

Covington Community School Corporation
"Home of the Trojans"

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF THE
COVINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

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Mr. Kevin Cates, President



Mr. Chad Herzog, Vice-President



Mr. Ryan Tolley, Secretary



Mr. Mike Ahrens



Mr. Doug Hunter



Minutes from the Regular Session School Board Meeting

- ☐ Monday September 9, 2024
- ☐ 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 6:35 p.m.

a. Roll Call

Board Member Attendance

- Kevin Cates, President – Present
- Chad Herzog, Vice President – Present
- Ryan Tolley, Secretary – Present
- Mike Ahrens, Board Member – Present
- Doug Hunter, Board Member – Present

Officials:

- Nicole Allee, Superintendent
- Vicki Jones, Corporation Treasurer
- Randy Pratt, SRO

Guests:

- Alexis Allen, Parent
- Bryan Anderson, Teacher, CMS
- Adison Bedinger, Teacher, CMS
- Amanda Bostrom, Parent
- Nathan Bostrom, Parent
- Abbey Crawley, Teacher, CES
- Becky Crawley, Community Member
- Carolyn Davis, Teacher, CHS
- Angelina Fulfer, Parent
- Sofia Fulfer, Student
- Holly Gearheart, Parent
- Yessi Girdler, Counselor, CES
- Ashlie Grissom, Teacher, CES
- Damon Hegg, Teacher, CHS
- Derek Holycross, Parent
- Rebecca Holycross, Teacher, CES
- Cody Lyons, Community Member
- Emma Lyons, Teacher, CES
- Ryan McBride, Community Member
- Scott Myers, Teacher, CHS
- Lacy Pasquale, Teacher, CES
- Rick Pasquale, Parent
- Tammi Reynolds, SEL Coordinator, CES

- Guests Cont'd:
 - Leslie Sebastian, Teacher, CHS
 - Cory Smaltz, Teacher, CHS
 - Susan Smaltz, Teacher, CHS
 - Cari Sowers, Teacher, CES
 - Eric Stockberger, Teacher, CHS
 - Eric Stull, Parent
 - June Stull, Student
 - Mary Weber, Community Member
 - Richard Weber, Community Member
 - Pacia Whittington, Aide, CES

2. Pledge of Allegiance & Vision Statement

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The Vision Statement of Covington community Schools is:

Equipping every student to achieve their aspirations.

3. Approval of Agenda

Following review of the agenda of the September 9, 2024 Regular Session Board Meeting agenda a motion was made to approve as presented.

Motion by: Ryan Tolley

Seconded by: Doug Hunter

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

4. Recess for Budget Presentation and Public Hearing

The regular session board meeting was placed in recess at 6:37 p.m.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

Nicole Allee presented the Budget for the public and entertained questions.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:49 p.m.

The regular session board meeting resumed at 6:47 p.m.

5. Student Recognition – Elementary

Yessi Girdler and Tammi Reynolds presented the students who were selected for their representation of being Positively Driven. Teacher comments were shared with the students and guests.

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no public comments on Agenda items.

7. Consent Agenda

a. Review and Approval of Board Minutes

Board minutes from August 12, 2024 Regular Session Board Meeting were presented for approval.

b. Review and Approval of Claims Docket

Claims (vouchers 18843-19141) in the amount of \$784,594.28 were presented for approval.

c. Review and Approval of Fundraisers

Country Meats – MS Student Council

Laundry Detergent – B/G Basketball

SnapRaise Online Funding – HS/MS Band & Choir

d. Review and Approval of Donations

Community Foundation - \$1,000 for classroom activities

Covington United Methodist - \$350 for Library Literacy Enrichment

Brett Springer - \$500 – FCA

Centre Bank - \$12,000 for MS Gym Scoreboard

e. Review and Approval of Field Trips

None at this time.

f. Donations

Personnel Report dated September 9, 2024 was presented for approval.

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

Motion by: Doug Hunter

Seconded by: Chad Herzog

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

8. New Business

a. First Reading of Policies 5820-5895

b. Approval of Purchase Agreement for 921 7th St. Covington, IN

A motion was made to approve the purchase agreement for 921 7th Street as presented.

Motion by: Doug Hunter

Seconded by: Ryan Tolley

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

c. Review and Consider Social Media Class Action Lawsuit

A motion was made to approve the Class Action Lawsuit Resolution as presented.

Motion by: Doug Hunter

Seconded by: Chad Herzog

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

9. General Public Comments

- Holly Gearheart, Covington school parent, addressed the board regarding substitutes for nurses.
- Bryan Anderson, CMS building representative, addressed the board regarding:
 - Substitutes for elementary aides and nurses.
 - Classroom printer removal.
 - CCSC donation to Applefest.

10. Administrative Reports

a. Superintendent

Nicole Allee indicated that she posted the teacher evaluation plan along with the school improvement plans for each school. She indicated that August enrollment was at 845 and anticipates the October 1st count will be close to last year's Fall count.

b. Treasurer

N/A

c. Director of Transportation/Technology

N/A

d. Director of Operations

Nicole Allee stated that Ross has shared his report to the board. Ross is working on the irrigation system at the complex and ensuring the Annex needs are attended to.

11. Board Member Comments

Mike Ahrens questioned the protocol for public concerns.

12. Upcoming Dates

- a. September 30 6:00 p.m. Work Session-Financial Roadmap**
- b. October 9 Regular Board Meeting & Budget Approval**
- c. October 16 Parent Teacher Conferences**
- d. October 17-20 Fall Break**

13. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Motion by: Chad Herzog
Seconded by: Ryan Tolley
Motion Carried by a vote 5-0



Secretary of the Board