

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.
Administration Building
3 West Athenian Dr.

MINUTES

I. Roll Call: President Steve McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
Present: Steve McLaughlin, Kent Minnette, Monte Thompson, Kathy Brown, Susan Albrecht, Rex Ryker, Brent Bokhart, Andrew Nicodemus, Hayley Jarman (Journal Review), Marci Galinowski, Amanda Ellenberger, Wendy Schmitzer-Torbert, Spring Perry, Kylie McFarland, Zaylie McFarland, Beth Daniel Lindsay, Addison Lindsey, Stephanie Wilkinson, Patrick McClamroch

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Consent Agenda: Approve Previous Meeting Minutes, Construction Accounts Payable Voucher, Payroll Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Voucher, and Surplus Items

Kathy Brown made a motion to approve, seconded by Kent Minnette. Motion carried

IV. Principals Report: Marci Galinowski, Addy Lindsey and Zaylie McFarland Student leaders, Addy Lindsay, Student Council Secretary, and Zaylie McFarland, Student Council President, brought updates from Hoover Elementary. The duo then presented a series of questions to the school board about leadership to take with them back to their Hoover Student Council.

V. Old Business: None

VI. New Business

A. Consider MOU - Hoover Elementary and College Mentors for Kids, Inc.

1. This MOU is for our 21st century after school program and specifically is for the Little Buddies mentoring program. Updated MOUs are needed for our 21st century grant. I recommend approval of this MOU.

Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve, seconded by Monte Thompson. Motion carried

B. Consider Art Enrichment Camp - Restoring Hope Restoring Trust Community Partnership Grant - Amanda Ellenberger

Kathy Brown made a motion to approve, seconded by Monte Thompson. Motion carried

C. Consider Resolution for Transfer of Dormant Funds to the Rainy Day Fund

1. This transfer is to help clean up our Fund Report. We currently have numerous funds that have gone dormant and are available to be transferred where the School sees fit. We recommend that the Board approve this Resolution to Transfer Dormant Funds to the Rainy Day Fund.

Monte Thompson made a motion to approve, seconded by Kent Minnette. Motion carried

D. Consider Resolution for Transfer From Rainy Day Fund

1. This transfer is a regular transfer that we complete on a semiannual basis. This resolution would give the School permission to transfer up to \$900,000 from the Rainy Day Fund to the Operations Fund. This maximum amount is set due to the month of December not being completed yet. We recommend that the Board approve this Resolution to Transfer funds from the Rainy Day Fund to the Operations Fund.

Kathy Brown made a motion to approve, seconded by Susan Albrecht. Motion carried

E. Consider Exercising the Right to Re-purchase Property

1. In light of New Beginnings Child Care of Montgomery County, Inc. ceasing to do business and using the real estate at 1601 College Street, Crawfordsville, IN, as a child care facility, Crawfordsville Community School Corporation exercises its right to re-purchase the real estate under the terms of its prior deed dated July 14, 2022. I recommend that the Board approve the repurchase of the real estate at 1601 East College Street, formerly known as John Beard Elementary, for \$9,000.00.

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve, seconded by Kathy Brown. Motion carried

VII. Personnel

A. Resignations

1. Consider Jennifer Clester Resignation - CMS Teacher's Aide
2. Consider Gabriela Dominguez Resignation - Willson Teachers

Kathy Brown made a motion to approve, seconded by Kent Minnette. Motion carried

B. Hiring

1. Recommend Hope Shirar - Willson, Teacher's Aide
2. Recommend Jacinda Bragg - Willson, Teacher's Aide
3. Recommend Laura Peebles - Nicholson, Instructional Assistant
4. Recommend Spencer McCumber - Nicholson Transition Teacher (2026-27)
5. Recommend Lillian Mellinger - Nicholson as Term Substitute for Vacancy

Monte Thompson made a motion to approve, seconded by Kathy Brown. Motion carried

C. Change of Position - No Action Required

VIII. Business Manager Report

A. Bond Issuance

1. The Indiana Bond Bank approved our Bond Application on November 19, 2025. The final step is ready, and that is the Bond Closing on Tuesday, December 16, 2025. Once this closing happens, we will receive our funds shortly after.

B. Operations Analysis

1. BakerTilly was here on Monday, December 8th, to conduct meetings and interviews with our administration and staff. They will now take what they have learned from these meetings and interviews and will meet with

the Administration to go through a Draft Report in January. We hope to have a final report for review by February.

C. Common School

1. We just received approval from the DOE for our Common School Loan Application. This loan, around \$220,000, will help the school to purchase and maintain technology that is vital to the instruction of students.

IX. Assistant Superintendent Report

A. Operations

1. Hoover playground equipment is installed. Will be ready for use as soon as the mulch is reinstalled. Nicholson playground is tentatively scheduled to be removed over winter break, with new equipment to follow.
2. CMS's remaining classroom carpet floors will be replaced over break. This will complete the total number of rooms that were scheduled to be replaced with vinyl plank.
3. Met with DeLong Rigging Solutions to review work to be done in the auditorium. An inspection was completed with recommended follow-up work that was reviewed onsite. Initial steps would be to remove and update line sets, including updated hardware.

B. Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment

1. ELA Secondary Workshop - The secondary ELA teachers met to discuss vertical alignment with a focus on identifying and committing to key vocabulary in each grade level and proficiency scales in writing assessments. Thank you to Rachel O'Neal and Emily Race for planning the workshop and co-leading, as they did a great job, and excellent work was done by the ELA team.
2. School Accountability - Public comment is continuing on the proposed rule through January 5th, but we are already beginning to work with the proposed rule, so we can plan to be proactive with student tracking, as the new plan is much more individualized per student. The current proposed rule presentation is [here](#).

X. Superintendent Report

A. Community

1. Hendricks Regional Sports Medicine offerings meeting
2. HB 1034 - Student Cellular Telephone Use = prohibits a student from using or possessing a wireless communication device during the school day; requires teacher-directed use of a wireless communication device to be on school-supplied wireless devices; supports secure storage.
3. SB 84 - Prekindergarten and child care - deals with funding vouchers for Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF).
4. SB 58 - School Curriculum - requires print handwriting, cursive handwriting, and spelling in its curriculum.
5. HB1040 - Battery against vulnerable workers - adds school employees

B. Educational Leadership

1. TAG Application
 - a) Thank you, Susan, for serving on the selection committee

b) We held two informational Google Meet meetings for questions and answers.

2. SpEd CoOp planning with North

C. Reminders

1. Legislative Breakfast Saturday, December 13th at 9:00 am, which will be held at CMS.

D. I'm grateful to be your superintendent and proud to be an Athenian

XI. Board Member Communication - None

XII. Patron Comments - None

XIII. Adjournment - President Steve, called for a motion to adjourn.

Kathy Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Susan Albrecht.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm