

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 10th, 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 at the meeting. Also present were Marci Galinowski, Johnnie Jones, Andrew Nicodemus, Ann Stanley, Alexis Tinkel, Amy Bales, Kylee MacFarland, Kristi Tesmer, Sonni Eden, and Nick Wilson (Journal Review).

II. CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Corporation - *Respect*

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Building Principal Report - Marci Galinowski, Principal - Hoover Elementary

Marci Galinowski, Principal at Hoover Elementary informed the Board of the following updates and improvements of the current programs at Hoover Elementary:

- 2022-2023 Family Friendly School - Third year to receive this designation.
- Hoover Running Club 5k - Running Club, student, families, and staff participation.
- Student Council Carnival - Record attendance. A \$1,500.00 donation from proceeds went to the Montgomery County Free Clinic.
- Title I Family Game Night - Student/family participation.
- Gingerbread House Night - Student/family participation before winter break. Materials supplied to come in and build gingerbread houses together.
- Weekly Family Game Night Drawing - A Student Council idea entering every student in a drawing with a 4th and 5th grade winner. Prizes are family oriented games and a gift certificate from Little Caesars Pizza.
- Building Book Dragon Excitement - To increase reading for enjoyment with students recommending reading 100 minutes per week with the expectation to meet the half of million goal by May. Participants will be entered in a drawing to win a book. Next year's goal will be one million minutes.
- Artist In-Residence and Muralist, Ann Stanley, Art Teacher at Hoover, painted dragon murals in the school that goes along with the reading program. A big thank you to Ann for sharing her talents!

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

Susan Albrecht 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 CMS Student Handbook - Kent Minnette
Kent Minnette advised that there are no changes to the student handbook as presented, therefore made a motion to approve. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

VII. New Business

- a. Consider Preschool Student Handbook - Kathleen Brown
Kathleen Brown advised that updates have been made with revisions that include updating years, dates and contact information. The only substantive change was to the temperature when students would go outside in the winter (the windchill is to be above freezing) and therefore recommended the Board's approval. Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Consider Elementary Student Handbook - Ellen Ball
Ellen Ball advised there are no requests for revision and therefore made a motion to approve the elementary handbook as presented. Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Consider Food Service Management Company Contract Renewal
Dr. Ryker advised that this is the second of four allowed as part of our contract that is reviewed and approved by the Department of Education. We are very pleased with the service provided by Chartwells and therefore recommended the approval of the contract renewal.

Ellen Ball made a motion to approve the Food Service Management Company Contract Renewal. Susan Albrecht seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Consider Memorandum of Understanding with United Way of Greater Lafayette/ United Way in Montgomery County
Dr. Ryker informed the Board that this agreement is for services and funding to provide a summer preparation program for students entering Kindergarten known as KCamp. These students are primarily students that have minimal preschool experience. He therefore recommended the Board approve the memorandum of understanding.

Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with United Way of Greater Lafayette/United Way in Montgomery County. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowling advised that with this approval we will for the first time have summer school for students in PreK through 12th grade. Very exciting!

- e. Consider Resolution for Sale of Beard School
Dr. Ryker advised this is the final Board step to approving the sale of John Beard School. Lots to be sold are outlined in the resolution. Crawfordsville Schools will maintain ownership of the open field area south of the school. New Beginnings would receive all areas with parking and driveways. The signing of the deed at a later time does not require Board approval. Dr. Ryker therefore recommended the Board to approve the resolution. Kent Minnette made a motion to approve the Resolution for Sale of Beard School. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- f. Consider Elementary Textbook Fees
Dr. Ryker informed the Board that the elementary textbook fees have stayed level or have gone down and therefore recommended the Board to approve.

Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the Elementary Textbook Fees. Susan Albrecht seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Personnel

- a. Consider Retirement of Kristi Tesmer - School Psychologist at WCISSC
- b. Consider Retirement of Cindy Dawson - Administrative Assistant at Nicholson
- c. Consider Resignation of Julie Chalmers - Teachers Aide at Hose
- d. Consider Resignation of Sue Whalen - Teachers Aide at Hose
Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the retirements of Kristi Tesmer and Cindy Dawson and the resignations of Julie Chalmers and Sue Whalen. Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. Consider Termination of Ashlyn Williams - Teachers Aide at CMS
Kent Minnette made a motion to approve the termination of Ashlyn Williams. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- f. Recommend Kelly Ressler for Special Education Teacher at Hose
- g. Recommend Michael Norman for Criminal Justice for CTE at CHS
- h. Recommend Brayden Montgomery for Social Studies Teacher at CHS
- i. Recommend Shelby Paxton for Teacher at Hose
- j. Recommend Jayda Sanders for Special Education Teacher at Willson
- k. Recommend Jordan Chandler for Mental Health Professional at CHS
- l. Recommend Shandolyn Aboudou for School Psychologist at WCISSC
Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve Kelly Ressler, Michael Norman, Brayden Montgomery, Shelby Paxton, Jayda Sanders, Jordan Chandler and Shandolyn Aboudou as new hires. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Change of Position - None at this time.

IX. Associate Superintendent Report

Facilities

Meetings were held with a representative from Drive Clean Indiana concerning preparation to apply for upcoming grants for funds to be used for the purchase of electric buses. It appears we will be in the second tier of priority schools based upon factors such as poverty level, domestic setting, distance driven by buses in a year, and age of our buses. However, many schools may not be aware, may not apply, or may not be interested which could allow us to move up.

If we are an approved tier two school, we would receive approximately \$250,000 toward the purchase of a bus which would not make the electric buses as affordable as our current buses as the current purchase price of an electric bus is \$425,000.

If we are an approved tier one school, we would receive approximately \$350,000 toward a purchase, which would make it more affordable. We will take the steps necessary to apply. We will also meet with CEL&P to discuss installation/costs of charging stations at P&T and, possibly, at CHS.

Safety and Wellness

The coordinated health advisory board meeting was held with the highlight of having students back on the committee and hearing their feedback on items such as school menus. Also a thank you to Ms. Tinkel for taking minutes.

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Summer school is planned and ready with principals working on getting rosters set. We expect a good attendance this year with PreK thru 12th students.

We are wrapping up curriculum mapping for the year and have big plans to have seminar days for Math, Science, Social Studies, and Language Arts for next year.

Professional Development

The Elementary Organization PLC met with a focus group of parents that have, have had, or will have multiple students in grades K-5 with students in different buildings at the same time. The group was good at pointing out items that are difficult for parents like them such as the amount of time that is spent daily dropping off and picking up at multiple locations along with concerns of siblings not being in the same building. They were understanding of the issues that the Corporation was facing as neighborhood schools.

Dr. Ryker and Dr. Bowling met with Dr. Steele to discuss the reasons that we organized our schools into our current system. She provided insight into the status of the buildings at that time and that one of our buildings was at risk of being taken over by the state.

X. Superintendent Report

Dr. Bowling advised the Board that we had just completed a new grant through the Wabash Heartland Innovation Network (WHIN). This is a regional grant making body working together

to turn this area of the country agricultural technology hub rural internet access is a key part of their initiative. We will be purchasing chrome books for students at CHS from monies received through the grant. Doug Lengrich has worked very hard on the grant to make more investments in educational technology for our students. Kudos to Doug!

Band Program

Our band program is growing! Our Band Director, Mr. Tebbe is doing a fantastic job. Student participation numbers are growing. After collaborating with the middle school and high school, we will be adding an assistant to invest in the program as we watch it continue to grow.

South Montgomery Superintendent

The South Montgomery School Corporation has hired a new Superintendent, Dr. Cripe. Dr. Bowling and Dr. Moran (North Montgomery School District) will be meeting with Dr. Cripe in the near future to make sure he feels welcome and to continue the strong relationship among the three school districts.

Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau

We currently have a partner program with the Youth Service Bureau for an alternative aimed at students who are on the verge of dropping out of school. We will be meeting with them in the near future.

High Ability Placement

As we do at this time every year, we will be reviewing placements in the High Ability Program to make sure that we have students who need advanced work in the program. Every year we place new students into the program and want to make sure that no student who needs this placement is missed.

New Internship Summer Program

We are starting a new internship program through summer school that allows college students who want to go into education engage in the classroom with students by placing them in a situation that looks just like a student-teaching setting under the guidance of a supervising teacher. The supervising teacher will begin teaching the class then hand the class over to the intern so they can see what it is like to be in front of a classroom. After summer school ends, jobs have been lined up for the interns through central office, grounds, and maintenance, etc. This will be the first year for this program.

Lakeside Book Company

We met and are collaborating with Lakeside who is interested in getting the company back to a family oriented company with a strong hiring presence among our graduates. This program will work-based learning during the high school years for students who would like to go into the workforce after graduation.

The Oracle

A great read that allows our students to shine!

One article in particular highlighted our Academic Team. We sent three teams (Fine Arts Team, Social Studies Team, and English Team) to the Indiana Academic Super Bowl State Championship at Purdue University. This is the first time we have ever sent three teams at one time. The Fine Arts team won a State Championship while both the English and Social Studies Teams were State Runner-Up in Class 2! Congratulations to all!

Graduation

This year's graduation will be on May 27th at 7:00 P.M. at Crawfordsville High School.

XI. Other - None at this time

XII. Board Member Communication - None at this time.

XIII. Patron Comments

Johnnie Jones shared his concerns on school policies and how they are enforced.

Kylie McFarland shared a suggestion on having each school collaborating to implement one main calendar when planning student/parent events. This would allow parents who have students at multiple buildings be able to view all scheduled district wide events in one location and to also allow the possibility of parents being able to attend without having to pick and choose from multiple events on the same day.

XIV. Adjournment

Kathleen Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.