

**Crawfordsville Community School Corporation**  
**Board of Education - Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 14th, 2022, at 6:00 P.M**  
**Crawfordsville Middle School (LGI Room) - 705 Wallace Ave.**

**MINUTES**

**I. Roll Call**

All Board Members and Administrators were present with Susan Albrecht arriving late to the meeting. Also present were Brent Bokhart, Tami Haas, Johnnie Jones, Kaylie McFarland, Alexis Tinkel, Andrew Nicodemus, and Nick Wilson (Journal Review).

**II. CHARACTER COUNTS!<sup>SM</sup> Corporation - Caring**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Building Principal Report - Brent Bokhart, Principal - Crawfordsville Middle School**  
Brent Bokhart, Principal and Tami Haas, Assistant Principal at Crawfordsville Middle School informed the Board of the following updates and improvements of current programs for the 2021 - 2022 school year at CMS:

- Professional Learning Communities
  - Action Research Teams
  - Department Teams
  - ELA Vertical Alignment and High Ability Mapping
- Academic Gaps
  - 6th Grade Transitional Intervention
  - Tier II and Tier III Interventions
  - Credit Recovery
  - Summer School
- Classroom Support
  - RISE Observation
  - Classroom Walkthroughs
  - Total Visits
  - New Teacher Support
- Staff Recognition
  - Staff Spotlight
  - Instructional Spotlight
  - Staff Interest Inquiry
  - PLC Staff Breakfast
  - Staff Re-engagement
  - Spirit Nights

- Programming
  - Scheduling
  - 2022-2023
  - Vision of Exploration
- Student Leadership and Athletics
  - CMS Student Leadership Team
  - Athletics

**V. 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. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Old Business**

- a. Consider Revision and Renumbering of Policy 6320 - Purchases of Supplies and Materials - 2nd Reading

Dr. Ryker stated this is the second reading of the revision and renumbering of Policy 6320. No changes have occurred since the first reading recommended changes to this policy that 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. Therefore, Dr. Ryker recommended approval.

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve the Revision and Renumbering of Policy 6320 - Purchases of Supplies and Materials. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Consider 2022-23 Calendar

Dr. Bowling communicated revisions to the approved 2022-23 School Calendar. Changes included changing the start of school to the second week in August (August 8th) that will result in an imbalance of the semesters. Fall, Winter, and Spring breaks will still fall in place with both North and South Montgomery Schools.

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve the revision to the 2022-23 School Calendar. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. New Business**

- a. Consider CMS Student Handbook - Kent Minnette

Kent Minnette asked the Board to continue to the next meeting to fully complete the review.

- b. Consider CHS Student Handbook - Susan Albrecht  
After discussing minor changes with Assistant Principal Mark Melton, Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve the CHS Student handbook as presented. Kent Minnette seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

- c. Consider Application for Technology Advance from the Common School Fund  
We apply for this loan twice a year for the bulk of our technology expenses. These expenses include laptops for the students, teacher machines, and software purchases.

Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the Application for Technology Advance from the Common School Fund. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Consider Technology Acceptable Use Policy Revisions  
Dr. Bowling shared the only change that consists is located under the Breaches section, "Accessing user accounts, network files, or email using false credentials, *and/or sharing network credentials with another user.*" Therefore, Dr. Bowling recommended the Board approve.

Ellen Ball made a motion to approve the Technology Acceptable Use Policy Revisions. Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- e. Consider Number of Transfer Students Allowed for 2023-24 School Year  
Dr. Ryker recommended that the board continue to hold the maximum number of transfer students per grade level to 40. We hope to see an increase in the number of transfer students in the 2022-23 school year, but 40 students per grade level will be sufficient.

Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the Number of Transfer Students Allowed for 2023-34 School Year. Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- f. Consider Andrew Nicodemus as Corporation Treasurer  
Dr. Bowling explained the School Board is required to name a new Corporation Treasurer replacing Cathy Moffet who retired as of April 1st. Andrew Nicodemus has replaced Cathy as the Business Manager for the Corporation and therefore recommends the Board also approve him as Corporation Treasurer.

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve Andrew Nicodemus as the Corporation Treasurer. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- g. Consider Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Individual Procurement Cards  
Dr. Bowling advised the Board that we currently utilize American Express for purchases. This resolution would allow us to use a purchasing card program with MasterCard. Two benefits to making the changes are:
- MasterCard is accepted in more places than American Express
  - The American Express rebate program has gone away. The new credit cards have the best rebate program we can get which will in turn generate extra money for the Corporation.

Dr. Bowling recommended the Board approve.

Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Individual Procurement Cards. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **VIII. Personnel**

- Consider Retirement of Sherri Linn - Treasurer at CMS
- Consider Retirement of Deb Vaught - Teacher at Hoover
- Consider Resignation of Brian May - Social Studies Teacher at CHS
- Consider Resignation of Destiny Vandivier - Teachers Aide at Nicholson
- Consider Resignation of Sarah McCord - Special Education Teacher at Nicholson
- Consider Resignation of Kelly Wantuch - Art Teacher at CHS
- Consider Resignation of Sydney Chaney - ELA Teacher at CMS
- Consider Resignation of Kurt Schlicher - Head Football Coach at CHS

Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve the retirements of Sherri Linn and Deb Vaught and resignations of Brian May, Destiny Vandivier, Sarah McCord, Kelly Wantuch, Sydney Chaney, and Kurt Schlicher. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Recommend Camryn Peterson - Teachers Aide at Nicholson
- Recommend Ashley Fisher - Teachers Aide at CHS
- Recommend Lindsay Williams - Teachers Aide at Nicholson
- Recommend Renae Bronnenberg - Administrative Assistant at CHS
- Recommend Katie Rosentretter - Maternity Leave for 2nd Grade Teacher at Nicholson
- Recommend Mary Kraynak - Maternity Leave for Spanish Teacher at CHS
- Recommend Alex Ehrlich - Career Connections Teacher at CHS

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve Camryn Peterson, Ashley Fisher, Lindsay Williams, Renae Bronnenberg, Katie Rosentreter, Mary Kraynak, and Alex Ehrlich as new hires. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **IX. Change of Position - None at this time.**

### **X. Associate Superintendent Report**

#### Safety and Wellness

A reunification drill was performed on April 12th resulting in the successful relocation of all students and staff from Nicholson Elementary to CHS, reunifying students with parent volunteers, and transporting all students and staff back to Nicholson. Once all students were out

of the building, law enforcement CTE students occupied two classrooms while our local SWAT team drilled, securing a building and clearing the two classrooms occupied by the CTE students. After students left, the SWAT team practiced in other spaces at Nicholson. Following dismissal of students from CHS, the SWAT team practiced in large spaces at CHS. The drill was a great result of good collaboration with local agencies.

#### Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

- The second elementary High Ability mapping session for Language Arts was held.
- The first secondary High Ability Language Arts mapping session was held.
- Dr. Bokhart facilitated a planning meeting in preparation for a Math vertical alignment meeting for the fall of 2022.

#### Grounds and Facilities

Grounds and maintenance staff are currently preparing plans to get grounds ready for graduation.

### **XI. Superintendent's Report**

#### New Positions

We are internally discussing new positions utilizing our ESSER dollars with target areas consisting of mental health and learning loss. Positions will mirror what we had with the Lily Grant which was used to fund a Mental Health Specialist (Pam Darby). We have had great success with this position and feel, coming out of the pandemic, that this would be a good use of ESSER funds. Learning loss positions would include adding reading specialists at the elementary level. This would allow for small groups where students would receive more targeted instructions at reading.

#### Handle with Care Program

This program consists of working with CPD sharing information with our resource officers and/or counselors when something has happened at the student's home allowing us to take extra care of the student in the time of need. This program became available through the Second Step Grant which has been able to sustain the program and keep it going.

#### Grants

Willson has submitted a grant through the Community Foundation to help with equipment for the school gym that would assist our preschoolers in the development of their gross motor skills.

#### High Ability Broad Base Planning Committee

We will meet in a couple of weeks for the annual meeting answering the questions, "*What are we doing well?*", and "*Where do we need to improve?*". The committee consists of teachers from different buildings along with seniors, currently in the program, welcoming their feedback to allow continuous improvement.

### Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Bowling, along with other school district officials, were invited to attend the Indiana Department of Education to work with the Office of Finance. The Indiana State Legislature passed a law that requires 45% of state revenue to be spent on teacher salaries. The collaboration helped to give the State a clearer picture as to how this percentage could be changed to reflect total compensation.

### Champions of Character

Schools are currently working on nominating Champions of Character in their buildings.

### Great Lakes Valley Conference

Awarded Crawfordsville High School and the Montgomery County Visitors Bureau with an award in recognition of their work done on hosting their swim conference at CHS Aquatic Center.

## **XII. Other - None at this time.**

## **XIII. Board Member Communication**

Board Member Ellen Ball shared with the Board how much she enjoys "*The Oracle*". A good way of preserving good news. She also wanted to remind everyone of early voting for the Primary Election at the 4-H building.

President, Steve McLaughlin shared that he along with Vice President, Susan Albrecht will be attending the Legislative Breakfast on Saturday, April 16th at Fusion 54.

Board Member Kent Minnette shared how outstanding the high school musical was along with the amazing talent and amount of work that goes into it. What an outstanding show! In going around the schools, he complimented the administrators, educators, coaches, and caregivers on how amazing they are. "*We have a lot to be proud of.*"

He was also able to attend the 8th Grade Springfield Trip with the baseball team. What a great learning experience for the students. Kent was proud of how they conducted themselves and thanked the Board for the approval to allow them to attend.

## **XIV. Patron Comments**

Johnnie Jones shared his concerns of school policies and how they are implemented.

## **XV. Adjournment**

Kathleen Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Susan Albrecht seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 P.M.