

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 5:30 P.M.
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MINUTES

I. Roll Call - Steve McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

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), Stephanie Wilkinson (Executive Assistant), Maesa Horton, Colten Custer, Travis Walton, Jon & Renae Tebbe +1, Jay Strickland, Chloe Carter, Hayley Jarman (Journal Review), Daniel Surface, Nahomi Sanchez, Laynah Bible, Kylie McFarland

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Spotlight

Dr. Ryker started the meeting by acknowledging the efforts of our staff on this day when CHS received a report of a bomb threat. Thank you to the Corporation Safety Team led by Amber Reed & Brent Bokhart, Transportation Director, Betsy Hamm, gathered 14 busses in record time, Chartwells food services led by Diana Wilbert organized food for 700 people, the amazing Middle School staff during reunification, SSC Maintenance & Grounds who directed traffic, and the CPD, CFD, Montgomery Co. Sheriff's Department, State Police, and officers from Tippecanoe County who responded and secured and cleared our school.

“Again, Crawfordsville Community Schools demonstrated what a public school community can do. I'm grateful for the parents that helped and encouraged staff, grateful for the surrounding schools who offered to help, I'm grateful to be an Athenian and to be a school superintendent with an amazing team.”

- Dr. Ryker

IV. Building Principal Report - CHS Students: Daniel Surface, Maesa Horton, Colton Custer, Travis Walton, & Naomi Sanchez. These five Seniors gave their accounts of their years at Crawfordsville High School and their full-time with Crawfordsville Community School Corporation. They highlighted the encouragement received from coaches, teachers, and staff as a whole.

Chloe Carter presented her experiences shared with the international travel groups she has organized over the past 4 years and the upcoming annual trips that are in progress.

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

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

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

a. Consider CHS Drumline Trip - J.Tebbe

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

b. Consider CHS Student Handbook for 2026-2027

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

c. Consider MOU with Sandy Hook Promise Foundation

We are at the end of our initial 3 years with the Sandy Hook Foundation. This is our anonymous reporting system. We will also be bringing on Athens Virtual Academy for access, as well as onboarding a summer bridge team to assist with parents and students throughout the summer. Recommend approval of this renewal with Sandy Hook.

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

d. Consider Public Works Project

Parking lot work for Hose, Nicholson, Hoover Field, CMS, and CHS. Otto Marking provided bids with a larger scope of work for more long-term maintenance for Hose, Nicholson, and Hoover Field, and low bids for CMS and CHS. We also have the CHS fire system jockey pump that needs to be replaced. NewJac has provided a low-bid quote with the scope of work necessary for the replacement. Recommend approval for Otto Marking and NewJac Industrial to complete these projects.

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

e. Consider Resolution for Scholarships/Awards

This is our standard resolution for Scholarship/Awards to be paid to the higher education institution of the student's choice. We recommend that the Board approve this resolution.

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

f. Consider Resolution for Transfer of Funds

This is also a standard resolution for a transfer of funds from the Education Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. This resolution requests permission to transfer an amount of \$1,500,000 between the funds due to the health nature of the Education Fund. We recommend that the Board approve this resolution.

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

VIII. Personnel

a. Retirement

1. Consider Sandra Dickerson Retirement - CMS Science Teacher
2. Consider Carolyn Baer Retirement - WCISSC

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

b. Resignation

1. Consider Camaryn Peterson Resignation - Nicholson 2nd Grade Teacher
2. Consider Alec Moeller Resignation - CMS Band Director
3. Consider Erika Ellis Resignation - Nicholson 3rd Grade Teacher
4. Consider Jennifer Saylor Resignation - Hose 1st Grade Teacher
5. Consider Mercedes Wallace Resignation - Nicholson Building Substitute
6. Consider Takeshi Greiner Resignation - CHS Science Teacher
7. Consider Whitney Cosgray Resignation - Hoover P.E. Teacher

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

c. Hiring

1. Recommend William Hiatt - CHS Science Teacher
2. Recommend Leina Helfers - CMS Science Teacher

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

3. Recommend Laynah Bible - CHS Assistant Principal

Steve McLaughlin made a motion to approve, seconded by Susan Albrecht. Motion passed.

d. Change of Position - No Action Needed

1. Kris Sims, from CHS Assistant Principal to CHS Work-Based Learning Coordinator
2. Amy Cox from Hoover, Administrative Assistant to Central Office Deputy Treasurer

IX. Business Manager Report

a. Business Department Items

1. The Administration office is pleased to welcome Amy Cox as Deputy Treasurer in early July. She will begin her work focused on learning from BakerTilly on Cash Flows, completing monthly reconciliations for our bank account and credit card statements, and learning the ins and outs of school finance.
2. A group from the Administration office attended the annual IASBO State Conference. It was a jam-packed 3 days of learning, networking, and fun for the entire team.
3. On May 12, the locked interest rate period with Tri-County Bank ended. This means that the interest rate on the Primary Money Market account will now reflect a premium market value rate of around 3.30% instead of the locked-in 3.91% since January. The current rate at HHSB is 3.00% for the Secondary Money Market account.
4. Final stages of negotiations are happening with SSC for Maintenance, Custodial, and Grounds contract. The language is being reviewed by both legal teams, and a contract will be presented soon.
5. The Cash Flow Report shows the Corporation had an increase of about \$220,000 in the balance of our key funds (Education, Operations, and Rainy Day Funds), and the percentage of Balance to Expenditures for the past 12 months increased to 13.92% from 12.85%. This is an increase of 1.07%. Projections show 20.01% by the end of December. The current 13.92% is up from 7.12% at this time last year. That is a 95.5% increase in our balance as a % of expenditures.

X. Assistant Superintendent Report

a. Operations and School Safety

1. Willson Reunification - April 30th. Practiced evacuating and loading buses at Willson.
2. Graduation - Preparing for graduation setup.
3. Summer School - IREAD 2nd round of testing is finishing up this week. This will allow for final planning of summer school. We will have K-Camp, grades 2 and 3 for IREAD, and high school credit recovery for summer school.

b. Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

1. Elementary Vertical Alignment Seminar - This past Monday, K-6 teachers joined together for vertical alignment with a focus on vocabulary and mapping within our new reading curriculum. Appreciate instructional coaches.
2. WVEC Assessment PD - Mrs. Haas, Mrs. Galinowski, Mrs. Hall, and I attended an assessment PD through Wabash Valley Education Center. It was a beneficial PD as we turned our focus towards assessment reliability and data analysis. We were also able to hear some updates from the IDOE on assessment. ILEARN improved reporting is coming next year.
3. Digital Leadership and AI Framework - An area of our strategic plan has been to develop policy and procedures around AI. Been working with Doug Lengerich to get a leadership team of administrators and teachers to help lead this work.

XI. Superintendent Report

a. Community

1. Community Relations: Attended the Legislative Breakfast
2. School Events: Participated in "Leaders as Readers" at Hose Elementary, attended the CHS National Honor Society Induction, and celebrated "Special Persons Day" with Kindergarten and 1st-grade families.
3. Recognition: Grateful to all community members and the Board for providing treats and items for our staff during Teacher Appreciation Week.

b. Educational Leadership

1. Administrative Hiring: Participated in multiple interviews for the CHS Assistant Principal position (Candidates: Laynah Bible, David Joest, and Matt Reynolds).
2. Business Office: Andrew did a nice job managing the search and interview process for the new Deputy Treasurer – Amy Cox.
3. Teacher Recruitment: Participated in CMS Science teacher interviews (Leina Helfers, Hannah Farrow).
4. High Ability (HA): Held Elementary HA placement meetings and attended the 26-27 High Ability Program Grant Pre-Launch Webinar.
5. Career & Technical Education: Attended the CTE Governing Board meeting and the CTE Awards Night at Western Boone.
6. Student Activities: Volunteered for Elizabeth's field trip to the Statehouse.
7. Instructional and Assessment Visit: We had a team of elementary principals and coaches visit Frankfort Community Schools to discuss their IREAD3 success with students who have similar needs to our students.
8. Conferences: Attended the IASBO Annual Conference. Andrew presented in multiple sessions.
9. Strategic Meetings: Held regular Leadership Team, Admin Cabinet, and TAG meetings to align district goals.

XII. Other - None

XIII. Board Member Communication - None

XIV. Patron Comments - None

XV. Adjournment - Vice President Kathy Brown called for a motion to adjourn.

Monte Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Steve McLaughlin, and the motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.