

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 5:30 P.M.
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MINUTES

I. Roll Call

Present: Steve McLaughlin (President), Dr. Rex Ryker (Superintendent), Dr. Brent Bokhart (Assistant Superintendent), Kathy Brown (Vice President), Susan Albrecht (Secretary), Kent Minnette (Trustee), Monte Thompson (Trustee), Andrew Nicodemus (Business Manager), Bianca Perez +4, Adam Welcher, Eli Torres, Lisa Tyler, Brittany Reef, Jacquie Voliva, Heidi Plunkett, Rita Rothenberger, Josey Aguilar, Gianna Kochert, Addison James, Zoe Abbott, Hannah Barnes, Hayley Jarman (Journal Review), Jordan Planck, Blake Harris +2, Meredith Boaz, Scarlett Cawthorn, Shyla Hall, Rae Ann Baker, Elizabeth Nunan, Aubrey Mitchell, Jennie Swick, Lexi Carson, Stephanie Wilkinson (Executive Assistant)

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes, Construction Accounts Payable Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers, and Surplus Items

Monte Thompson made a motion to approve all consent agenda items, seconded by Kent Minnette. Motion carried

IV. Building Principal Report - Adam Welcher - Laura G. Hose Elementary

Principal Welcher presented to the board and patrons recent happenings and pictures of the daily life at Hose Elementary. Josie Aguilar, a Kindergarten teacher at Hose, shared the new reading curriculum, CKLA and how well the students are responding to this new material. Brittany Reef, an instructional coach at Hose, presented the structure of foundational skills with students. This year Hose has 167 students receiving daily one-on-one time. Aubrey Mitchell shared her experience on student rotations and the importance of supporting them through this structure. Jacquie Voliva shared her experience as well with this new structure of student rotations and the ability to meet students where they are. Three students were also invited to participate at the Board presentation. Mr. Welcher asked them to draw a picture of their classroom and share their favorite thing about phonics.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

a. Consider Choir Field Trip - Jennie Swick

CHS and CMS choirs will travel to Kings Island in Ohio on May 5, 2026. No school will be missed. Members of Dynamic Expressions, the CHS Show Choir, presented their request in song. REX: I recommend that the Board approve the Choir Field Trip

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

b. Consider DG Literacy Grant Application - Dr. Meredith Boaz

Steve McLaughlin made a motion to approve all consent agenda items, seconded by Susan Albrecht. Motion carried

c. Consider Indiana Literacy Association Grant - Dr. Meredith Boaz

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

d. Consider Purdue Extension MOU

This MOU is for Purdue Extension and our after-school program, specifically Chef University at Hoover. Dr. Bokhart recommended that the Board approve.

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

e. Consider Capital Projects - CHS Auditorium

The corporation had an inspection completed on the auditorium, which reported needed updates and repairs. A quote was obtained from DeLong Rigging. Indianapolis Stage stated they would not provide a quote, and ZFX Flying Effects made initial contact but did not follow up with a quote. Dr. Bokhart recommended that the Board approve the quote from DeLong Rigging.

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve, seconded by Susan Albrecht. Motion carried

f. Consider Transportation Handbook 26-27 - Kathy Brown

Kathy Brown reviewed the handbook with Betsy Hamm, Director of Transportation. Clarifications were added to the handbook and no major changes. Kathy recommended that the Board approve the transportation handbook.

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

g. Consider Athens Virtual Academy Student Handbook 26-27 - Monte Thompson

Monte Thompson reviewed this handbook and noted only staffing changes. Monte recommended that the Board approve the AVA handbook.

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

h. Consider the 2027-2028 School Calendar

This proposed calendar returns to 4 snow/weather days, proposes that after the use of 4 snowdays, the corporation would use up to 3 Asynchronous eLearning days, and then adds to the end of the calendar. The two added "snow makeup days" extend President's Day into a "winter break" and the second is on Good Friday. Dr. Ryker recommended that the Board approve the calendar for the 27-28 school year.

Steve McLaughlin made a motion to approve, seconded by Monte Thompson. Motion carried

i. Consider revised 2025-2026 Calendar

The revision adds the 3 Asynchronous eLearning after the use of snow days. Dr. Ryker recommended that the Board approve the calendar.

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

j. Consider revised 2026-2027 Calendar

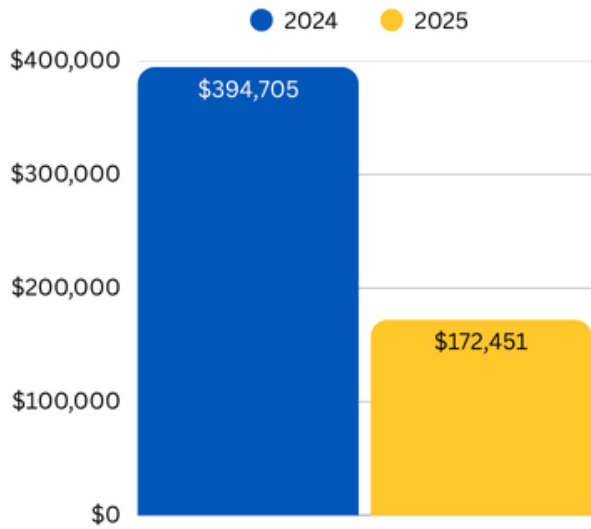
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k. Consider Childcare and Preschool Fees

While these rates do not cover the cost of providing childcare or preschool, the administration believes this is a benefit and service for staff that is worth the investment. We will continue to apply for grants and other funding sources to provide scholarships to families who do not have the means to pay tuition.

Total Voucher Amount



2026-27 Childcare & Preschool Offerings	2025-26	2026-27	CHANGE	Early Learning Center
Infant (week)	\$115.00	\$165.00	\$50.00	\$220.00
Toddler (week)	\$100.00	\$153.75	\$53.75	\$205.00
*Preschool (week)	\$68.75	\$100.00	\$31.25	\$185.00
*Preschool (week; staff)	\$34.40	\$75.00	\$40.60	
Discovery (week)	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$60.00
Discovery (week; staff)	\$25.00	\$37.50	\$12.50	
Club (per club per week)	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	
**Non-Childcare PD Day	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
*Preschool is billed monthly. The amount shown is 1/4 of the monthly fee for comparison				
*Preschool Monthly = \$400 and \$300 for staff				
**Fee only for children not enrolled in our childcare or preschool				

Steve McLaughlin made a motion to approve all consent agenda items, seconded by Monte Thompson. Motion carried

VI. Personnel

a. Resignations

1. Consider Ashley Fisher Resignation - CHS Essential Skills Assistant
2. Consider Deneen Bartlett Resignation - Hoover Aide and 21st Century Program Director
3. Consider Mackenzie Kimberling Resignation - Willson Aide

Steve McLaughlin made a motion to approve, seconded by Kent Minnette. Motion carried

b. Retirement

1. Consider Linda Ross Retirement - Corporation Accounts Payable
Monte Thompson made a motion to approve, seconded by Kent Minnette. Motion carried
2. Consider Shelle Wheeler Retirement - Hose Teacher
Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve, seconded by Monte Thompson. Motion carried
3. Consider Rhonda Bacon Retirement - Hoover Teacher
Monte Thompson made a motion to approve, seconded by Susan Albrecht. Motion carried
4. Consider Stacy Guard Retirement - CMS Science Teacher
Kent Minnette made a motion to approve, seconded by Monte Thompson. Motion carried

c. Hiring

1. Recommend Alexis Fenimore - CHS Teacher's Assistant
 2. Recommend Megan McCumber - Elementary Teacher
- Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve, seconded by Kent Minnette. Motion carried

VII. Business Manager Report [Andrew Nicodemus]

- a. Employee Hub
 - i. The corporation is active in the Boyce Employee Hub. Pay Stubs and W-2s are available for viewing for all employees. Remaining temporary employees are still pending activation in the Hub and plan to make the full transition from Doculivity to the Employee Hub by the end of March.
- b. Equitable Services
 - i. The corporation has stopped making contributions to the old Corebridge accounts. There is a target date of 2/20/26 to begin contributions to the new Equitable accounts through our new TPA, US Omni & TSACG.
- c. Monthly Financials
 - i. Board Packets include the new Financial Reports from BakerTilly.
- d. ParentSquare Pay
 - i. A meeting was held today with the ParentSquare reps to go through the installation of the ParentSquare Pay app. This application will be used to continue our invoicing for the Willson Preschool Academy programs for preschool and childcare. A review of fundraising, donation collection, and fee payments will be made through this program as well.

VIII. Assistant Superintendent Report [Dr. Brent Bokhart]

- a. Operations
 - i. Safety
ALICE Trainings - Building-level staff trainings have been ongoing with Nicholson and Hose remaining. Positive feedback so far, with some common themes being appreciative of learning about supports of real-time decision-making, active participation, when evacuation is actually preferred over lockdown, and alignment of staff expectations.
- b. Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment
 - i. HRS Summit - Sharon Danforth, Marci Galinowski, Morgan Hodge, and Tami Haas. Level 2 Certification. Sharon Danforth Level 1 HRT Certification.
 - ii. New Teacher Institutes - Seminars, the past two weeks with our year 1 and year 2 teachers. Continue to grow in this professional development support for our new teachers. Positive feedback from our teachers. Appreciate the mentors and principals who have supported the development of this program.

- iii. Teacher Evaluation Team - Have continued to work on the development of a new teacher rubric that better aligns with our HRS framework, as well as an applicable instructional focus. It's been wonderful to work with a team of teachers and administrators who are focused on how to develop and support our instructional practice.
- c. Foundations for Life Essay Contest - Attended the Montgomery County Leadership Academy. Nine students representing CCSC as essay winners, and Isla Seward was recognized as the overall 9-12 grade category winner.

IX. Superintendent Report [Dr. Rex Ryker]

- a. Please see the Oracle
 - i. David Pierce, all-time winningest coach, surpassing Paul Curtis (1970-1982)
 - ii. Dance team National Champions
 - iii. Girls Swimming Sectional Champions
 - iv. Boys Swimming won the MAC Championship
 - v. Boys Basketball Sugar Creek and County Champions
 - vi. Dynamic Expression Placed 1st Runner Up and Best Choreography at the Southmont Show Choir invitational
 - vii. CHS Band sends 3 ensembles and Ian Hurt to State on Feb 28.
- b. Community
 - i. IAPSS Leading with Excellence Podcast Interview
- c. Educational Leadership
 - i. MOY Meetings
 - 1. Admin Staff
 - 2. Building Principals
 - 3. Student Leadership Teams
 - a. Three Positives: Hose and Nicholson students love CKLA. The Hose students talked to me about science, and the boys in the Nicholson group talked about wanting more books about Vikings, both prompted by CKLA lessons. The Middle School students expressed how their Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, or PBIS, is working to motivate and reward students. Hoover appreciates their playgrounds and “all the teachers and principals.” CHS students shared that “teachers are very supportive and ensure we enjoy class”)
 - b. I also asked for one area for improvement. Hose students reported we could improve the computer lab; Nicholson students shared they would like more family events and a greater selection of books (back to Vikings); Hoover Students asked for more class-related field trips and longer recess. They also shared that they wanted the boys' bathroom enlarged. CMS discussed food and improving student awareness of resources available for students in need. CHS students expressed the greatest need was for greater school counseling for college and career prep.
- d. Reminders
 - i. Executive Session, Friday, March 6, 2026, 9:00 - 11:30 am.
 - ii. Next Board meeting is on Thursday, March 12th at 5:30 pm

XII. Board Member Communication - None

XIII. Patron Comments - None

XIV. Adjournment - Kathy Brown called for a motion to adjourn. Kent Minnette made a motion, seconded by Steve McLaughlin. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.