

Northern Rush County Schools

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Mays Community Academy

Present: Nansi Custer, President; Deanna Disney, Vice President; Marcia Schwering, Treasurer; Shannon Dawson, Secretary; Kevin Davis, Indiana Charters; Lauren Yoke, Principal; Donita Davis, Tiger Time; Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers Preschool; Lori Johnson, Instructional Aide; Antonya Hinshaw, Instructional Aide; LeeAnn Bow, Administrative Coordinator; Kathy Foreman, Transportation; Steve Schwering, Transportation Contractor; Alicia Weatherly, Teacher; Heather England, Instructional Aide;

Absent: Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services; Amy Hufford, Health Services; Annie Fairchild, Custodial Services

- I. President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- II. Marcia Schwering moved the accept the Minutes of the August meeting, seconded by Deanna Disney; passed on voice vote
- III. Review of Financial Statements/Claims & Payroll. Motion to approve by Deanna, seconded by Shannon Dawson; passed on voice vote
- IV. Principal's Report – Lauren Yoke
 - a. 145 enrolled, expecting three new students next week
 - b. School has finished NWEA and summative tests
 - c. Nansi: are we recovering from learning loss? Yoke: yes
 - d. Three job fairs are coming up for teacher recruitment, Purdue, UIndy and University of Evansville
 - e. Movie Night has been rescheduled to February 4
 - f. Moving to e-learning for the next two days because of absences
- V. Director Reports
 - a. Lil' Tigers – Trish Mastin
 - The Build/Learn/Grow Grant has been received; will offset three months of costs
 - The Closing the Gap Grant to Rush County will help us with classroom materials also
 - New parent visits are coming up
 - 15 students enrolled
 - b. LeeAnn Bow – Admin Coordinator – E-learning provides an opportunity to catch up
 - c. Tiger Time – Donita Davis (current 4th Grade substitute)
 - Tiger Time is going well
 - Working on tax forms and billing
 - d. Transportation – Kathy Foreman – none
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - a. Deanna inquired about Presidential Physical Fitness. No action has been take; she asks that Lauren and Darrin McGowan follow up with school registration
 - b. New headphone policy – Lori Johnson says it's going well
 - c. New breakfast policy – also going well

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VII. New Business

- a. Nansi: new lunch tables have arrived (at which we are sitting)
- b. Nansi: new outdoor class tables have arrived
- c. Nansi: new bathroom stall panels have arrived
- d. Nansi: new sinks are coming
- e. Nansi: new donated flagpole is being installed; will have lights
- f. LeeAnn: staff computers are all linked to the new copier machines
- g. New hires:
 - Dave Helms, Band Director. Motion to approve by Shannon, second by Marcia; passed on voice vote
 - Brittany Fry, 4th Grade Aide. Motion to approve by Marcia, second by Deanna; passed on voice vote

VIII. Public comments

- a. LeeAnn appreciates the new lunch tables (old ones donated to St. Mary's)
- b. Antonya Hinshaw, as parent of an 8th grader, is asking local high schools to include MCA 8th graders in their Freshman Orientation programs or at least receive packets.
- c. Nansi: Congrats to Trish Mastin on her help with First 5 grant, etc. for Rush County. Shannon: Whenever NRCS lends a hand, we should make sure our participation is mentioned – don't hold back
- d. Bus driver licensing laws have been loosened at the federal level; not yet at the state
- e. Lori Johnson – would volunteer to host in-school suspension. Shannon: need to be clear about the difference of purpose between suspension and detention, in-school or out. Kevin Davis: choosing the correct options is key because of the reporting that has to happen with disciplines. Principal Yoke will need to lead the effort to determine the merits or detriments of having in-school suspension/detention

IX. Adjournment 6:56 p.m.

Wonsi Curtis 2-16-22
Shannon Dawson 2/16/22
Marcia Schweing, 2-16-22