

Northern Rush County Schools

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Mays Community Academy

Present: Nansi Custer, President; Deanna Disney, Vice President (by phone); Marcia Schwering, Treasurer; Shannon Dawson, Secretary; Jason Dwenger, Member-at-Large; Kevin Davis, Indiana Charters; Alicia Weatherly, Head of School; Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services; Donita Davis, Tiger Time; Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers Preschool; Brittany Fry, Administration; Greg Richardson, Facilities; Francie Patterson, Teacher; Steve Schwering; Angela Richardson

Absent: Amy Hufford, Health Services; Lisa Isaacs, Assistant Head of School; Kathy Foreman, Transportation

- I. President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- II. Marcia Schwering moved to accept the Minutes of the February 19, 2025 regular meeting, seconded by Jason Dwenger; passed on voice vote
- III. Acceptance of Transactions List/Approval of Claims & Payroll: motion by Jason Dwenger, second by Shannon Dawson; passed on voice vote
- IV. Head of School report – Alicia Weatherly
 - a. Enrollment – 98
 - b. Brittany is condensing our enrollment packet
 - c. Boys basketball ended on March 4 with a 4-2 record; Coach Gray would like to host skills camps for both boys and girls
 - d. Spring Break is next week
 - e. Kindergarten Roundup is April 12, staff incentive to share the info
 - f. Literary Night is April 24, including activities related to books, drawings for free book sets
 - g. Some den events remain, including a game night
 - h. Rather than host a flower sale fundraiser, we will engage a flower voucher fundraiser with Deadheaders in late April-early May; vouchers are good through October '25 and NRCS receives \$5 of the \$25 price
 - i. Considered hosting a "Spring Palooza" but no dates, maybe a "Summer Spectacular" in July with a breakfast? Possible goodwill donation, would include vendors
 - j. Pool party also in July
 - k. "I Like Me" books from a women's chapter in Milroy
 - l. IREAD is finished, results currently embargoed. Can we offer a tutoring position to staff to tutor kids through year's end? Nansi: yes, it's funded. Kevin added that there are now two opportunities to pass IREAD and summer school funds may be available – can apply next week
 - m. Proposed 2025-2026 school calendar, based on Rush County Schools
- V. Directors' Reports
 - a. Rosemary, Cafeteria Services
 - Operations are going well

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- Commodities have been cut back, but we're still okay, since we applied last year and were approved for three years
- Several staff lunch accounts have been paid up
- b. Donita Davis, Tiger Time
 - Revamping some procedures for increased effectiveness: gym play time until 4pm, followed by snacks and homework in the music room; additionally separating the older and younger students during homework
- c. Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers
 - Yearbook online orders can start tomorrow
 - Request for Paths to Quality renewal starts tomorrow
 - Have ordered some requirements for the preschool room
 - Already fielding interest about KG/PreK Roundup
 - Voucher funding has been cut; new families will have to wait until October (On My Way PreK is still available)
- d. Greg Richardson, Facilities
 - Front sign reinstalled after storm damage
 - The facia board fell off in the upstairs boy's restroom, will need to be reattached
 - Recommends changing paper towel dispensers in the clinic to limit paper towels to one type building-wide
 - Reminder about ceiling tiles
 - Next month, furnace filters? (and in the kitchen)
- e. Nansi, Transportation (for Kathy Foreman)
 - Kathy should be back after spring break
 - Turbo bus in the shop for repair
 - Two more buses will be inspected in the next few weeks
 - Steve Schwering shared info on used buses
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - a. Nansi shared KG roundup flyer, would like the free info added
 - b. Den shirts are still to be ordered
 - c. Square transaction fees not yet implemented; Nansi and Trish will work on it
 - d. The Animal Care fundraiser donation went well; Animal Care brought a dog for the Cub Council photo op
- VII. New Business
 - a. 2025-2026 school calendar tentatively approved pending correction. Motion by Shannon Dawson, second by Marcia Schwering; passed on voice vote
 - b. Resignation of facilities director Greg Richardson proposed for March 21, 2025; motion to accept by Marcia, seconded by Jason Dwenger; passed on voice vote
 - c. Kevin Davis will need to offer our projected enrollment soon
 - d. Nansi says ADM increase at 2%/usual
- VIII. Public comments – none
- IX. Adjournment at 7:00 p.m.

Nansi Cutler 4-16-25
Marcia Schwering 4-16-25
Jason Dwenger 4-16-25
Shannon Dawson 4/16/25