



Covington Community School Corporation

"Home of the Trojans"

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING OF THE COVINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

October 9, 2023

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Mr. Kevin Cates, President

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Mr. Jason Beck, Vice-President

Chad Herzog

Mr. Chad Herzog, Secretary

Doug Hunter

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Ryan Tolley

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Minutes from the Special Session School Board Meeting

- Monday October 9, 2023
- 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm EST
- Covington High School Library 1017 6th Street, Covington Indiana 47932

1. **Call To Order**

The Regular Session Board Meeting was called to order by Kevin Cates at 6:30 p.m.

a. **Roll Call**

Board Member Attendance

- Kevin Cates, President – Present
- Jason Beck, Vice President – Present
- Chad Herzog, Secretary – Present
- Doug Hunter, Board Member – Absent
- Ryan Tolley, Board Member – Present

Officials:

- Nicole Allee, Superintendent
- Vicki Jones, Corporation Treasurer

Guests:

- Jason Allee, Community Member
- Brad Crain, Covington Mayor
- Ashlie Grissom, CES Teacher
- Emma Holycross, CHS Student
- Karma Kingery, CHS Student
- A. J. Lewis, Community Member
- Craig Sowers, CHS Teacher
- Lexi Swaby, CHS Aide
- Krista Witsman, CHS Principal

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The regular session board meeting was suspended with the Public hearing for Additional Appropriations called to order at 6:31 p.m.

a. Hearing on Additional Appropriation

The school corporation is funding a project to include renovation and improvements to school facilities, including HVAC and site improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology. Notice of the hearing was advertised in the Fountain County Neighbor and Review Republican on Sept. 21, 2023. There were no public comments.

A motion was made to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

Motion by: Chad Herzog
Seconded by: Ryan Tolley
Motion Carried by a vote 4-0

i. Review and Approval of Additional Appropriation Resolution

A motion was made to approve the Additional Appropriation Resolution as presented.

Motion by: Jason Beck
Seconded by: Chad Herzog
Motion Carried by a vote 4-0

ii. Review and Approval of Final Bond Resolution

A motion was made to approve the Final Bond Resolution as presented.

Motion by: Chad Herzog
Seconded by: Jason Beck
Motion Carried by a vote 4-0

3. Approval of Agenda

The regular session board meeting resumed at 6:40 p.m.

Following review of the agenda of the October 9, 2023 Regular Session Board Meeting agenda a motion was made to approve as presented.

Motion by: Chad Herzog
Seconded by: Ryan Tolley
Motion Carried by a vote 4-0

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. **PRIDE Accomplishments**

Krista Witsman, CHS Principal presented the PRIDE Accomplishments for Covington High School. She indicated that the PRIDE murals are up and that some students are still wearing their PRIDE apparel. There is a conscience effort of the staff to use core values daily.

Krista informed the board of a \$15,000 grant for the Trojan Nation Club and a \$50,000 grant for Covington High school from Western Indiana Community Foundation. These funds will be used for improvements throughout the school.

On Friday, October 27, 2023 - Krista Witsman and Travis Brown will be grilling for the students and will distribute various prizes throughout the day.

a. **High School Presentation**

Craig Sowers presented an overview of the Radio & TV programming class – CHS 247. CHS students Karma Kingery and Emma Holycross shared some of their video work and the various attributes that they have acquired through the studies of this course.

b. **Consent Agenda**

iii. Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, September 26, 2023 Special Board Meeting, and September 26, 2023 Work Session were presented for approval.

iv. Review and Approval of Claims Docket

Claims Docket - claims (17123-17224) in the amount of \$405,480.84 were presented for approval.

v. Review and Approval of Personnel Report

Personnel Report dated October 9, 2023 was presented for approval.

vi. Review and Approval of Out of District Transfers

Thirty-two student transfers were presented for approval.

vii. Review and Approval of Fundraisers

Wreath sales for the Cheerleaders was presented for approval.

viii. Review and Approval of Field Trips

There were no Field Trips presented.

ix. Review and Approval of Donations

There was a \$100 donation from Fountain Lodge 60 for Covington Schools.

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion by: Chad Herzog
Seconded by: Jason Beck
Motion Carried by a vote 4-0

c. New Business

i. Review and Approval of 2024 Budget

A motion was made to approve the 2024 Budget as presented.

Motion by: Chad Herzog
Seconded by: Ryan Tolley
Motion Carried by a vote 4-0

ii. Review and Adoption of 2024 Capital Project Resolution

A motion was made to approve the 2024 Budget as presented.

Motion by: Chad Herzog
Seconded by: Ryan Tolley
Motion Carried by a vote 4-0

iii. Review and Adoption of 2024 Bus Replacement Resolution

A motion was made to approve the 2024 Bus Replacement Resolution as presented.

Motion by: Ryan Tolley
Seconded by: Chad Herzog
Motion Carried by a vote 4-0

iv. Review and Approval of Resolution for Recurring Transfer

A motion was made to approve the Resolution for Recurring Transfer as presented.

Motion by: Jason Beck
Seconded by: Ryan Tolley
Motion Carried by a vote 4-0

v. Review and Approval of Budget Resolution

A motion was made to approve the Budget Resolution as presented.

Motion by: Chad Herzog
Seconded by: Ryan Tolley
Motion Carried by a vote 4-0

vi. **Review and Approval of July 1-Dec 31, 2023 Education to Operations Fund Transfer**

A motion was made to approve the July 1-Dec 31, 2023 Education to Operations Fund Transfer as presented.

Motion by: Chad Herzog
Seconded by: Jason Beck
Motion Carried by a vote 4-0

vii. **Review of Non-Certified Handbook**

The board reviewed the Non-Certified Handbook and requested that it be placed on the November Board Meeting Agenda for consideration.

viii. **Second Reading and Approval of 5111-5130; 5463; and 9270**

A motion was made to approve the NEOLA policies 5111-5130,5463; and 9270 as presented.

Motion by: Chad Herzog
Seconded by: Ryan Tolley
Motion Carried by a vote 4-0

d. **Administrative Reports**

i. **Superintendent**

Nicole Allee reported that she is working on classified salary adjustments with ideas from consultant Paul Pfladderer. She will be working with the teachers on Collective Bargaining early next week.

She also discussed the total solar eclipse in April 2024 and creative ideas on how to keep the students safe.

ii. **High School**

There were no updates

iii. Treasurer

Vicki Jones, Corporation Treasurer reported the majority of claims approved were from payroll and benefits payments. The various financial reports were posted in the board information, including the current cashflow.

iv. Operations

There were no updates

e. Upcoming Dates

- i. Nov. 18 8:30am-12:30pm Executive Session Board Training
- ii. Nov. 13 6:30pm Ratify CBA at our Regular Board Meeting
- iii. Oct. 17 6pm Executive Session Board Training
- iv. Nov. 9 6pm CBA Tentative Agreement Public Meeting
Meeting to hear public comment regarding the collective bargaining agreement with teachers.

f. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Motion by: Jason Beck
Seconded by: Ryan Tolley
Motion Carried by a vote 4-0

Chad Herzog

Secretary of the Board

“Everyone Matters, Everyone Counts”