

**Crawfordsville Community School Corporation
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 10th, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.
Crawfordsville Middle School 705 Wallace Ave. (LGI Room)**

MINUTES

I. Roll Call

All Board Members and Administrators were present with Kathleen Brown being absent. Also present were Brent Bokhart, Andrew Nicodemus, Amy Bales, Carol Starlin, Johnnie Jones, Tina Halupka, and Nick Wilson (Journal Review).

II. CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Corporation - **Caring**

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes, Construction Accounts Payable Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers, and Surplus Items

Ellen Ball made a motion to approve the Previous Meeting Minutes, Board of Finance Minutes, Construction Accounts Payable Voucher, Payroll Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Voucher and Surplus Items. Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Building Principal Report - Carol Starlin, Principal - Hose Elementary

Carol Starlin, Principal at Hose Elementary informed the Board of the following updates and improvements of the current programs at Hose Elementary:

- Enrollment - Currently have 198 Kindergarten students and 183 First Grade students.
- Kindergarten Roundup Registration has opened with 39 students registering on the first day.
- Teaming with United Way to conduct a Kindergarten Jump Start June 6 - June 30th which funds two new teachers and two new assistants for new incoming kindergarten students
- 2021 Summer Term (6 weeks) - K - 2 serving 150 students focusing on Phonics utilizing Orton Gillingham for Phonics
 - 51 % of the students improved reading levels
 - 18% at grade level
 - The EL department is seeing a lot of gain with stronger reading, writing and phonic skills.

- Montgomery County Community Foundation had an anonymous donor who offered every student a free book to take home.

VI. Old Business - None at this time.

VII. New Business

a. Consider Ratification of Mask-Optional Policy

Dr. Bowling advised that the CDC came out with new guidelines and the Indiana Department of Health ended all contact tracing and quarantining for schools resulting in the decision to move to a mask-optional policy including for schools and transportation. Dr. Bowling then asked the Board to ratify the new policy.

Kent Minnette made a motion to ratify the mask-optional policy. Susan Albrecht seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consider Quotes for Hose HVAC Equipment

Dr. Ryker recommended the Board, after following the published, competitive bid process, to approve the bid from Validated Custom Solutions for the amount of \$173,637.00 for the purchase of forty-four (44) water furnace heat pumps as part of the ESSER project for Hose HVAC Equipment.

Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve the Quote for Hose HVAC Equipment from Validated Custom Solutions in the amount of \$173,637.00. Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Consider Quotes for Hose HVAC Controls Equipment and Installation

Dr. Ryker recommended the Board, after following the published, competitive bid process, to approve the bid from North Mechanical in the amount of \$65,279.00. This is part of the ESSER project of retrofitting Hose Elementary Controls.

Ellen Ball made a motion to approve the Quote for Hose HVAC Controls Equipment and Installation bid from North Mechanical in the amount of \$65,279.00. Susan Albecht seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Consider Purchase of School Buses

Dr. Ryker advised the Board that after looking at the cost comparison of electric buses versus gas powered buses, electric buses would not be cost effective at this time. The purchase price of one electric bus is over \$400,000 and the charging station is \$80,000. Therefore he recommended the Board approve the purchases of three gas powered buses for the amount of \$441,246.00. He did advise that we are looking at grants and funds available and will be meeting with members of the

League of Women Voters and transportation bus consultants to discuss future purchases.

Ellen Ball made a motion to approve the purchase of three new school buses in the amount of \$441,246.00. Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- e. Consider Revision and Renumbering of Policy 6320 - Purchases of Supplies and Materials - 1st Reading

Dr. Ryker stated this is the first reading of the revision and renumbering of Policy 6320. Recommended changes to this policy include covering the purchasing of supplies and materials under the cost of \$50,000.00, modifying the legal references to make current and cover the process for using the open market for items that cost less than \$50,000.00, and clarify the process for items that cost over \$50,000.00. This change also includes a change in the policy coding recommended by the ISBA.

The Revision and Renumbering of Policy 6320 will be carried onto the next board meeting set for April 14, 2022 for a second reading.

- f. Consider Resolution for Early Payment of Claims

Dr. Bowling advised the Board that the Resolution for Early Payment of Claims will allow the Business Manager to see that claims, (i.e. Construction, Federal Funds, Credit Cards/Accounts) are paid in a timely manner before the regularly scheduled School Board meeting while avoiding late fees.

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve the Resolution for Early Payment of Claims. Susan Albrecht seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Personnel

- a. Recommend Katherine Lueking - School Nurse - Willson
- b. Recommend Jessica McClamroch - CTE Coordinator

Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve Katherine Lueking and Jessica McClamroch as new hires. Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Consider Resignation of Leah Sizemore - Special Education Aide at Hose
- d. Consider Resignation of Tosha Hirt - Life Skills Aide at Hose
- e. Consider Resignation of Demi Haas - Teachers Aide at CMS
- f. Consider Resignation of Sheridan Pool - Title I Aide at Nicholson
- g. Consider Resignation of Tiffany Sinnet - Science Teacher at CHS

- h. Consider Termination of Sarah Ewoldt - Secretary at CHS

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve resignations of Leah Sizemore, Tosha Hirt, Demi Haas, Sheridan Pool, Tiffany Sinnet and the termination of Sarah Ewoldt. Susan Albrecht seconded the motion.

IX. Associate Superintendent Report

Safety and Wellness

Currently preparing for the April 12th reunification and building security training drill at Nicholson Elementary in collaboration with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, Crawfordsville Police Department, and the Crawfordsville Fire Department. Students in our cooperative CTE law enforcement class will also participate in the drill. Mark Melton and Jen Coyle are working with our committee, Sarah Nicodemus (CTE Director), and our community agencies in preparation for the drill.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

- Hosted the K-5 High Ability teachers for a day of Language Arts curriculum mapping discussing our method for mapping our high ability courses and some vertical alignment topics. Shelly Drake said, "It feels like the old high ability days."
- Meeting with Dr. Bokhart and Language Arts and Math teachers at CMS to discuss pre-AP and a College Board curriculum along with how to assist a greater number of middle school students on how to build a foundation to be able to take and pass AP courses at CHS.

Professional Development

- Congratulations to Dr. Brent Bokhart (CMS Principal) for completing his dissertation.
- Hosted the first K-12 (from Hose Elementary to the High School) Vertical Alignment Seminar on learning how a VA seminar would work for the corporation, bridge connections between buildings; discuss vocabulary; reading nonfiction and fiction; writing; along with having some fun. Feedback from teachers led our team to believe it was a great success.

Our Corporation CIA Team consists of Dr. Bokhart, Jen Coyle, Suzanne Furgye, Brittany Reef, Heather Lawson, Stacey Guard, Morgan Rainwater, Heidi Shultz and Kelli Bowling.

X. Superintendent Report

Law Enforcement Program

This co-op program is currently housed at South Montgomery but will be moving to Crawfordsville High School beginning next school year. We are currently working to establish a partnership with the Crawfordsville Police Department. The goal is to make it much more interactive for the students and give them the ability to earn additional certifications that they are not able to obtain in the current program.

House Bill 1134 Educational Matters - Curriculum

This bill on educational matters did not pass. Teachers expressed grave concerns about the effect this bill would have had on curriculum and what they said in the classroom.

House Bill 1002 - Various Tax Matters - Business

Tax Cut Bill - This bill passed with a different package of tax cuts that included income tax cuts and not business personal property tax. If it would have passed in its original form, the school corporation would have sustained a fairly large financial impact.

Job Fair

The City of Crawfordsville is hosting a job fair on March 24th. We will be sending students to participate. Our seniors will be able to explore entry level jobs within the community.

Summer Term

The 2022 - 2023 Summer Term expansion will make programming available K-12 with the focus on addressing learning loss - specifically in the area of reading. The program will also allow high school students to earn credits for graduation. Summer Term will be funded through the use of ESSER dollars.

New Central Office

Dr. Ryker and Dr. Bowling met with Baker Tilly to discuss funding for a new central office. The central office is the only remaining building in the cooperation in need of modernization.

Bus Driver/Monitor Appreciation Day

A Bus Driver/Monitor Appreciation Day was held in February with the main goal of showing our transportation staff how much we appreciate them and what they do for our students. They are the first faces that many of our students see on a school day.

Increase in Broadband Services

In March Dr. Bowling will be meeting with Tom Klein to discuss increasing broadband

services in the community.

XI. Other - None at this time.

XII. Board Member Communication - None at this time.

XIII. Patron Comments

Johnny Jones shared his concerns on federal guidelines and how they are implemented.

Tina Halupka shared concerns on accusations she had shared back in November of 2017 wanting reassurance that there will be answers.

XIV. Adjournment

Kent Minnette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 P.M.