

Northern Rush County Schools

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2022 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, Facilities Contractor; Lauren Yoke, Principal; Donita Davis, Tiger Time; Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services; Steve Schwering, Transportation Contractor; Lori Johnson, Instructional Aide; Kathy Foreman, Transportation Director; Alicia Weatherly, Teacher; Lora Lee Hester, Instructional Aide; Megan Schwering, Teacher; Francie Patterson, Teacher; Becky Schoenfeld, Instructional Aide

Absent: Kevin Davis, Indiana Charters; Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers; Annie Fairchild, Custodial Services; Amy Hufford, Health Services; Quinn Leisure, FACE

- 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 the accept the Minutes of the July meeting, seconded by Deanna Disney; passed on roll call voice vote
- III. Acceptance of Financials/Approval of Claims & Payroll. Motion to approve by Shannon Dawson, seconded by Deanna Disney; passed on roll call voice vote
- IV. Principal's Report – Lauren Yoke
 - a. Mrs. Yoke is undertaking her internship for her administrator's license from Ball State University at Lincoln Middle School/High School in Cambridge City
 - b. IRead/ILearn test security training was today
- V. Directors' Reports
 - a. Kathy Foreman, Transportation – none
 - b. Donita Davis, Tiger Time – Square payments are working
 - c. Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services
 - Advertising the news of our fresh fruits/vegetables program and free breakfast and lunch
 - Monica Farthing is working in the cafeteria
 - d. Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers
 - Currently 18 spots are full, two openings
 - State renewal paperwork is underway. Anticipating inspection in November
 - Ordered a new voucher machine; it connects correctly and have successfully back-logged entries for our four voucher families
 - Payments are going well, in part thanks to Square with the phone payments. All current families are now paid in full
 - As Lori will cover Alicia's maternity leave, Sara Smith will act as PreK sub
- VI. Unfinished Business – none
- VI. New Business

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- a. New/rehire – Sara Smith for Instructional Aide and Lil’ Tigers sub; Lora Lee Hester, Instructional Aide. Motion to accept by Marcia, seconded by Deanna; passed on roll call vote
 - b. Resignations – Rebecca Stanley, Lee Ann Bow, Brin Bell, Elyse Corey. Motion to accept by Shannon, seconded by Marcia; passed on roll call vote
 - c. Resolution Amendment of Board of Directors from 8/30/2017. Moved by Deanna Disney, seconded by Marcia Schwering; passed on roll call vote
 - d. Motion to submit Letter of Intent to Ball State University for five-year charter renewal: motion by Marcia, seconded by Shannon; passed on roll call vote
 - e. Nansi on bus discipline – the handbooks are updated, but wants to give the principal the authority to suspend a student from bus ridership for a semester at a time; she believes this is a safety issue and we need parents to back us. Deanna reminded that all infractions are listed. Motion to update by Marcia, seconded by Deanna; passed on roll call vote
 - First infraction, one day suspension
 - Second infraction, two days suspension
 - Third infraction, semester suspension
 - f. Motion by Marcia to amend the employee handbook back to hourly PTO (from full day/half day). Seconded by Shannon; passed on roll call vote
 - g. Lovely thank you note from Lori Johnson on funeral acknowledgement
- VII. Public Comment – none
- VIII. Board Comments
- a. Shannon Dawson – did we have a tent at Carthage Freedom Days? No, Quinn called in sick. Unclear on Knightstown Fall Fest.
- IX. Employee comment – Becky: re teachers who show up and show commitment day in and day out, but others do not and still get a “pass.” Shannon Dawson: We absolutely want staff with sincere commitment; we are in competition with area schools for staff now more than ever.
- X. Adjourned 6:37 p.m.

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