

Covington Community School Corporation
"Home of the Trojans"

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

December 17, 2024

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Mr. Kevin Cates, President

Mr. Chad Herzog, Vice-President

Mr. Ryan Tolley, Secretary

Mr. Mike Ahrens

Mr. Doug Hunter

Chad Herzog

R. Tolley

Mike Ahrens

Minutes from the Regular Session School Board Meeting

- ☐ Tuesday, December 17, 2024
- ☐ 6:30 pm - 8:00 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
- 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:

- Allison Alexander, Community Member
- Bryan Anderson, CMS Teacher
- Adison Bedinger, CMS Teacher
- Marissa Brewer, CMS Teacher
- Brad Crain, Covington Mayor
- Carolyn Davis, CHS Teacher
- Ashlie Grissom, CES Teacher
- Matt Hesler, Community Member
- Derek Holycross, Community Member
- Rebecca Holycross, CES Teacher
- Emily Jackson, CES Teacher
- Heather Martin, Community Member
- Jerry Martin, Community Member
- Mary Martin, Community Member
- Sarah Martin, CMS Teacher
- Ryan McBride, Community Member
- Tracy McBride, CES Aide
- Laura Myers, CHS Guidance
- Andrea Ragsdale, CES Teacher
- Shea Rice, Bus Driver
- Susan Smaltz, CHS Teacher
- Levi Spicer, Spicer Transportation
- Pacia Whittington, CES Aide

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 December 17, 2024 Regular Session Board Meeting agenda a motion was made to approve as presented.

Motion by: Chad Herzog

Seconded by: Doug Hunter

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments on Agenda items.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Review & Approval of Minutes

Board minutes from November 11, 2024 Regular Session Board Meeting and November 25, 2024 Executive Session Board Meeting were presented for approval.

b. Review & Approval of Claims Docket

Claims (vouchers 19622-19830) in the amount of \$1,199,951.81 were presented for approval.

c. Review & Approval of Fundraisers

Fundraiser Report was presented for approval.

d. Review & Approval of Donations

Donation Report was presented for approval.

e. Review & Approval of Field Trips

Field Trip Report was presented for approval.

a. Review & Approval of Personnel Report

Personnel Report dated December 17, 2024 was presented for approval.

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

Motion by: Ryan Tolley

Seconded by: Mike Ahrens

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

6. New Business

a. Permission to Advertise to Receive Bids for Secure Entry

A motion was made to grant permission to advertise to receive bids for secure entry as presented.

Motion by: Doug Hunter

Seconded by: Ryan Tolley

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

b. Second Reading and Approval of Policies 6250-6800

A motion was made to approve the second reading of policies 6250-6800 as presented.

Motion by: Chad Herzog

Seconded by: Mike Ahrens

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

c. First Reading of Policies 2262, 5722, 5531, 6111, 7100-7530

d. Review and Award Bus Contracted Bus Routes 2025-2029

A motion was made to table the awarding of bus contracted bus routes as presented.

Motion by: Chad Herzog

Seconded by: Mike Ahrens

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

e. Approval of First Financial as a Bank

A motion was made to approve First Financial as a Bank as presented.

Motion by: Chad Herzog

Seconded by: Ryan Tolley

Motion Carried by a vote 4-1

f. Approval of Vet Tech Program 2025-2026 School Year

A motion was made to approve the Vet Tech Program 2025-2026 school year as presented.

Motion by: Doug Hunter

Seconded by: Chad Herzog

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

g. Review & Approval of TAG Stipends

A motion was made to approve TAG Stipends as presented.

Motion by: Chad Herzog

Seconded by: Doug Hunter

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

h. Review & Approval of Teacher Retention Stipend

A motion was made to approve Teacher Retention Stipends as presented.

Motion by: Doug Hunter

Seconded by: Chad Herzog

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

i. Review & Approve Administrator Cell Phone Reimbursement

A motion was made to approve the Administrator Cell Phone Reimbursement as presented.

Motion by: Doug Hunter

Seconded by: Ryan Tolley

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

j. Review & Approval of 2025-2026 High School Course Guide

A motion was made to approve 2025-2026 High School Course Guide as presented.

Motion by: Ryan Tolley

Seconded by: Mike Ahrens

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

k. Review & Approval 2025-2026 Academic Calendar

A motion was made to approve the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar as presented.

Motion by: Doug Hunter

Seconded by: Ryan Tolley

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

7. General Public Comments

The board invited comments from persons who signed up to speak, one spoke on communication, and one spoke regarding printers.

8. Administrative Reports

a. Superintendent

Nicole Allee recognized Kara Taylor for completing 18 grad hours while working Full-time. Let Doug Hunter know that he will be missed on the board. Welcomed Matt Hesler to the board in January. Wished everyone a relaxing time with family over the Holiday break.

b. Treasurer

c. Director of Operations

d. Director of Technology & Transportation

9. Board Member Comments

Kevin Cates thanked Doug Hunter for the year of service and his contribution as a Covington School Board Member.

10. Upcoming Dates

- a. January 13 2025 6:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting & Reorganization

11. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Motion by: Ryan Tolley

Seconded by: Doug Hunter

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0



Secretary of the Board