XI. Board member comments –
- Nansi says the Indiana House has moved to increase the per student amount from \$500 to \$1000. This must also pass the Indiana Senate, which is not friendly to the increase
 - Nansi says our bank is working with us to find a good bank to work with us on expansion financing
 - The board will look at new ways to increase employee compensation
- XII. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Nansi Custer, President

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Deanna Disney, Vice President

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Shannon Dawson, Secretary

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Marcia Schwering, Treasurer

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