

**Northern Rush County Schools**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 20, 2024 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; Kevin Davis, Indiana Charters; Lauren Yoke, Principal; Donita Davis, Tiger Time; Steve Schwering, Transportation Contractor; Francie Patterson, Teacher; Kathy Foreman, Transportation Director

Absent: Amy Hufford, Health Services; Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services; Jeff Light, SRO; Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers; Greg Richardson, Facilities

- 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 to accept the Minutes of the February 21, 2024 regular meeting, seconded by Jason Dwenger; passed on voice vote
- III. Acceptance of Transactions List/Approval of Claims & Payroll – Motion to approve by Jason Dwenger, seconded by Shannon Dawson; passed on voice vote
- IV. Principal's Report – Lauren Yoke
  - a. IREAD testing completed. 10/13 passed; three remaining students will retake this summer
  - b. COGNIA representatives held a virtual meeting with MCA last week. Recommendations for MCA were for more family engagement and student voice. The recommendations for Lil' Tigers PreK were for more family engagement, more diversity in curriculum and a playground fence. MCA recommends a visit to the campus in May.
  - c. Enrollment is 116
  - d. Eclipse Day, April 8, is being treated as a "snow day" with an e-curriculum focusing on eclipse information
  - e. STEAM Night is Friday April 12, 6-8pm with pizza for attendees; will feature StarLab, animals and lots of STEAM activities for families
  - f. Nansi:
    - COGNIA has a question about the proposed '24-'25 school calendar and what afternoon Professional Development looks like (there must be professional development presentations – 90 minutes of Prep cannot be folded into each day)
    - What does structured in-service time look like?
    - COGNIA will provide ProDev materials, for which we are already paying; Learning Lab is also paid through East Central Service Center
  - g. Steve Schwering: New early dismissal times could conflict with other area schools' dismissals/bus routes. Discussion noted the new dismissal time could result in more students in Tiger Time
  - h. Dr. Seuss Week and Book Fair went well
  - i. Connie Gilbert, our vision specialist, is being asked to assist with testing
- V. Directors' Reports –
  - a. Donita Davis, Tiger Time

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- Tiger Time is still going well
- Nansi: Stipends will be adjusted between Morning Care and Tiger Time next year
- Phone forwarding abilities will be double checked for ease of communication
- b. Kathy Foreman, Transportation
  - No current bus issues
  - Lauren: thanks to Kathy for all her help
- c. Kevin Davis, Indiana Charters – question about grant timelines
- VI. Unfinished Business – Deanna, re new Grace College bank account at BMO; Marcia has the process underway
- VII. New Business
  - a. The Board reviewed NRCS’s contract with/evaluation of Indiana Charters agreement, using the assessment rubric. The NRCS Board wishes to publicly express its gratitude for the assistance and guidance it receives from Indiana Charters. NRCS board members are not professional educational operators and the guidance the board receives from Indiana Charters is greatly appreciated. Indiana Charters regularly goes above and beyond in its support of Northern Rush County Schools, including as a vendor. It is also noted that Indiana Charters provides, through its guidance and support, substantive savings in financial services. NRCS is deeply appreciative of the skill and support brought by the entire Indiana Charters team on our behalf.
- VIII. Comments – none
- IX. Adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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*Shannon Dawson 4/17/24*  
*Jason Dwyer - 4-17-24*