

CENTER GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
March 16, 2017

MINUTES

The Board of School Trustees of the Center Grove Community School Corporation met in regular session beginning at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2017, in the Board Room at the Education Service Center, 4800 West Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood, Indiana.

Board members present:

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

Doug Bird, Center Grove High School Principal
Stacy Conrad, Executive Director of Communications
Trael Kelly, Pleasant Grove Elementary School Principal
Kathy Stricker, Executive Director of Special Services
Marcy Szostak, Assistant Director of Elementary Teaching & Learning
Jason Taylor, Chief Technology Officer
Amanda Trimble, Special Programs Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Jack Russell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pleasant Grove Elementary School student Aubrie Booker led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Russell presented Aubrie with a certificate for her participation.

President Russell took this opportunity to announce the recent passing of former board member William F. Walker (1979-1990). He was a 1954 graduate of Center Grove High School and will be missed by the Center Grove community.

Next, Center Grove Education Foundation executive director Jennifer Rakow shared the following information:

- Center Grove Night with the Pacers was held on March 12. Ticket sales were in excess of \$40,000.

- Spring Teacher and Professional Development Grant applications will be accepted through April 7, 2017. Guidelines and an application can be found on the Foundation's website – www.centergrovefoundation.org.
- Gala for the Grove will be held April 21, 2017 at the Crane Bay Event Center. Visit www.centergrovefoundation.org for more information or to purchase tickets.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was recommended that the agenda for the March 16, 2017 regular meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion by Tumey seconded by Alexander vote 5-0

IV. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Spotlight on Learning

This evening's Spotlight on Learning featured Pleasant Grove Elementary School (PGES). Principal Trael Kelly gave board members a glimpse of how PGES staff members are improving student learning through the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) process.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

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

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

It was recommended that the following Consent Items be approved as presented: Approval of Minutes (2/16/2017 Work Session and Regular Meeting), Personnel Report, Accounts Payable and Payroll Claims, Field Trip Report, and Declaration of Surplus Equipment.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Daniels vote 5-0

Principal Doug Bird took this opportunity to introduce the new high school girls' basketball head coach, Mr. Kevin Stuckmeyer.

Executive director of special services Kathy Stricker took this opportunity to introduce and welcome special services employees who will become Center Grove employees beginning with the 2017-2018 school year (as part of the Special Services Johnson County & Surrounding Schools separation agreement).

VII. ACTION ITEMS

Approve Declaration of Emergency for High School Kiln Project

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve a Declaration of Emergency for the kiln project at the High School.

Assistant superintendent Dr. Bill Long provided additional information on the request. Due to the timing of the kiln fire, the cost to repair and replace the kilns and exhaust system was not included in the current budget. Therefore, it is necessary to declare that an emergency exists so the administration may proceed with the project without advertising for bids, if bids or quotes are invited from at least two (2) persons known to deal in the public work to be done (as stated in

Motion by Norman seconded by Alexander vot
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Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve the resolution for financing the elementary school project.

Assistant superintendent of teaching and learning Dr. Jack Parker shared that as we design exceptional educational experiences for our students, we are considering the role the environment plays in the endeavor. Partner with Lancer+Beebe (project architect) Mark Beebe then presented the board with an overview of the project and chief financial officer Dr. Paul Gabriel summarized the contents of the resolution.

Motion by	Norman	seconded by	Alexander	vot	5-0
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Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve an agreement with Honey Grove Educational Center for Latchkey (Before and After School Care) program services.

Dr. Gabriel provided additional information on the agreement. For the past four (4) years, Honey Grove has been the provider of our Before and After School Care program. This program is available at our elementary and middle schools before school starting at 7:00 a.m. and after school until 6:00 p.m. This agreement is similar to our existing agreement with Honey Grove. The fees included in this agreement (fees parents pay) are slightly less than current fees.

Motion by Norman seconded by Alexander vot 5-0
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Point of clarification for board member Adam Norman: After the new elementary school is open, this agreement will need to be adjusted and brought back to the board for approval.

Board member Norman took this opportunity to express his appreciation to Honey Grove for the outstanding service they provide and the opportunities they offer to our alternative program students.

At the request of vice president Scott Alexander, the administration agreed to consider making future contracts more flexible (with respect to participating schools), so they will not need to be revised/adjusted when a new school opens.

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve an agreement with Honey Grove Educational Center for preschool/daycare services at Bright Beginnings.

Dr. Gabriel provided additional information on the agreement. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, Honey Grove will provide preschool child care services. Key provisions of the agreement include: contract term of four (4) years, rates for parents will remain the same as they are now, priority will be given to corporation employees, and our cost will be reduced by about \$45,000 per year.

Not presenting, but available to answer questions, was Jeff Qualkinbush with Barnes & Thornburg LLC.

Motion by Tumey _____ seconded by Daniels _____ vote 5-0
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Approve Lease Agreement for Purchase of Video Board

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board authorize the administration to sign a lease agreement (when finalized) and sign a sales agreement with Daktronics for a video board in the amount of \$298,925.

Dr. Gabriel provided additional information on the video board. The original video board was installed in 2014 at the smaller end of what could be seen from the existing bleachers due to cost for us and our ad soliciting group. Since the stadium expansion, it has become increasingly difficult for spectators to see what is on the screen. The administration feels the video board will pay for itself with advertising.

Motion by Tumey _____ seconded by Daniels _____ vote 2-3

In favor – Daniels and Tumey

Opposed – Alexander, Norman and Russell

Board member Rob Daniels stated he voted “yes” on the video board in reliance on the plan presented by the administration and athletic department that the video board would pay for itself through advertising and not require the corporation to raise taxes or divert funds from education.

President Russell stated that he voted “no” on the video board because the process feels rushed, and he is concerned if approved this sets a precedence for the board to become a bank.

Vice president Alexander stated that he voted “no” on the video board because he feels the process is faulty. He would have liked to see a marketing/advertising strategy for the entire corporation. He would like the administration to think bigger than just the football field.

Board member Norman stated that he voted “no” on the video board because he feels the process was not thought through carefully. He would have preferred that some plan would have occurred prior to this recommendation. He also struggles with whether this is a necessity or a want.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Board member Norman shared the following information on behalf of Central Nine Career Center:

- Governing Board Banquet was held March 9, 2017. Compliments to the Culinary Arts students for preparing and serving the banquet.
- The board recently approved a custodial contract with Zoe Facility Services. Special thanks to Dr. Gabriel for the help he provided the board.

Vice president Alexander shared he will be testifying on Senate Bill 309 on March 22, 2017.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Russell made the following announcements:

- March 20-31 – Spring Break (No School)
- April 12 – High Ability Informational Meeting (7:00 p.m., High School Auditorium)
- April 13 – Kindergarten Registration (6:30 p.m., Assigned Elementary School)

The next regular meeting is also scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Service Center board room. A work session is also scheduled for the same day at 5:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.