

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

MINUTES

The Board of School Trustees of the Center Grove Community School Corporation met in regular session beginning at 7:03 p.m. on Thursday, November 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>

Shannon Carroll-Frey, Assistant Director of Secondary Teaching & Learning
Stacy Conrad, Executive Director of Communications
Davin Harpe, Sugar Grove Elementary Principal
Jeff Henderson, Center Grove High School Principal
Nora Hoover, Executive Director of Human Resources & Student Services
Scott Johnson, Middle School North Principal
Trael Kelly, Pleasant Grove Elementary Principal
Krista Nelson, Center Grove Elementary Principal
Brooke Phillips, Maple Grove Elementary Principal
Brian Proctor, North Grove Elementary Principal
Craig Smith, Middle School Central Principal
Amanda Trimble, Coordinator of Special Programs

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Jack Russell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Maple Grove Elementary School students Brevin Holubar and Brody Holubar led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Russell presented them each with a certificate for their participation.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion by	Alexander	seconded by	Daniels	vot	5-0
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IV. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Spotlight on Learning

This evening's Spotlight on Learning featured Maple Grove Elementary School (MGES). Principal Brooke Phillips, assistant principal Andrea Lee, instructional coach Heather Gant, and fourth grade teachers Laura DeBaun-Haag, Brianne Gentry and Ron Hobson gave board members a glimpse of how MGES staff members are improving student learning through the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) process.

Indy Chamber Monumental Award-Innovation Center

Assistant superintendent Dr. Bill Long introduced vice president and principal architect John Rigsbee with CSO Architects, Inc. who provided additional information on the award. The Indy Chamber's Monumental Awards acknowledges individuals and businesses that contribute to excellence in architecture, construction, engineering, innovative reuse, and more. On October 19, 2017, CSO Architects accepted the Achievement Award for Innovative Reuse for the Innovation Center and tonight is presenting the plaque to the board.

V. REPORTS

Academic Update

Assistant superintendent Dr. Jack Parker provided the board with an ISTEP and School Accountability report. Principals from all eight (8) schools provided a summary of their recent data on student performance on the ISTEP test results in math and English language arts, their school accountability grade, trends in the data, and areas of opportunity for improving student success.

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 (10/26/2017 Executive Session and Regular Meeting), Personnel Report, Accounts Payable and Payroll Claims, Field Trip Report, and End of Year Transfer Request.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Norman vot 5-0
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VIII. ACTION ITEMS

Approve Employee Stipends

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve employee stipends.

Executive director of human resources and student services Nora Hoover provided additional information on the stipends. The Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG) provides \$30 per student to school districts throughout Indiana, and the amount given to each district is paid to teachers. Per Center Grove policy 3220.01, the grant total will be used to pay stipends to teachers who received a final effectiveness rating of Effective or Highly Effective for last school year.

Also requested is a stipend of .93% for all administrators and all permanent support staff (Levels A, B and C – and one Level D employee) who meet the evaluation requirement.

Motion by	Alexander	seconded by	Norman	vot	5-0
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Point of clarification for vice president Scott Alexander: The grant distribution of \$30 per student is based on the current Average Daily Membership (ADM).

Accept Donation for Center Grove Elementary School

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board accept a donation of playground equipment from the Center Grove Elementary PTO at a value of \$31,967.15.

Dr. Long provided additional information on the donation. Not presenting, but available to answer questions, were Center Grove Elementary principal Krista Nelson and PTO president Jessica Keeton. The Center Grove Elementary PTO has raised funds over the last three (3) years to purchase playground equipment for their primary playground.

Motion by Norman seconded by Daniels vot 5-0
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Accept Quotes for Maintenance Storage Facility

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board accept quotes from Dallman Contractors, LLC for the site work and construction of a maintenance storage facility.

Dr. Long provided additional information on the quotes. Three (3) contractors were asked to quote the site work and building construction for a new maintenance storage facility. On October 20, 2017, we received two (2) quotes for the site work and two (2) quotes for the construction of the building.

The new facility will be used to store maintenance equipment when not in use and to set up an area to store parts and supplies for all the skilled trades. Eventually, it will be used as a warehouse to track and control the inventory of all these items.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Norman vot e 5-0

Point of clarification for president Russell: The new facility will be located to the southwest of the current operations center, allowing space for future growth for the transportation department.

Accept Quote for Soccer Turf

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board accept the quote from FieldTurf for soccer turf.

Dr. Long provided additional information on the quote. Not presenting, but available to answer questions, were high school athletic director Jon Zwitt and soccer coaches Mike Bishop and Jameson McLaughlin. On November 9, 2017, we received a quote from FieldTurf for the installation of artificial turf at the Center Grove soccer field (including markings for lacrosse).

FieldTurf is sold through a national purchasing cooperative, the National Joint Powers Alliance, the same organization used to purchase the football bleachers. The quote is for \$794,408.00.

Once approved, design work will begin immediately, and it may be possible to start moving dirt this fall/winter. It will be ready for play before school starts in August 2018. Funds for this project will come from the remaining balance from the bonds sold for Walnut Grove Elementary School.

Motion by	Norman	seconded by	Daniels	vot	5-0
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Point of clarification for vice president Alexander: The turf has a life expectancy of approximately 10 to 12 years, depending on use.

Approve Resolution for Transfer of School Property

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve a resolution to authorize the transfer of school property located on the southwest corner of Morgantown Road and Fairview Road to the White River Township Fire Protection District.

Dr. Long provided additional information on the transfer. Not presenting, but available to answer questions, were White River Township Fire Department chief Jeremy Pell and Mike Hoffman. The corporation was approached by the White River Township Fire Protection District (WRTFPD) to purchase approximately four (4) acres of land. The WRTFPD will pay the corporation the average of two (2) appraisals, and we will work together on the design and location of ingress and egress. The new station will also include a space for a substation for the Johnson County Sheriff's Department.

Motion by	Alexander	seconded by	Daniels	vot	5-0
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Board member Adam Norman expressed his excitement about the project. He believes that community partnerships like this create a stronger community.

Vice president Alexander believes the new station will improve the safety and protection of our students and the community. This project is a huge win for everyone.

First Reading of Proposed Policy Revision (2623.01)

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board accept the changes to Policy 2623.01 as presented as a first reading.

Dr. Parker provided additional information on the first reading. This policy was presented for a first reading at the September 21, 2017 board meeting; however, a second reading did not occur at the succeeding board meeting on October 26, 2017. According to Bylaw 0131.1, bylaws and policies may be adopted, amended and repealed at any meeting, but once proposed, shall have remained on the agenda of each succeeding board meeting until approved or rejected.

Adopt 2017-2018 Board Finance Goal

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board adopt the following finance goal as required by Indiana Code 20-42.5-3-6:

"For the 2017-18 school year, the Center Grove Community School Corporation will strive to increase the school corporation's allocation of taxpayer resources directly to student instruction and learning, in light of the unique circumstances in the district."

Chief financial officer Dr. Paul Gabriel provided additional information on the board finance goal. Indiana law requires school districts to establish goals for each category of expenditures that will increase the corporation's allocation of taxpayer resources directly to student instruction and learning, in light of unique circumstances present in the school corporation.

Motion by	Alexander	seconded by	Norman	vot	5-0
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Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve a resolution to borrow money from the Indiana Bond Bank in anticipation of property taxes.

Motion by Norman seconded by Alexander vot e 5-0

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve the Certified Staff Handbook.

The handbook is reviewed each school year. As part of this process, the content of the Certified Staff Handbook has been discussed with UTACG through corporation discussions, as required. Upon approval, the human resources department will proceed with a communication plan, which includes employee acknowledgement and receipt of the handbook.

Motion by Daniels seconded by Alexander vot e 5-0

- Twenty-seven (27) grant applications were received totaling more than \$87,000. The Foundation will fund \$30,000.
- November 28 is Giving Tuesday (a global day of giving) – consider supporting the Foundation.
- Night with the Pacers will be held February 11, 2018. Tickets go on sale at all schools the beginning of December.

- Planning a winter homecoming to be held at the January 19, 2018 home basketball game
- Discussions are underway to produce an alumni directory

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Russell made the following announcements:

- November 20-24 – Fall Break (No School)
- December 12 – Superintendent Coffee Chat (7:30-9:30 a.m., Jack's Donuts)
- December 14 Board Meeting Cancelled

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2018 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 8:36 p.m.