CENTER GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
August 17, 2017

MINUTES

The Board of School Trustees of the Center Grove Community School Corporation met in regular session beginning at 7:07 p.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2017, in the Board Room at the Education Service Center, 4800 West Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood, Indiana.

Board members present:	
Jack Russell, President	X
Scott Alexander, Vice President	X
Carol Tumey, Secretary	X
Rob Daniels, Member	X
Adam Norman, Member	Absent

Also present:	
Rich Arkanoff, Superintendent	X
Paul Gabriel, Chief Financial Officer	Absent
Bill Long, Assistant Superintendent	X
Jack Parker, Assistant Superintendent	X

Shannon Carroll-Frey, Assistant Director of Secondary Teaching & Learning
Stacy Conrad, Executive Director of Communications
Nora Hoover, Executive Director of Human Resources & Student Services
Scott Johnson, Center Grove Middle School North Principal
Amanda Trimble, Coordinator of Special Programs

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Jack Russell called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Center Grove Middle School North student Avani Regmi led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Russell presented Avani with a certificate for her participation.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was recommended that the agenda for the August 17, 2017 regular meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Tumey vote 4-0

IV. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Spotlight on Learning

This evening's Spotlight on Learning featured Center Grove Middle School North (MSN). Principal Scott Johnson and teachers Courtney Allen, Pam Calvert, Chelsea Fleming,

Amy Harmon, Chris Shadday, and Kelli Swigert gave board members a glimpse of how the MSN sixth grade math team is improving student learning through the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) process.

V. REPORTS

IDOE Discipline Report

Executive director of human resources and student services Nora Hoover provided the board with a report on school discipline for 2016-2017. The report gave an overview of in-school and out-of-school suspensions that occurred during last school year.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

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

VII. CONSENT ITEMS

It was recommended that the following Consent Items be approved as presented: Approval of Minutes (7/20/2017 Executive Session and Regular Meeting), Personnel Report, Accounts Payable and Payroll Claims, and Field Trip Report.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Daniels vote 4-0

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

Approve Teacher Appreciation Grants Policy

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board accept the Teacher Appreciation Grants Policy #3220.01.

Superintendent Dr. Rich Arkanoff provided additional information on the policy. The State's biennial budget bill (HEA 1001) outlines a few new requirements which must be met to qualify for a Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG). One of these requirements is that the school board must annually adopt a policy that provides that the amount of a stipend awarded to a teacher rated as Highly Effective must be at least 25% greater than the amount of a stipend awarded to a teacher rated as Effective.

After the original motion was made by secretary Carol Tumey, there was discussion regarding the board's policy on a two-step "reading" process for policy adoption. When necessary, a policy can be adopted at the first meeting it is on the agenda, when the best interest of the corporation requires expedient action.

A motion to amend the motion previously stated was made to accept the Teacher Appreciation Grants Policy #3220.01, waiving a second reading.

Motion by Daniels seconded by Tumey vote 4-0

Accept Bid for Walnut Grove Elementary Site Package

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board accept the bid from Sub-Surface of Indiana, Inc. in the amount of $2,407,000 for the Walnut Grove Elementary School earthwork and site utilities portion of the construction contract.

Assistant superintendent Dr. Bill Long provided additional information on the bid. On August 8, 2017, we opened six (6) bids for the earthwork and site utilities portion of the Walnut Grove Elementary School (WGES) construction project. After a thorough analysis of the bids by AECOM Hunt and Lancer+Beebe, LLC, they recommend accepting the bid from Sub-Surface of Indiana, Inc. There were no alternates included within this scope of work. Funds for construction are from the sale of bonds specifically for WGES. The work will begin as soon as permits are drawn and submittals have been reviewed (sometime after Labor Day 2017). Not presenting, but available to answer questions, were project directors James Gulley and Eric Howe with AECOM Hunt.

Motion by	Daniels	seconded by	Tumey	vote	4-0

Point of clarification for board member Rob Daniels: This bid came in below the estimated budget of $3,100,000.

Accept Bid for Salt Barn

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board accept the bid from Sub-Surface of Indiana, Inc. in the amount of $267,000 for the construction of the Salt Barn.

Dr. Long provided additional information on the bid. On August 10, 2017, we opened two (2) bids for the construction of a salt storage facility. After a thorough analysis of the bids by AECOM Hunt and CSO Architects, they recommend accepting the bid from Sub-Surface of Indiana, Inc. There were no alternates included within this scope of work. Funds for construction are from a General Obligation bond. The work will begin as soon as permits are drawn and submittals have been reviewed. Substantial completion is estimated to be the end of October 2017. Not presenting, but available to answer questions, were project directors James Gulley and Eric Howe with AECOM Hunt.

Motion by	Alexander	seconded by	Daniels	vote	4-0

Point of clarification for vice president Scott Alexander: The original bid was rejected because it did not come in within the corporation's budget for the project. After re-evaluating the amount of salt on hand, the project deadline was pushed back which allowed a few more companies to bid on the project, including Sub-Surface of Indiana, Inc. This bid came in below the estimated budget of $300,000.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Carol Tumey

- Athletic Booster Club – Established in 1972, the booster club has raised over $3,000,000 to support all our athletic programs. Homecoming will be held September 29, 2017. The annual Trojan Golf Classic will be held June 27, 2018. Booster club membership forms are available via the High School's website.

Scott Alexander

- Insurance Committee – The committee met on August 16, 2017. They are working to lower premium increases, expand offerings at the Wellness Center, and increase educational programs.

Jack Russell

- Alumni & Friends – There will be some exciting announcements coming in the next three (3) to six (6) months. Be sure to check out the new display cases in the High School.
- Be sure to check out the corporation's new website design

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Russell made the following announcements:

- August 31 – High School Parent/Teacher Conferences
- September 4 – Labor Day (No School)
- September 7 – Superintendent Coffee Chat (7:30-9:30 a.m., M/I Homes Saddle Club)

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2017 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 7:53 p.m.