

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.
Crawfordsville Middle School
705 Wallace Ave.

I. Roll Call - Steve McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

Present: Steve McLaughlin, Kent Minnette, Monte Thompson, Susan Albrecht, Rex Ryker, Brent Bokhart, Doug Lengerich, Tami Haas, Claire Dennison, Vedanti Viran, Ella Seward, Emily Southern, Kenly Lain, Sean Gerold, Graham Gerold, Aubrey Finney, Shaeleigh Hreskowsky, Erin Hreskowsky, Lexi Cox, Brooklyn Wilkins, Dave Wilkins, Chelsea Wilkins, Zoey Z., Blake Surber, Cole Strickland, Diego Berber, Kristi Strickland, Hayley Jarman, Diana Wilbert, Kylie McFarland, Stacey Guard, Nicole Kyger, Cami Lain, Lili Young, Abigail Coffey, Charissa Ajayi, Stephanie Wilkinson

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Building Principal Report: Tami Haas and Students

V. New Business

- a. Consider Athens Virtual Academy Student Handbook - Tabled until the April meeting
- b. Consider CHS 2025-2026 Student Handbook - Tabled until the April meeting
- c. Consider High School National Art Honor Society Trip - Charissa Ajayi
Lili Young and Abigail Coffey presented a request for the National Art Honor Society to travel to Kings Island on Saturday, April 19, 2025. The NAHS participated in several service projects throughout the school year. This is a trip to celebrate their achievements. The cost will be \$90 (\$45 covered by the student and \$45 covered by the NAHS through fundraisers).

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve, seconded by Susan Albrecht. Motion carried.

- d. Consider 8th Grade 2025 Springfield Trip - CMS Student Leadership
The 8th-grade class of CMS is requesting permission to visit Springfield, IL, in the Fall of 2025. They will visit the Lincoln Presidential Museum, Lincoln's Tomb, the old State Capital Building, and Lincoln's Boyhood Home. Fundraising will support the finances of this annual trip.

Monte Thompson made a motion to approve, seconded by Kent Minnette. Motion carried.

- e. Consider May Ultimate Shield Trip - CMS Student Leadership
The Student Council presented a request to attend Holiday World on May 22 for their Ultimate Shield Trip. Students earn the honor of attending by meeting certain criteria for the entire school year, including high grades, perfect attendance, and zero discipline reports. Fundraisers throughout the year have taken care of the financial need for the trip, and no cost will be passed to the students unless they choose to purchase extras.

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve, seconded by Monte Thompson. Motion carried.

VI. Personnel

- a. Consider Debbie Brading Retirement - CMS
Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve, seconded by Kent Minnette. Motion passed.
- b. Consider Diana Verhey Resignation - Willson Developmental Classroom Aide
- c. Consider Grace Vaught Resignation - WCISSC Occupational Therapist
Kent Minnette made a motion to approve seconded by Monte Thompson. Motion passed.

VII. Assistant Superintendent's Report [Brent Bokhart]

A. Operational Management

- i. Admin. Building - Over the last few weeks, we have received many of the materials that we had been waiting on for installation. All office furniture has arrived and is installed. Most countertops have arrived and are installed along with cabinets, kitchenette, and appliances. The board desk and panels are still scheduled for arrival next week. Outdoor work has also resumed with the nice weather, and prep for the back patio area has also resumed.
- ii. Upcoming Projects Timeline
 - 1. Main Gym - New conference logo and school logos will be created over spring break, and floor recondition will begin either week of June 2nd or June 9th and will take around 3 weeks
 - 2. Field Turf - May 19th start with a 4-6 week completion
 - 3. Tennis - This is scheduled to start July 7th and will take 2-3 weeks
- iii. Electric Buses - Lion Electric is working through the sale of their company and that timeline is set to wrap up in mid-April. We will know more following the closure of their sale of our two electric buses

B. Curriculum and Instruction

- i. IXL Training—Teachers attended an IXL training on March 3rd, and principals attended on March 4th. IXL is used in math and language arts and is one of the current vendor pilots with the ILEARN checkpoints. Teachers and principals came away with a great understanding of how to better use this on an individualized level with our students.
- ii. ILEARN Checkpoint 3 - We have completed all checkpoint 3 assessments except math at the middle school. As we head towards ILEARN summative testing, it will be interesting and a time of learning as we compare the checkpoint data to the summative data.

- iii. IREAD 3 - Nicholson completed IREAD testing last week with our 2nd and 3rd graders. Mrs. Hall and her team have already started analyzing data and working through intervention plans for those who have not passed and will need to retest in May. This will also impact our summer school planning, as legislation does hold certain requirements for at-risk 2nd-grade students and 3rd-grade students who don't pass.
- iv. SAT - SAT testing occurred last Tuesday on the 4th. Scores usually populate two weeks following the testing window, which ends tomorrow.

VIII. Superintendent's Report [Rex Ryker]

- a. Thank you to Mrs. Haas and our CMS students for hosting and providing a student-focused presentation.
- b. Celebrations
 - 1. Adrian Medina received an IHSAA Exemplary Behavior award for his support of other swimmers around him.
 - 2. TOBOR, finished 13th in the state Robotics competition. Only teams that had finished first place in a previous competition were invited to the state competition.
 - 3. Our Starlettes won 2nd place in Hip Hop and 2nd Place in Jazz and the Blue Illusions won 2nd place in Hip Hop and 5th Place in Jazz at the State competition.
 - 4. CMS girls and boys swimming and diving were 2025 county champs
 - 5. CHS Boys claimed their 6th straight sectional title and the school's 24th sectional title overall.
- c. Educational and Instructional Leadership
 - 1. The Mayor has agreed that CARA could move to the Crawfordsville Career Academy (Old Ivy Tech). Kathy Tobias has visited the site with staff, and they are discussing whether they would prefer to move to the new site or remain in the P&T building.
- d. Personnel
 - 1. I attended the Brown and Brown Health Insurance Seminar
- e. Community
 - 1. I spoke to the Community Foundation Board about Crawfordsville Community Schools, and they asked questions about Athens Virtual Academy and our property tax revenue.
 - 2. Master Gardeners - The Master Gardeners of Montgomery County recently applied for and were awarded a "Growing Together" grant

through the Purdue Extension Nutrition Education Program to obtain additional supplies to enhance the Nicholson School Garden and the growing experience for the students in the Nicholson Elementary. With the money, they are looking to install a fake camera to help deter vandals, shelves for the shed, a little greenhouse for better organizing supplies, and fence panels to support the vegetables, such as beans and tomatoes, and other items.

- IX. Adjournment** - Steve McLaughlin called for a motion to adjourn.
Kent Minnette made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Monte Thompson.