

CENTER GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
October 26, 2017

MINUTES

The Board of School Trustees of the Center Grove Community School Corporation met in regular session beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, 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>

Shannon Carroll-Frey, Assistant Director of Secondary Teaching & Learning

Stacy Conrad, Executive Director of Communications

Jeff Henderson, Center Grove High School Principal

Nora Hoover, Executive Director of Human Resources & Student Services

Rick Pederson, Director of Operations

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Jack Russell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Center Grove High School student Ryan Alt led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Russell presented him with a certificate for his participation.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was recommended that the agenda for the October 26, 2017 regular meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion by Tumey seconded by Daniels vote 5-0

IV. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Spotlight on Learning

This evening's Spotlight on Learning featured Center Grove High School (CGHS). Principal Jeff Henderson and instructional coach Lindsay Hardin gave board members a glimpse of how

CGHS staff members are improving student learning through the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) process.

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. Conrad Wong (3071 Coventry Lane, Greenwood, Indiana) spoke on behalf of the new course proposals for the high school. He believes the quality of curriculum has improved and encourages the board and administrators to keep making advancements, particularly in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math).

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

It was recommended that the following Consent Items be approved as presented: Approval of Minutes (9/21/2017 Regular Meeting), Personnel Report, and Accounts Payable and Payroll Claims.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Daniels vote 5-0

VII. ACTION ITEMS

Accept Bids for Walnut Grove Elementary

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board accept all the bids as presented for the Walnut Grove Elementary School project.

Assistant superintendent Dr. Bill Long provided additional information on the bids. On October 10, 2017, we opened a total of 72 bids for Walnut Grove's remaining 24 bid packages. AECOM Hunt and Lancer + Beebe LLC provided a thorough analysis of the bids. Funds for construction are from the sale of bonds specifically for Walnut Grove. Work has already begun on the initial site work package. Walnut Grove is slated to open in August 2019.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Tumey vote 5-0
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Point of clarification for president Russell: Bid Package #12: Sports Flooring System – At their request, Champion Flooring was allowed to withdraw their bid.

Approve Quit Claim Deed by Earlywood Educational Services

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve a Quit Claim Deed between Center Grove and Earlywood Educational Services (formerly Special Services Johnson County and Surrounding Schools).

Dr. Long provided additional information on the deed. Per our separation agreement with Special Services Johnson County and Surround Schools (now Earlywood Educational Services) and after review by our attorney, we are transferring any interest Center Grove has in the real estate and building housing the cooperative's administration offices located at 500 Earlywood Drive (Franklin, Indiana) to Earlywood Educational Services for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00).

Motion by Alexander seconded by Daniels vote 5-0
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Approve New Course Proposals-High School

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve the new high school course descriptions for inclusion in the high school Academic Guide.

Assistant superintendent Dr. Jack Parker provided additional information on the course proposals. Each year the high school makes course proposals of possible courses available to students for scheduling. This year, the high school would like to add eight (8) course descriptions (Basic Skills Development 0500, Ethnic Studies 1516, Indiana Studies 1518, Chemistry II-ACP Chemistry 3066, Advanced Science Special Topics: Global Campus Genetics 3092, Human and Social Services I 5336, Education Professions I 5408, Fashion and Textiles Careers I 5420).

Motion by	Alexander	seconded by	Daniels	vot	5-0
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Point of clarification for board member Rob Daniels: A couple of the courses have been mandated by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE). If students choose to take any of these courses, we will offer them.

Point of clarification for vice president Scott Alexander: Courses have been proposed primarily by department chairs/teachers.

Approve School Improvement Plans (SIPs)

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve 2017-2018 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 School Improvement Plans (SIP). Per Indiana Code, all public schools must annually submit an SIP. 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	Tumey	seconded by	Alexander	vot	5-0
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Point of clarification for vice president Alexander: All Center Grove schools submitted their SIPs to the IDOE by the September 15, 2017 deadline.

Approve 2018 Budget

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve the 2018 budgets for all funds as presented, along with the following resolutions:

1. Resolution to Adopt the Capital Projects Fund Plan
2. Resolution to Adopt the Bus Replacement Plan
3. Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rate

Chief financial officer Dr. Paul Gabriel provided additional information on the 2018 budget, which was presented to the board during the regular meeting on September 21, 2017. Since that time, there have been no changes in the official budget documents.

Motion by	Alexander	seconded by	Daniels	vot	5-0
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Approve General Obligation (GO) Bonds (Hearing & Resolutions)

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board conduct a public hearing for the 2017 General Obligation bonds including the approval of the following resolutions:

1. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of the 2017B Bonds
2. Additional Appropriation Resolution for the 2017B Bonds
3. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of the 2017C Bonds
4. Additional Appropriation Resolution for the 2017C Bonds

This evening's meeting had been appropriately advertised as an additional appropriation hearing on the 2017B and 2017C General Obligation bonds - \$1,990,000 in bonds for technology projects and \$1,990,000 in bonds to support CPF building improvement projects. As part of the hearing, Dr. Gabriel presented information regarding the need for the bonds, the tax impact, and the use of the bond proceeds. Following the presentation, president Russell opened a hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments. The following individual(s) commented on the additional appropriations:

Mr. Conrad Wong commented that while the investments Center Grove has made in technology and building improvements is warranted, he believes the board and administration need to consider engaging the population that do not have children to let them know how their tax dollars are being spent.

After the public comments, the hearing was closed.

Motion by Tumey seconded by Alexander vote 5-0

Vice president Alexander commented that he appreciates the last presentation slide entitled “How Does Our School Rate Compare?” that shows Property Tax Rates by Unit (Counties, Cities/Towns and Schools). He would like to see us continue to use this data in the future.

Approve Additional Appropriations Hearing & Resolution

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board conduct a public hearing on additional appropriations for the General Fund in the amount of \$2,500,000 and the Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$486,877. Following the public hearing, it is recommended that the board approve the resolution regarding the additional appropriations.

President Russell opened the public hearing. Dr. Gabriel reported the purpose of these appropriations is to cover a variety of expenses and to make GO Bond payments.

There were no comments from the public. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Tumey vot 5-0
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Approve Superintendent Life Insurance Plan Changes

Board President's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve increasing the superintendent's life insurance policy to \$250,000 effective November 1, 2017.

Dr. Gabriel provided additional information on the change. The superintendent's current \$195,000 policy costs a total of \$175.50 per year. A \$250,000 policy will cost a total of \$225.00.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Daniels vot 5-0
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Approve Retirement Buyout Correction

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve a retirement buyout correction.

Dr. Gabriel provided additional information on the correction. In 2003-2004 we did a retirement "buyout" of our unfunded liability for unpaid sick days and health insurance benefits for all teachers and administrators. We recently received a request from an employee to re-examine the retirement buyout calculation they received. After an investigation by Educational Services Company, it was discovered the employee's military service was not credited to their "years of service" calculation. Therefore, an additional amount of \$15,464 will be deposited into the employee's retirement accounts.

Motion by Daniels seconded by Alexander vot 5-0
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Approve Statement of Benefits and Compensation

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve revisions to the Statement of Benefits and Compensation.

Executive director of human resources and student services Nora Hoover provided additional information on the revisions. The revisions include salary/daily rate/hourly increases, changes to insurance rates, and other changes previously approved by the board.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Daniels vot 5-0
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VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Scott Alexander

- Insurance Committee – Special thanks to the human resources department for educating staff on the new insurance plan changes and how to be a smart consumer.

Rob Daniels

Center Grove Education Foundation

- The Foundation's office has moved to the Technology Center
- The Foundation is celebrating their 20th Anniversary

- Monte Carlo Night fundraiser was very successful
- Fall grant cycle deadline is October 31, 2017
- Night with the Pacers will be held February 11, 2018
- Gala for the Grove will be held April 14, 2018 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom

Jack Russell

- Alumni & Friends – Special events will be held in January 2018 at home basketball games
- ISBA Region 8 meeting will be held November 1, 2017

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Russell made the following announcements:

- October 4 & 12 – Middle School North Parent/Teacher Conferences
- October 10 – Walnut Grove Elementary Groundbreaking (10:00 a.m.)
- October 10 & 11 – Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences
- October 11 & 12 – Middle School Central Parent/Teacher Conferences
- October 16-20 – Fall Break (No School)
- October 26 – Superintendent Coffee Chat (7:30-9:30 a.m., Strange Brew)
- October 26 – Work Session (2:00 p.m., IT Learning Hub)

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.