# REGULAR MEETING OF THE COVINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

May 14, 2018

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Mr. Doug Hunter, Vice President

Mr. Jeff Dennis, Secretary

Mr. Jason Beck, Member

Mr. Kevin Cates, Member

# COVINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on May 14, 2018 in the Superintendent's Office located at 601 Market Street Covington, Indiana 47932

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Mrs. Carolyn Lloyd at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL: Mrs. Carolyn Lloyd Present

Mr. Doug Hunter
Present
Mr. Jeff Dennis
Present
Mr. Jason Beck
Present
Mr. Kevin Cates
Present

OFFICIAL Dr. Bruce Hatton, Superintendent Present

Mr. Phil Cunningham, HS Principal Present
Mr. Steve Reynolds, MS Principal Present
Mrs. Alison Karrfalt, EL Principal Present
Mr. Randy Tolley, Assistant Principal/AD Absent

**NEWS MEDIA:** 

GUESTS: Tom Austin

Kevin Smith

Several Patrons, complete sign-in list attached

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD – May 14, 2018 – 6:30 P.M.

# 2018-06-069 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meetings was called to order by Board President, Carolyn Lloyd at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

#### 2018-06-070 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made that the agenda of the May 14, 2018 regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees be approved as presented.

Motion by

Mr. Doug Hunter

Seconded by Mr. Kevin Cates

Vote

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#### 2018-06-071 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made that the minutes of the April 9, 2018 regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees be approved as presented.

Motion by

Mr. Jeff Dennis

Seconded by

Mr. Jason Beck

Vote

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A motion was made that the minutes of the May 7, 2018 special meeting of the Board of School Trustees be approved as presented.

Motion by

Mr. Kevin Cates

Seconded by

Mr. Doug Hunter

Vote

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#### 2018-06-072 RAINY DAY RESOLUTION

A motion was made that the resolution to transfer \$5,000 from the Rainy Day Fund to the School Lunch Pass Thru Dept Fund be approved as presented. The debt fund was created in the Fall of 2017.

Motion by

Mr. Jeff Dennis

Seconded by

Mr. Kevin Cates

Vote

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# 2018-06-073 CLAIMS

Claims 6536, 6538, 6549, 6553, and 6565 were questioned and reviewed by the board. A motion was made that claims numbered 6459 to 6568 be approved as presented.

Motion by Mr. Jeff Dennis Seconded by Mr. Kevin Cates

Vote 5-0

# 2018-06-074 STATEMENTS FROM EMPLOYEES/PUBLIC

Numerous comments were made by the public, regarding the property next to the Supterintendent's office, purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Chumley. Concerns were addressed regarding.....

Why the school corporation did not purchase the property when initially contacted that it was for sale

What was the intent of the board in regard to purchasing a private owners home and property through eminent domain

What is the intent of the board in regard to purchasing additional properties near the school and what was the long range plan of the school board

Was the board transparent in its move to purchase the property

What effect would property purchase have on the tax rate and were funds available for purchase of the property

The divisiveness for the community of the boards decision to pursue legal action

The superintendent responded regarding the intent of the board and the conversions that had taken place regarding the purchase of the property prior to pursuing the legal process.

The process of appraisals

The legal restrictions statutorily required by law

He noted the intent of the board was to purchase only the lots adjacent to the school

If indeed the lots could be purchased separately additional appraisals would be obtained from appraisers approved by the owner.

# 2018-06-075 **PERSONNEL**

A motion was made to approve the following personnel items:

Resignation

Leighann Shropshire Bradi Whitfield

High School Biology MS Instructional Aide

Retirement

Randy Tolley (Oct 2018)

HS Athletic Director/Asst Principal

**Assignments** 

Moira Spohn

Elementary Summer School Summer employment

Tracy McBride

Motion by Mr. Doug Hunter Seconded by Mr. Jason Beck

Vote

5-0

# 2018-06-076 **BOARD POLICY 301**

Board Policy 301 Early Entrance is no longer compliant with Indiana State Law. A motion was made to recind Board Policy 301. This policy may be revised and reinstated upon finalized guidelines from the state as a result of House Enrolled Act 1001 (2018) - Kindergarten ADM.

Motion by

Mr. Jeff Dennis

Seconded by Mr. Jason Beck

Vote

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#### 2018-06-077 **BOARD POLICY 326**

The board heard the first reading of Board Policy 326 Child Abuse and Neglect. This is a revision to comply with state statute.

#### 2018-06-078 **BOARD POLICY 339**

The board heard the first reading of Board Policy 339 Suicide Awareness and Prevention. This is a new policy required to comply with state statute.

# 2018-06-079 CHROMEBOOK PURCHASE

A motion was made to approve the purchase of 285 Chromebooks for \$63,332.70 from Dell. Mr. Karrfalt received three quotes and this was his recommendation. These chromebooks are replacing 1:1 chromebooks on the four year refreshment cycle.

Motion by Mr. Jeff Dennis Seconded by Mr. Doug Hunter

Vote 5-0

#### 2018-06-080 STATEMENTS FROM BOARD

Doug Hunter thinks we need more transparency and need to get the minutes out sooner.

#### 2018-06-081 ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Mrs. Karrfalt informed the board NWEA testing has gone well this school year. The School Improvement Plan is almost complete. The addition of Ashlie Grissom to the staff was great. The elementary's 23rd annual awards program will be held on the last day.

Mr. Reynolds also said the NWEA testing has been a highlight this year and is proving to be very beneficial.

Mr. Cunninham stated this has been a challenging year but felt the team has worked well together and has a vision. He reported, they are offering several college programs and that the numbers in the performing arts are increasing. He will be investigating the purchase of band uniforms in the next school year. Graduation will be held May 26th at 6:00 p.m.

# 2018-06-082 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A motion was made that Dr. Kevin Smith be employed as the Superintendent of Covington Community School Corporation, effective July 1, 2018.

Mr. Jeff Dennis Motion by Seconded by Mr. Kevin Cates

Vote 5-0

# 2018-06-083 DOCUMENT SIGNING

Minutes, claims, and contracts were signed by the board.

# 2018-06-084 **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

Mr. Jeff Dennis Motion by Seconded by Mr. Doug Hunter

Vote

An executive session was held at 5:30 p.m.and immediately following the regular meeting to discuss leasing and or purchasing property and also personnel.

# Guests - Please sign in Board Meeting Date: 5/14/2018

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