

CENTER GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
August 20, 2015

MINUTES

Board of School Trustees of the Center Grove Community School Corporation met in regular session beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2015, in the Board Room at the Education Service Center, 4800 West Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood, Indiana.

Board members present:

Carol Tumey, President	<u>X</u>
Adam Norman, Vice President	<u>Absent</u>
Rob Richards, Secretary	<u>X</u>
Scott Alexander, Member	<u>X</u>
Jack Russell, Member	<u>X</u>

Also present:

Rich Arkanoff, Superintendent	<u>X</u>
Bill Long, Assistant Superintendent	<u>X</u>
Sally Hacker, Assistant Superintendent	<u>X</u>
Paul Gabriel, Chief Financial Officer	<u>X</u>

Davin Harpe, Sugar Grove Elementary Principal
Nora Hoover, Assistant Director of Secondary Curriculum
Jack Parker, Director of Teaching and Learning
Dave Statler, Facilities Engineer
Marcy Szostak, Assistant Director of Elementary Curriculum
Spencer Mishelow, City Securities Corporation
William Payne, Fanning Howey Associates
Jeff Qualkinbush, Barnes & Thornburg LLC

1. CALL TO ORDER / READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

President Carol Tumey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the corporation's mission statement. She took this opportunity to thank everyone for their attendance.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sugar Grove Elementary School students Alyssa McDonald and Mihret Todd led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Tumey presented both students with certificates for their participation.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was recommended that the agenda for the August 20, 2015 regular meeting of the board be adopted as presented.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Russell vote 4-0

4. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

In the Spotlight

This evening's In the Spotlight featured Sugar Grove Elementary School (SGES). Principal Davin Harpe recognized first grade student Mihret Todd for being an excellent representative of the SGES Bulldogs. She is a hard worker and lights up the school with her contagious smile. Principal Harpe also recognized student services coordinator Kassy McIlrath for adding a tremendous value to the SGES community. She is appreciated daily by all who work with her. Fifth grade teacher Jason Mueller was recognized for his tireless commitment to coaching, guiding, and mentoring students beyond a daily lesson plan.

Congratulations were expressed to those recognized and family members in attendance were recognized.

Construction Update

Assistant superintendent Bill Long presented a construction update highlighting building projects over the past three (3) years that support the academic needs of the student population.

After the presentation, board member Scott Alexander requested an update on the retention basin at North Grove Elementary School. Dr. Long confirmed the basin was recently dredged and seems to be working well. The basin at Center Grove Elementary School will be dredged next.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

It was recommended that the following Consent Items be approved as presented: Approval of Minutes (7/16/2015 Executive Session/Regular Meeting), Personnel Report, Accounts Payable and Payroll Claims, and Field Trip Report.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Richards vote 4-0

7. ACTION ITEMS

Approve Change Order for Center Grove Innovation Center

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve a change order with J.M. Rowland Construction LLC for a deduction to the contract in the amount of \$99,175 for the Innovation Center.

Dr. Long provided additional information on the change order. Through a process of value-engineering, a number of items have been identified that could be altered or eliminated from the project to reduce the project cost while maintaining the overall integrity and intent of the original design. These changes will reduce the contract amount by \$99,175, which will result in a revised contract total of \$1,899,825.

Point of clarification for board member Alexander: The bond paperwork sent for approval included the reduced contract amount.

Motion by Richards seconded by Russell vote 4-0

1028 Preliminary Determination Hearing & Resolution

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board conduct a public hearing prior to selling bonds to finance the Student Activity Center. Following the public hearing, it is recommended the board approve a resolution regarding the preliminary determination.

President Tumey opened the hearing to receive public input regarding the selling of bonds to finance the Student Activity Center project. Superintendent Rich Arkanoff introduced the presentation. Dr. Long shared background on prior studies and reports made by the Strategic Planning Committee, CG100, and several other stakeholder groups. Chief executive officer with Fanning Howey Associates, William Payne, presented descriptions, drawings and projected costs for the project. Chief financial officer Paul Gabriel shared the financing of the project and a project calendar.

Not presenting, but available to answer questions were quantitative analyst with City Securities, Spencer Mishelow, and Jeff Qualkinbush with Barnes & Thornburg LLC. After the presentation, patron Frank Rossa urged the board to look at operating expenses in more detail. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Russell vote 4-0

Comments by secretary Rob Richards: The Student Activity Center will truly be a mutli-use facility. Mr. Richards feels the drawings presented do not do the facility justice, and he encourages stakeholders to visit the Center Grove website for more detailed information. He is very excited about the opportunities this building will open up.

Point of clarification for board member Alexander: Using cost data from similar projects, Mr. Payne is confident in the square footage and pricing of the project. Alternative bidding will be utilized in order to select the most advantageous scope of work given the available funding.

Board member Alexander also requested Dr. Gabriel update the preliminary operating cost estimates and post them on the Center Grove website.

Comments by president Tumey: The Student Activity Center will be the only high school in the state to have a six-lane, 200 meter indoor track.

Comments by board member Jack Russell: The Student Activity Center will open up the high school to host more academic events, as well as help the community during any natural disasters/crisis situations. The board's mission is to make Center Grove a great school.

8. REPORTS

Director of Teaching and Learning Jack Parker reported on the new formative assessment for the corporation. The report highlighted the rationale and benefits for moving to NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) assessments.

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

President Tumey

- Central Nine Career Center - Board meeting held August 13; negotiations are complete-contract has been signed early; regular and adult education enrollment is up; Dr. Edds has announced his retirement.
- Athletic Booster Club - Seven (7) new members; fall sports program in production; programs will be sold by booster club members at football and basketball games.
- Wellness Committee - Nothing to report.
- The Hardwood Club and several community businesses/organizations recently sponsored a substance abuse prevention program for high school students presented by former NBA player, Chris Herren. President Tumey commended the Hardwood Club for their vision and complimented them on the program.

Secretary Richards

- Bartersville Redevelopment Commission - Community members are encouraged to participate in The Founders Fountain project. This project will be fully funded by financial donations, the sale of paver bricks and grants.
- Greenwood Chamber of Commerce - Nothing to report.
- State Legislative Matters - Nothing to report.

Board Member Alexander

- Insurance Committee - Next meeting will be held August 26.

Board Member Russell

- Greenwood City Council - Nothing to report.
- Center Grove Alternative Academy - New student services coordinator is Crystal May; enrollment is currently at 39 students; Care Pantry opened August 14.
- Center Grove Education Foundation - Board retreat held August 15; Sherrie's Ride will be held September 19; Toast of the Town will be held September 30; Pacers fundraiser in planning stages; Gala for the Grove will be held April 22, 2016.
- ISBA Legislative Matters - Nothing to report.

Strategic Planning Committee

Administrators are working on strategies and benchmarks for goals.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

President Tumey announced the board presented superintendent Arkanoff with his annual evaluation review at this evening's executive session, per state statute.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Tumey made the following announcements:

- September 3 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (High School)
- September 7 - Labor Day (No School)

A regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2015.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Russell vote 4-0