

Northern Rush County Schools  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2023 6:00 p.m.

Mays Community Academy

Present: Nansi Custer, President; Marcia Schwering, Treasurer; Shannon Dawson, Secretary; Jason Dwenger, Member-at-Large; Kevin Davis, Indiana Charters; Donita Davis, Tiger Time; Lauren Yoke, Principal; Steve Schwering, Transportation Contractor; Quinn Leisure, FACE; Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services; Alicia Weatherly, Teacher; Kathy Foreman, Transportation Director; Lori Johnson, Instructional Aide; Francie Patterson, Art Teacher

Absent: Deanna Disney, Vice President; Amy Hufford, Health Services Director; Jeff Light, SRO; Greg Richardson, Facilities Director; Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers

- I. President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence, added thank you to the cafeteria staff for refreshments
- II. Marcia Schwering moved to accept the Minutes of the March 2023 regular meeting, seconded by Jason Dwenger; passed on voice vote
- III. Acceptance of Transactions List/Approval of Claims & Payroll. Motion to approve by Shannon Dawson, seconded by Jason Dwenger; passed on voice vote
- IV. Principal's Report – Lauren Yoke
  - a. Met with ILEARN testers on Monday
  - b. Met with teaching staff after school today about math and ELA curriculum
  - c. Started SPED ILEARN Monday, GenEd starts next Monday; Mariah Lee is now fulltime and on the testing team
  - d. NWEA begins May 8
- V. Directors' Reports
  - a. Kathy Foreman, Transportation – buses are ready for inspection in May
  - b. Donita Davis, Tiger Time
    - about 50% of attendees are preschoolers
    - averaging 8-11 students each day
  - c. Quinn Leisure, FACE Director updated the board on the schedule for the remainder of the year.
  - d. Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services
    - Shout out to kitchen crew on an excellent health inspection report
    - Three people are stepping in to cover Rosemary and Monica on their medical leaves
- VI. Board President Update
  - a. Some of our early enrollees report they are signing up because we a full time onsite SRO.

Amy has worked very hard with Jeff to make sure our procedures and welcome are at a high level; they can step in for lunch at any time. They are also working with Center Christian Church to create an evacuation plan
  - b. Regarding the arsenic filtering system, our newly installed system has been working great this year; watch for visitors checking it out

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- c. There will likely be a legislative funding increase. Expect changes in standards. Also possibility of local tax dollars to go to charters for capital/tech/transportation
- d. A parent of a former student (now in high school) praised the MCA education, student is now in Top Ten of their class. Anecdotal reports of at least three former students in their Top Ten
- VII. Unfinished Business – Alicia would still like to create a Jump Start summer program for 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders (proposed 8:30am-11:30am with no lunch) for two weeks; Kevin says there is no funding; Nansi says we know this is an important effort, but we'll have to look for money
- VIII. New Business
  - a. Motion to withdraw our renewal application with Ball State University – motion by Marcia Schwering, seconded by Jason Dwenger; passed on roll call voice vote
  - b. Motion to apply with a new charter authorizer – motion by Jason Dwenger, seconded by Marcia Schwering; passed on roll call voice vote
- IX. Comment – none
- X. 6:48 meeting adjourned
- XI. 6:50 meeting reopened – Executive Session scheduled for Monday April 24, 2023 6:30pm
- XII. 6:51 meeting readjourned

*Shanna Dawson, Secy 5/17/23*

*Jason Dwenger 5-17-2023*  
*Marcia Schwering*  
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