

**Northern Rush County Schools**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 17, 2023 6:00 p.m.**

**Mays Community Academy**

Present: Nansi Custer, President; Marcia Schwering, Treasurer; Shannon Dawson, Secretary; Jason Dwenger, Member-at-Large; Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers; Donita Davis, Tiger Time; Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services; Steve Schwering, Transportation Contractor; Kathy Foreman, Transportation; Greg Richardson, Facilities; Angela Richardson; Lauren Yoke, Principal, Alicia Weatherly, teacher

Absent: Deanna Disney, Vice President; Amy Hufford, Health Services Director; Jeff Light, SRO; Kevin Davis, Indiana Charters; Quinn Leisure, FACE

- I. President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- II. Marcia Schwering moved to accept the Minutes of the April 2023 regular meeting, seconded by Jason Dwenger; passed on voice vote
- III. Acceptance of Transactions List/Approval of Claims & Payroll for April. Motion to approve by Jason Dwenger, seconded by Shannon Dawson; passed on voice vote
- IV. Principal's Report – Lauren Yoke
  - a. Almost finished with NWEA, growth reports upon completion
  - b. Staff intent-to-return sent out
  - c. Grades are due tomorrow
  - d. Report cards will go home next Tuesday
  - e. Awards will be given on May 22
  - f. Will set summer enrollment dates; Nansi says to push online
- V. Directors reports
  - a. Kathy Foreman, Transportation – bus inspections on May 23
  - b. Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers
    - PreK and Kindergarten graduations tomorrow night
    - Great field experience on the nature walk (worms!)
    - Applied for a grant of up to \$200K, will hear in June
    - Another application for up to \$800K is due this Friday
  - c. Donita Davis, Tiger Time – all going well
  - d. Greg Richardson, Facilities – all going well
  - e. Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria
    - Going well
    - Grant application for equipment and staff (USDA up to \$150K)
    - Nansi: send board outstanding balances for staff
    - Nansi: received IDOE high ability grant today for \$16K
  - f. FACE
    - Appreciation Week was great, thank yous sent
    - Snacks and notes provided during testing
    - Field Day preparations underway
    - Parents have loved the field trips

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- Employee of the Month for April is Lori Johnson
- Junior's Deli (Andrew Turpen) provided Den Day sandwiches
- Field Day invitations sent to families
- Connecting with Marcia on Field Day items
- Staff workday is May 24, with awards, breakfast by Rosemary, dinner at El Reparo and a trip to the Escape Room

VI. Unfinished Business – Nansi says we can't fund a summer academics program, perhaps the grant due Friday can help; Alicia says we'll try next year

VII. New Business

a. Nansi stated that as we work on the new contracts for next year, we again received PTO questions from staff. Previously we offered 14 days of any PTO as compensation against competitive salaries. The board has decided to form a committee for suggestions of up to three options. That committee is:

- Alicia Weatherly
- Rosemary Noah
- Lisa Isaacs
- Heather England
- Donita Davis

b. Last month we voted to withdraw our charter renewal application from Ball State University. We are in the process of working with the Indiana Charter Schools Board. Our board meeting with them is June 6. Prior to that we will host a public meeting for them. We will hold a family dinner/picnic. We're not trying to withhold information; we are trying to protect our organization and schools, which is why we're not releasing a great deal of information. ICSB is a direct link to the legislature. Our application is in, thanks to the staff members who contributed to that, a total of 250 pages. MCA and Lil' Tigers together make us strong. Thanks to Trish for making sure we remain a Paths to Quality 4 preschool. (Trish and Lauren are starting new accreditations.) We all need to be recruiting families. We all need to become educated on the different types of schools so we can demonstrate how we are different. Our goal is to have 134-150 students. Letters are going out to families and area schools that we are no longer offering 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

VIII. Adjournment at 7:22 p.m.

*Nansi Carter* 6-21-23  
*Marcia Schwering* 6-21-23  
*Deanna D'Onofrio* 6-21-23  
*Shannon Dawson, Secy* 6/21/23  
*Jason D'Amico At Large* 6/21/23