

Covington Community School Corporation
"Home of the Trojans"

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

MARCH 10, 2025

VOLUME 2025 No. 11

Mr. Chad Herzog, President

Chad Herzog

Mr. Ryan Tolley, Vice-President

Ryan Tolley

Mr. Mike Ahrens, Secretary

Mike Ahrens

Mr. Matt Hesler

Matt Hesler

Mrs. Heather Martin

Heather Martin

Minutes from the Regular Session School Board Meeting

- Monday, March 10, 2025
- 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 at 6:30 p.m.

a. Roll Call

Board Member Attendance

- Chad Herzog, President – Present
- Ryan Tolley, Vice President – Not Present
- Mike Ahrens, Secretary – Present
- Matt Hesler, Board Member – Present
- Heather Martin, Board Member – Not Present

Officials:

- Vicki Jones, Corporation Treasurer
- Paul Davis, Technology & Transportation Director
- Ross Ginter, Director of Operations

Guests:

- Carolyn Davis, CHS Staff
- Ashlie Grissom, CES Staff
- Tracy McBride, CES Staff
- Carol Owens, Community Member
- Suzanne Phelps, CHS Staff
- Andrea Ragsdale, CES Staff
- Nancy Rahn, Community Member
- Pacia Whittington, CES Staff

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 March 10, 2025 Regular Session Board Meeting a motion was made to amend the agenda. Executive Session for litigation was added following the regular board meeting.

Motion by: Mike Ahrens

Seconded by: Matt Hesler

Motion Carried by a vote 3-0

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments on Agenda items.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Review & Approval of Minutes

Board minutes from February 10, 2025 Executive Session Board Meeting, Regular Session Board Meeting, February 24, 2025 Special Meeting Work Session and Executive Session Board Meeting Immediately after Work Session were presented for approval.

b. Review & Approval of Claims Docket

Claims (vouchers 20070-20291) in the amount of \$772,969.73 were presented for approval.

c. Review & Approval of Fundraisers

Fundraiser Report was presented for approval.

d. Review & Approval of Donations

None at this time.

e. Review & Approval of Field Trips

Field trips were presented for approval.

f. Review & Approval of Personnel Report

Personnel Report dated March 10, 2025 was presented for approval.

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

Motion by: Mike Ahrens

Seconded by: Matt Hesler

Motion Carried by a vote 3-0

6. Old Business

a. Approval of Stifel Annual Agreement

A motion was made to approve the Stifel consultant fee \$6,000.

Motion by: Matt Hesler

Seconded by: Mike Ahrens

Motion Carried by a vote 3-0

b. Second Reading and Approval of Policy Updates Volume 36, No. 2 and Volume 37, No. 1

Policies 0164.4, 0164, 0165, 0172, 1213.01, 1220, 1230, 1617, 2312, 2623, 3217, 3220.02, 4217, 5111, 5136.01, 5410, 5460, 5500, 5610, 5772, 6140, 6250, and 7217

A motion was made to approve the policies as presented.

Motion by: Mike Ahrens

Seconded by: Matt Hesler

Motion Carried by a vote 3-0

c. First Reading of Policy Updates – Volume 36, No.2 and Volume 37, No. 1

Policies 1130, 3113, 4113, 6110, 6111, 6112, 6114, 6325, 6550,7310, 7450, 7540.03, 7540.04, 7540.09, 8420, ag5610, ag6250, ag5200, ag2221, and ag2623

7. New Business

a. Approval of School Facilities Use

A motion was made to approve the facilities use of CHS for After Prom on April 26, 2025.

Motion by: Matt Hesler

Seconded by: Mike Ahrens

Motion Carried by a vote 3-0

b. Approval of Contracted Substitute Bus Driver

A motion was made to approve the contracted substitute bus drivers.

Motion by: Mike Ahrens

Seconded by: Matt Hesler

Motion Carried by a vote 3-0

c. Charging Policy for School Lunch

A motion was made to approve the charging policy for school lunch.

Motion by: Mike Ahrens

Seconded by: Matt Hesler

Motion Carried by a vote 3-0

d. Approval of Stifel 2025 GO Bonds Engagement Agreement

A motion was made to approve the Stifel 2025 GO Bonds agreement.

Motion by: Matt Hesler

Seconded by: Mike Ahrens

Motion Carried by a vote 3-0

8. General Public Comments

No Public comments were given

9. Administrative Reports

a. Superintendent – Social Media Litigation, Future facilities projects, Maternity Leave, Fire alarm – the transformer had a power surge damaged the fire panel at the high school. Repairs are being made this week.

b. Treasurer

i. Bank Balances – 5 years

ii. Reports – 02.2025 Cashflow, Appropriations, Fund, Revenue, ECA Schedule of Balances, ECA receipts, ECA check register.

c. Director of Operations

Ross Ginter presented information on pricing 2 CES classrooms and middle school office. Baseball, softball and soccer fields, hot water heater, and will request quotes for painting the facilities.

d. Director of Technology and Transportation

Paul Davis presented information on the door access panels on all the buildings as the panels will need to be replaced. Added Google + which will assist with imports in to the Skyward system. He requested direction on possibility of an “inter-city” bus route.

One bus driver is working on testing and will be used as a sub driver at this time.

10. Board Member Comments

Mike Ahrens stated decisions need to be made by May on big items that need to be completed.

Chad Herzog commended Mrs. Witsman and Mr. Short for taking care of IHSAA situation. And that the board is currently interviewing candidates for the superintendent position.

11. Upcoming Dates

a. March 17-21 Spring Break

b. April 14, 2025 6:30 pm Regular Board Meeting

12. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Motion by: Matt Hesler

Seconded by: Mike Ahrens

Motion Carried by a vote 3-0



Secretary of the Board