

CENTER GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
September 15, 2016

MINUTES

The Board of School Trustees of the Center Grove Community School Corporation met in regular session beginning at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2016, in the Board Room at the Education Service Center, 4800 West Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood, Indiana.

Board members present:

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

Douglas Bird, Center Grove High School Principal
Shannon Carroll-Frey, Center Grove Elementary Principal
Stacy Conrad, Director of Communications
Nora Hoover, Assistant Director Secondary Curriculum
Ray Jackson, Center Grove Chief of Police
Jack Parker, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning
Marcy Szostak, Assistant Director Elementary Curriculum
Jason Taylor, Chief Technology Officer

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Adam Norman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Center Grove Elementary School student Hope Hyde led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Norman presented Hope with a certificate for her participation.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was recommended that the agenda for the September 15, 2016 regular meeting of the board be adopted as presented.

Motion by Tumey seconded by Richards vote 5-0

IV. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Spotlight on Learning-Guaranteed & Viable Curriculum

This evening's Spotlight on Learning featured the teaching and learning department. Assistant director of elementary curriculum Mrs. Marcy Szostak presented information on how the teaching and learning department is working on a guaranteed and viable curriculum through our Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). A guaranteed and viable curriculum provides focus, clarifies priorities, promotes collaboration, highlights vertical alignment, and ensures student learning.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

The following individual(s) registered their intention to participate in the public portion of the meeting upon their arrival at the meeting and addressed the board accordingly:

Mr. Keith Poor (5186 Cave Court, Greenwood, Indiana) spoke on behalf of the Adoption of the Agenda. He believes that all action items on the agenda should be voted on separately and not lumped under one recommendation/vote.

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

It was recommended that the following Consent Items be approved as presented: Approval of Minutes (8/18/2016 Executive Session and Regular Meeting), Personnel Report, Accounts Payable and Payroll Claims, Field Trip Report, and Accept Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements.

Motion by Russell seconded by Alexander vote 5-0

Assistant superintendent Mrs. Sally Hacker took this opportunity to introduce our new executive director of human resources, Mrs. Nora Hoover.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

Approve 2017-2018 School Calendar

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve the 2017-2018 school calendar.

Mrs. Hacker provided additional information on the calendar. Based on survey feedback from parents and staff, input from parent groups, formal discussion with UTACG, and input from the board, the 2017-2018 calendar will include one week off at fall and Thanksgiving breaks and two weeks off at winter and spring breaks.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Russell vote 5-0

Point of clarification for president Norman: The original 2017-2018 calendar Draft #1 included two weeks (10 days) off at fall break and three days off at Thanksgiving break. The recommended 2017-2018 calendar Draft #2 includes one week (5 days) off at fall break, one week (5 days) off at Thanksgiving break, with the remaining three days added to winter break.

Board member Scott Alexander requested the superintendent remind groups that the purpose of school holidays is to offer an opportunity for families to spend more time together.

Approve New High School Diploma Requirements

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve the new high school diploma requirements as presented.

Assistant superintendent Dr. Jack Parker provided additional information on the diploma requirements. House Enrolled Act 1219 became effective on July 1, 2016. This law requires school corporations to offer any type of state diploma approved by the State Board. It also requires that a student with a disability not be required to complete locally required credits that exceed state credit requirements. The teaching and learning department is recommending the high school's Core 40 and General Diplomas move from 46 credit hours to 40 credit hours for all students.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Tumey vote 5-0

Point of clarification for president Norman: The required number of credits will be lowered to 40 for all students to earn either a Core 40 or General diploma. This will have a positive effect/help improve the graduation rate.

Point of clarification for board member Carol Tumey: This change will not stop students from earning more credit hours, nor will it change what students are accomplishing – the difference in six (6) credit hours falls within elective courses.

Approve Resolution for Purchase of Property

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve a resolution to authorize the purchase of property located at 2858 South Morgantown Road, Greenwood, Indiana.

Assistant superintendent Dr. Bill Long provided additional information on the purchase. The resolution permits the corporation to appoint two (2) appraisers to appraise the fair market value of the land and/or structure, allows the corporation to enter into a purchase agreement for an amount not to exceed the average of the two (2) appraisals, and authorizes corporation officials to execute the necessary documents to complete the sale.

Motion by Richards seconded by Alexander vote 5-0

Point of clarification for board member Tumey: There are no immediate plans for the property.

Reject Bids for Bridges Academy Project

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board reject all bids received for the Bridges Academy project.

Dr. Long provided additional information on the bids. On August 9, 2016, bids were opened for the Bridges Academy project. No bids came in within the corporation's budget for the project.

Motion by Tumey seconded by Russell vote 5-0

Point of clarification for president Norman: The project will be rebid in the Spring of 2017. This will put the project behind schedule by approximately six (6) months.

Approve Facility Rental Guidelines

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve changes to the Facility Rental Guidelines

Chief financial officer Dr. Paul Gabriel provided additional information on the guidelines. A report was provided to the board on August 18, 2016. Based on that conversation and a review by building principals and other staff members, it was recommended to keep the previously discussed revisions as well as add a new general guideline relating to the classification of groups that consist primarily of Center Grove parents and are organized to support Center Grove students.

Motion by Richards seconded by Alexander vote 5-0

Point of clarification for board member Tumey: Monies received for building rentals are receipted as miscellaneous revenue in the general fund and go toward expenses (e.g., custodial staff).

President Norman took this opportunity to thank Dr. Gabriel for making these guidelines fair/ reasonable and simple. He hopes groups will consider lowering their activity fees for families now that rental fees will be less.

Budget Hearing

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board conduct a public hearing on the 2017 Budget, the 2017 Bus Replacement Plan, and the 2017 Capital Projects Fund Plan. No board action is required following the public hearing.

This evening's meeting had been appropriately advertised as a hearing on the 2017 Budget, the 2017 Bus Replacement Plan, and the 2017 Capital Projects Fund Plan. As part of the budget presentation, Dr. Gabriel provided the board with an update on enrollment and presented information regarding the budgets. Following the presentation, president Norman opened a hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments. The following individual(s) commented during the public portion of the hearing: Keith Poor wanted to know what percentage of his tax dollar goes to pay the debt service fund. The hearing was closed. The budgets will be brought to the board for adoption at the October 6, 2016 regular meeting.

VIII. REPORTS

Center Grove Police Department Update

Chief of police Ray Jackson provided the board with a summary of the number of runs, arrests and traffic citations that occurred during the 2015-2016 school year. He also provided a summary of Police K-9 deployments, searches, alerts, arrests, school presentations, and hours of training.

Enrollment Update

Dr. Long provided the board with a report on enrollment and superintendent Arkanoff spoke on the need to start looking at building a new elementary school earlier than expected.

Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Arkanoff provided the board with a report on the Strategic Plan 2.0 website.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Board Member Tumey

- Central Nine Career Center - Board meeting held on September 8 (focus on construction trades); new director Nicole Otte; procedures reviewed as a result of a recent lock down;

Danasia Woods named Student of the Month for Culinary Arts II; To the Nines restaurant open for breakfast and lunch.

Secretary Russell

- Center Grove Education Foundation – Alumni callout will be October 26 at the high school; alumni collecting items for archives (for new display cases at high school).

Vice President Richards

- Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay is coming to Johnson County on September 23, 2016, between 4:30 and 5:00pm, the torch will arrive in downtown Franklin.
- Bargersville Fall Festival will be held September 17.

President Norman took this opportunity to recognize Mrs. Hacker and thank her for her service to Center Grove. An retirement open house will be held September 22 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the board room.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Norman made the following announcements:

- September 20 – School Start Times Committee Meeting (6:00 p.m., Board Room)
- September 26-27 – ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference (Center Grove presenting both days)
- October 6 – Board Work Session (2:00 p.m., Technology Center)

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Service Center board room.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.