

Northern Rush County Schools

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Mays Community Academy

Present: Nansi Custer, President; Deanna Disney, Vice President; Marcia Schwering, Treasurer; Shannon Dawson, Secretary; Jason Dwenger, Member-at-Large; Alicia Weatherly, HOS; Donita Davis, Tiger Time; Kathy Foreman, Transportation Services; Kevin Davis, Indiana Charters; Steve Schwering

Absent: Amy Hufford, Health Services; Lisa Isaacs, Assistant Head of School; Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers; Brittany Fry, Administration; Cafeteria Services representative

- I. President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- II. Deanna Disney moved to accept the Minutes of the June 18, 2025 regular meeting (correction of date), seconded by Marcia Schwering; passed on voice vote
- III. Acceptance of Transactions List/Approval of Claims & Payroll:
 - a. For May, motion by Jason Dwenger, second by Deanna Disney; passed on voice vote
 - b. For June, motion by Shannon Dawson, second by Deanna Disney; passed on voice vote
- IV. Head of School report – Alicia Weatherly
 - a. Working in preparation of new school year
 - 99 students registered or with intent-to-return; all outstanding families contacted and paperwork being collected
 - Working on the professional development schedule, begins July 28; CPR training is August 4
 - The teacher resource room is being cleaned; will be used by the low-vision therapist and others
 - August 4 is the Back-to-School family picnic, from 6-8pm
 - b. Meeting with the new Kindergarten teacher tomorrow
 - c. Interviewing for PreK teacher position; hope to have a decision by the end of this week
 - d. Booked the chocolate fundraiser for spring
 - e. Attended Powerschool training; will not be implementing standards-based report cards
 - f. Spiceland Freedom Days: Friday was fine; Saturday was rained out. Kudos to Sara Whitfield for providing extra support and to Sara and Francie for great outreach
 - g. Working on handbooks
 - h. Pool party went great this year
- V. Directors' Reports
 - a. Donita Davis, Tiger Time
 - Prepping for the new year
 - Finishing Orton-Gillingham phonics-based reading comprehension (Alicia would like three more teachers to take this training)
 - b. Kathy Foreman, Transportation
 - Will meet with bus drivers next week, when can lists be expected
 - Nansi updated ongoing bus repairs
 - c. Note that Shannon Isaacs, Cafeteria Services, passed her Food Safe certification

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- VI. Unfinished Business – none
- VII. New Business
- a. Deanna and Alicia will work on calling families who gave info at our booths
 - b. Deanna – we should check the possibility of having table/pop-up at Dollar Generals, etc
 - c. Board – we need to double-down on staff support for a whole-school effort
 - d. Nansi: departing staff are Matia Miles (Kindergarten), Trish Mastin (Preschool), Nova Dyer (Preschool); Darla Dwenger (Cafeteria)
 - e. Nansi: two new hires
 - Alissa Switzer as Kindergarten teacher – motion by Shannon Dawson, second by Deanna Disney; passed on voice vote
 - Elizabeth Tompkins as full-time cafeteria and other duties as assigned – motion by Deanna Disney, second by Jason Dwenger; passed on voice vote
 - f. Deanna: handbooks? Alicia will email
 - g. Alicia: Ashley Davis' daughter is preparing to become a substitute teacher; we've also had a parent express interest in subbing
 - h. Nansi: the Board needs to meet about vacation days; a meeting will be scheduled in August to review the budget with number of students vs paying out carried-over days
- VIII. Public comment – none
- IX. Adjourned at 7:31p.m.

Monsi Custer
Maria Schuering
Jason Dwenger
Shannon Dawson Secy