

**Crawfordsville Community School Corporation  
Board of Education - Regular Meeting  
Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.  
Crawfordsville Middle School - 702 Wallace Avenue**

**MINUTES**

**I. Roll Call**

All Board Members and Administrators were present at the meeting. Also present were Amanda Isajewicz, Johnny Jones, Kylie McFarland, James Monte Thompson, Dawn Watt, Bobby Horton, William Fell, and Tina McGrady (Journal Review).

**II. CHARACTER COUNTS<sup>SM</sup> Corporation – *Pillar of Trustworthiness***

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Consent Agenda: Approve Previous Meeting Minutes, Construction Accounts Payable Voucher, Payroll Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Voucher, and Surplus Items**

Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including Previous Meeting 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. Old Business - None at this time.**

**VI. New Business**

- a. Consider Adoption of the 2023 Budget and Resolution for 2023 Appropriations and Tax Rate

Funds				
Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
0061	RAINY DAY	\$779,045	\$0	0.0000
0180	DEBT SERVICE	\$3,867,007	\$3,991,818	0.8404
0186	SCHOOL PENSION DEBT	\$423,642	\$490,511	0.1033
0287	REFERENDUM DEBT FUND - EXEMPT CAPITAL - POST 2009	\$2,871,125	\$2,717,034	0.5489
3101	EDUCATION	\$18,618,006	\$0	0.0000
3300	OPERATIONS	\$7,716,570	\$3,648,570	0.7681
		<b>\$34,275,395</b>	<b>\$10,847,933</b>	<b>2.2607</b>

Dr. Bowling advised that this is the last step of the budget process for the 2023 budget. Previous meetings consisted of a public hearing to discuss the 2023 budget. Once approved, it will be sent to the Department of Government and Local Finance. Dr. Bowling recommended the Board approve the resolution.

Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve the Resolution. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consider Transfer from the Rainy Day Fund to the Operations Fund

Dr. Bowling advised the Board since the last meeting a transfer has been done from the Education Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. We take this extra step to make sure we are compliant with the new law. The Operations Fund gets hit hard with property tax caps and has to be supplemented by other school funds. The resolution will allow the transfer of up to \$2,000,000.00 to fund maintenance, repairs, transportation, fuel, and everything that is part of the operational role within the school. He, therefore, recommended the approval of the resolution.

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve the transfer. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Consider a Resolution to Establish Recurring Transfers from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund

Dr. Bowling advised funds are required to be approved by the Board per the State Board of Accounts. This requires the School Board to pass a resolution each year giving the approval to do said transfers on a monthly basis not to exceed \$500,000.00. The current monthly transfer is \$200,000.00. Dr. Bowling recommended the Board approve the resolution.

Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the Resolution to Establish Recurring Transfers from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Consider Amendment Four to Service Agreement Between CCSC and SSC

Dr. Ryker advised this fourth amendment to our contract with SSC that includes adding two full-time custodians, due to two CCSC employee retirements, and increases the starting custodial pay to \$13.50. Dr. Ryker recommended the Board approve this amendment.

Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve Amendment Four to Service Agreement Between CCSC and SSC. Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Consider North Mechanical Bid for ESSER-funded Willson PreSchool HVAC System Replacement Project

Dr. Ryker advised we only received one bid that met the requirements for the bid opening for the ESSER-funded Willson HVAC replacement project. Due to the window wall structure, low ceilings, and limited space at Willson, all equipment will be placed on the roof. All equipment and piping will be replaced in the building. The base bid plus two alternates equal \$715,714.00 and will be paid for with ESSER Funds. ESSER Funds are from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund which was established as part of the Education Stabilization Fund in the CARES Act to address the impact of COVID-19 had and continues to have on elementary and secondary schools across the Nation. Air quality is an identified area to address.

Dr. Ryker recommended the Board approve the North Mechanical Bid in the amount of \$715,714.00 paid for with ESSER Funds.

Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve the North Mechanical Bid for ESSER-funded Willson PreSchool HVAC System Replacement Project. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

f. Consider Policy 6310 Use of School Corporation Vehicles - First Reading

With no discussion, Policy 6310 Use of School Corporation Vehicles will proceed to a second reading at the November board meeting.

g. Consider CMS Textbook Fees

Dr. Ryker advised that CMS textbook fees are now handled through the Central Office in a Central Office account and therefore require Board approval of fees.

Ellen Ball made a motion to approve the CMS Textbook Fees. Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

h. Consider CHS Textbook Fees

Same as above, CHS textbook fees are now handled through the Central Office in a Central Office account and therefore require Board approval of fees.

Ellen Ball made a motion to approve the CHS Textbook Fees. Susan Albrecht seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VII. Personnel**

- a. Consider the Resignation of Kelly Ressler - Special Education Teacher at Hose
- b. Consider the Resignation of Stevi Cornelius - Special Education Teacher at CMS
- c. Consider the Resignation of Lindsay Williams - Aide at Nicholson

Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the resignations of Kelly Ressler, Stevi Cornelius, and Lindsay Williams. Susan Albrecht seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Recommend Katie Compton - Reading Intervention Assistant at Hose
- e. Recommend Kristel Crowder - Reading Intervention Assistant at Hose
- f. Recommend Patricia Zavala-Alonso - ENL Assistant at CHS
- g. Recommend Jerri Sills - Nurse at Willson
- h. Recommend Mackenzie Lewellen - Assistant at Hose
- i. Recommend Esther Bengé - Aide at Nicholson

Kent Minnette motioned to approve the New Hires Katie Compton, Kristel Crowder, Patricia Zavala-Alonso, Jerri Sills, Makenzi Lewellen and Esther Bengé. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. Change of Position** - None at this time.

**IX. Associate Superintendent's Report**

Facilities

- We will be posting an RFP for Construction Managers for the administration office. The administration office staff did meet with the architects and we should see a revised layout in the near future.

Safety and Wellness

- Safety Team Meeting
  - November 1, CMS Reunification Planning
    - Collaborating with local City Police and County Sheriff Departments
- We are hosting an immunization clinic that will be held at CMS and CHS on October 27th during school hours to accommodate student needs and parent schedules. Parents will need to provide consent to participate. Notices will go out through the nurses' office to those who need to receive any state-required vaccines.
- Immunization info for entry into 6th grade: **\*\*Students should receive the Tdap and MCV4** prior to entering 6th grade. Indiana's school immunization requirements are grade-based, not age-based. A dose of Tdap and MCV4 will count towards the adolescent requirements if given at age 10 or older

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

- Planning for our first Science Vertical Alignment Seminar. Science has new standards and most of our discussion will be on the comparison between the old and new standards.

### Professional Development

- The administration staff reviewed and discussed the principal evaluation rubric.

### Athenian Oracle

- If you still need to, please look at the Athenian Oracle and see all the excellence that has already occurred in the school year.

## **X. Superintendent's Report**

### Official Enrollment

- Our official enrollment is 2,385 students which is up from the February count of 2,376.
- Highest enrollment over the last ten years was 2,489 students (2019).
- Lowest enrollment over the last ten years was 2,314 students (2013).

### Bargaining Process with CEA

- Continuing to work collaboratively through the bargaining process with CEA

### Fall Conference

- Appreciate board participation at the Fall Conference
- The Keynote speaker spoke about school safety and shared recommendations to make schools safer. Impactful information was brought back and shared with our safety teams.

### Passing of Margie Zimmerman, Teacher/Retiree

- A Crawfordsville legend
- A lot of her curriculum is still in use to this day.
- Her influence has continued through the generations.
- Appreciate all her efforts.

### United Way

- 76% Increase in Participation
- 47% Increase in Giving

### Ways to Certify Teachers to Teach Dual Credits at High School Level

- AP and Dual Credit continue to be very important elements of what is offered.
- The State offers 18 credit hours for free for teachers who are trying to get the dual credit certification.
- Teachers have to have a content area masters to be able to receive the dual certification to teach dual credits. We are looking at ways to invest in getting more teachers certified to teach dual credit.

### Career and Technical Education

- Will do a site visit along with North Montgomery and Western Boone to look at a building trades program as a new program for students through the CTE Coop.

### Successful Athletic Season

- Both Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams are County Champs and have advanced to the regionals.
- Boys Tennis are County, Conference, and Sectional Champs for the first time since 2002
- Girls Volleyball are County Champs. Senior Macy Bruton leads the entire state in kills with over 2000 in her career. Coach Johnson is retiring after 39 years of coaching the volleyball team.
- Boys Soccer won the County and Sectional Championships.

**XI. Other** - None at this time.

**XII. Board Member Communication**

Ellen Ball mentioned that in the past senior students had the opportunity to paint a parking space, so why not open it up to the teaching staff? Dr. Bowling would be happy to take the idea to Principal Jay Strickland to get his input.

**XIII. Patron Comments**

Patron Johnnie Jones shared with the Board his concerns on the budget and social media.

**XIV. Adjournment**

Kathleen Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.