

CENTER GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
January 10, 2017

MINUTES

The Board of School Trustees of the Center Grove Community School Corporation met in regular session beginning at 7:04 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, in the Board Room at the Education Service Center, 4800 West Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood, Indiana.

Board members present:

Scott Alexander	<u>X</u>
Rob Daniels	<u>X</u>
Adam Norman	<u>X</u>
Jack Russell	<u>X</u>
Carol Tumey	<u>X</u>

Also present:

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

Shannon Carroll-Frey, Assistant Director of Secondary Teaching & Learning
Stacy Conrad, Executive Director of Communications
Nora Hoover, Executive Director of HR & Student Services
Craig Smith, Middle School Central Principal
Kathy Stricker, Executive Director of Student Services
Marcy Szostak, Assistant Director of Elementary Teaching & Learning
Jason Taylor, Chief Technology Officer

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Adam Norman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

President Norman congratulated reappointed board member Carol Tumey and welcomed newly elected board member Rob Daniels.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Middle School Central student Austin Watson led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Norman presented Austin with a certificate for his participation.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was recommended that the agenda for the January 10, 2017 reorganization meeting and board of finance meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Russell vote 5-0

IV. RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION TO OFFICE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Acknowledgement is made of the receipt of Certificate of Election of Robert Daniels and Carol Tumey to the Center Grove Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees for a term beginning January 1, 2017 and continuing through December 31, 2020.

V. EXECUTION OF THE QUALIFYING OATH OF OFFICE FOR REAPPOINTED/ NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The above Certificate of Election and the properly executed qualifying Oath of Office for Robert Daniels and Carol Tumey are made part of the record of the Center Grove Community School Corporation.

The Honorable Mark Myers, Mayor of Greenwood, administered the oath to Mrs. Tumey and Mr. Daniels.

Mrs. Tumey thanked everyone who voted for her and expressed her love for the community and the school corporation. She promises to serve her post to the best of her ability.

Mr. Daniels thanked everyone who supported him during the election process and expressed how strongly he believes in Center Grove and what it stands for. He will strive to continue growing the Center Grove legacy.

VI. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD FOR THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR

Jack Russell was nominated to serve as president for 2017.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Tumey vote 5-0

Newly elected president Jack Russell took over the meeting. His first order of business was to submit the organization sheet (with slated officers, appointments, authorizations and meeting dates for approval).

Scott Alexander will serve as vice president and Carol Tumey will serve as secretary.

The board discussed the remainder of the reorganization including who would serve as representatives/liaisons to various groups and committees (the full list is available on the school corporation web site).

Regular board meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month with the following exceptions: October 26 (4th Thursday) and December 14 (2nd Thursday). Special meetings as needed.

It was recommended the 2017 board reorganization be accepted as discussed.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Daniels vote 5-0

President Russell then presented Mr. Norman with a plaque in appreciation for his service as president during 2016 and thanked him for his leadership.

VII. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Spotlight on Learning

This evening's Spotlight on Learning featured Center Grove Middle School Central (CGMSC). Principal Craig Smith, assistant principal Julie Lawson, dean Kristin Rodman; and teachers representing eighth grade language arts, seventh grade math, and unified arts: music gave board members a glimpse of how CGMSC staff members are improving student learning through the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) process.

Board members thanked principal Smith for his leadership and praised everyone involved in the PLC process. They are excited to see the teachers' passion and applaud CGMSC on their success.

Special Services Johnson County & Surrounding Schools Transition

Executive director of special services Kathy Stricker gave a brief update on the transition to withdraw from Special Services Johnson County & Surrounding Schools effective July 1, 2017.

VIII. REPORTS

ISTEP Update

Assistant superintendent Dr. Jack Parker and fifth grade teacher at Maple Grove Elementary Carrie Dilley shared the history of ISTEP (changes in tests, vendors and standards) and presented data on the 2016 ISTEP results.

New Elementary Process

Superintendent Dr. Rich Arkanoff gave a brief update on the new elementary construction project. Now that the remonstrance period has concluded, we will move on to the next phase of the process.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

No individual(s) registered their intention to participate in the public portion of the meeting.

X. CONSENT ITEMS

It was recommended that the following Consent Items be approved as presented: Approval of Minutes (11/17/2016 Executive Session and Regular Meeting), Personnel Report, Accounts Payable and Payroll Claims, Field Trip Report, Annual Resolution for Special Education Placements, and Annual Resolution to Pursue Recurring Grants.

Motion by Tumey seconded by Alexander vote 5-0

XI. ACTION ITEMS

Approve School Start Times Survey

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve administering a School Start Times survey to students in grades 2-12, all staff, and parents.

Superintendent Arkanoff provided additional information on the survey. The School Start Times committee is investigating whether a change in start times is feasible for Center Grove. The committee has developed surveys to collect data from staff, parents, and students regarding their preferences on school start times. The survey will be administered electronically to all groups. The information collected will provide the committee with information to determine whether to develop any future recommendation.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Norman vot e 5-0

Point of clarification for board member Adam Norman: The survey will be administered and collected before the next School Start Times committee meeting on January 24, 2017.

Point of clarification for president Russell: Per corporation policy, parents will have access/be able to inspect the survey before the survey is administered or distributed to the students.

Point of clarification for board member Rob Daniels: If the School Start Times committee were to make a recommendation to change start times, changes will not be implemented until the 2018-2019 school year (at the earliest).

Approve Elementary Construction Project Contracts

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board authorize the superintendent (or designee) to sign the final agreements with Lancer+Beebe LLC for architectural services and Hunt Construction Group for construction management services for the elementary construction project after receiving approval from the school corporation's legal counsel.

Assistant superintendent Dr. Bill Long provided additional information on the contracts. Now that the remonstrance period has concluded, we are ready to enter into contractual agreements for architectural and construction management services. Final agreements are still being reviewed by legal counsel. Not presenting, but available to answer questions, were partner Terry Lancer with Lancer+Beebe LLC and senior project manager James Gulley with Hunt Construction Group.

Motion by	Norman	seconded by	Tumey	vot	5-0
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Point of clarification for board member Norman: The goal is to have the new elementary open for the 2019-2020 school year – looking at Kindergarten enrollment in April to make sure timing is appropriate. The administration is recommending an early bid package (site plan, including building footprint, roads, drainage, utilities and other required components of the site) be ready in March. Once the site plan is ready for bid, we will turn our attention to the design and layout of the internal space.

Approve School Improvement Plans (SIPs)

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve 2016-2017 school improvement plans for Center Grove, Maple Grove, North Grove, Pleasant Grove and Sugar Grove elementary schools; Central and North middle schools; and Center Grove High School.

Dr. Parker provided additional information on the SIPs. Per Indiana Code, all public schools must annually submit a school improvement plan. Also, per Indiana State Board of Education Rule, plans must be submitted to the governing body. The Indiana SIP is part of the continuing school improvement process. To be effective, the plan should be viewed as a living document, evolving as circumstances change during the three-year period covered by each year's submission.

Motion by	Alexander		seconded by	Norman	vot	5-0
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Approve Grant Application to the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve the grant application for the Comprehensive Counseling Initiative Grant, and if approved, accept funds in the amount of \$50,000 and authorize distribution of the Lilly grant survey to students.

Mrs. Stricker provided additional information on the grant and survey. In an effort to analyze our current counseling services and identify areas for improvement, we are submitting a proposal for the Comprehensive Counseling Initiative Grant. It is our plan to engage all stakeholders in our schools and community in conversations about the social emotional needs, as well as our career and college needs for all of our students K-12.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Daniels vot e 5-0

Point of clarification for president Russell: There are two phases: a noncompetitive planning grant phase and a competitive implementation grant phase. Planning grant funds (maximum of \$50,000) are to be used to determine whether to submit an implementation grant proposal (maximum award of \$100 per student).

Approve Performance Stipend

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve a performance stipend for teachers, administrators, and support staff in Level B and C.

Chief financial officer Dr. Paul Gabriel provided additional information on the stipends. Center Grove's Teacher Performance Grant of \$699,835.70 will be used to pay stipends to teachers who received an evaluation of Effective (\$1,565) or Highly Effective (\$1,570) last school year. The corporation will also use General Fund cash balance to pay stipends to administrators who received an evaluation of Effective (2.6%) or Highly Effective (\$2.7%) last school year, and Level B and C support staff who received a positive evaluation (2.7%). The stipends will be paid on January 19, 2017.

Motion by Norman seconded by Alexander vot 5-0
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Point of clarification for vice president Scott Alexander: This includes stipends for all administrators except the superintendent.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Board member Daniels shared the following information on behalf of the Center Grove Education Foundation:

- Center Grove Night with the Pacers will be held March 12, 2017
- Gala for the Grove will be held April 21, 2017 at The Crane Bay

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Russell made the following announcements:

- January 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
- January 17 – Strategic Planning Committee Meeting (6:30 p.m., Innovation Center)

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Service Center board room.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Immediately following the regular board meeting at 9:03 p.m., board members convened for the Board of Finance Annual Meeting until 9:08 p.m.