

NORTH CENTRAL PARKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Call to Order

The North Central Parke Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in a regular session board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21st. The following Board members were present: Scott Ramsay, Kim Cooper, Mike Neeley, Brandi Vandiver and Rusty Akers. Gina Sunderman and Jim Wrightsman were absent. Others in attendance included Karen Barnes, Debbie Hicks, Vonessia Harmon, Lisa Wrightsman, Rena' Uplinger, Stephanie Studebaker, Jane Noel, Shane Vandivier, Steven Hartman, Audra Long, Sherri Paxton, Nickie Roosevelt, Kristin Robinson, Jenny Benjamin, Shannon Witty, Donna McVay, Lisa Wrightsman, GM Wittenmeyer Stone, Doug Brown, Lori Brown, Kieran Clapp, Terri Veach, Ashley McAmis, Kathy Shaffer and Stephanie Ramsay.

Review and Revision of Agenda

Superintendent Schimpf indicated that there was a correction in the Personnel section of the board meeting and he would go over it during that time.

Approval of Minutes

The September 16th Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Rusty Akers to approve and seconded by Mike Neeley with a 4-0-1 vote, Brandi Vandivier abstaining due to being absent.

The board needed to correct the minutes from the September 4th Special Meeting pertaining to the board vote. Board Member Kim Cooper had made the second to approve the minutes of that meeting, but was absent during the Special Meeting. Kim Cooper made the motion for the correction and Rusty Akers made the second with the board voting 5-0.

Financial Business

Superintendent Schimpf commented that there was nothing out of the ordinary on payroll and claims for this month, everything is consistent with last year at this time. Brandi Vandivier made a motion and Kim Cooper the second with the Board voting 5-0 to approve the Payroll and Claims.

	<u>Prev. Yr.</u>	<u>Prev Month</u>	<u>Current Month</u>
Tot. Net Payroll	\$177,006.66	\$350,198.05	\$356,929.26
Tot. Net Claims	\$697,728.75	\$847,089.58	\$658,194.08
	=====	=====	=====Total
	\$ 874,735.41	\$1,197,287.63	\$1,015,123.34

Financial Reports

Superintendent Schimpf pointed out that our spending is currently down. Scott Ramsay asked about the Education Fund and it currently being up \$700,000.00 since the beginning of the year. Rusty Akers made the motion to approve and Mike Neeley had the second with a 5-0 vote by the board.

ECA

Extra-Curricular Monthly Financial Reports show that the totals are holding steady. Mr. Schimpf also noted the athletic accounts are a couple of the larger accounts and going well. Brandi Vandivier made the motion to approve and Kim Cooper with the second. The board voted 5-0.

Utilities

The Board reviewed the utility cost summary. Board members, Kim Cooper and Rusty Akers were still questioning the Town of Rockville utility cost. Superintendent Schimpf commented that he had went back and looked at the 4- year average over 8 months of the year was \$135,146.00 which would show the total bill from last month to be down \$8,000.00. There is still an increase due to the water that was used for the football field and practice field and will continue to see an increase with the irrigation system that was installed. Superintendent Schimpf will look into what the rate increases are and what other customers are seeing. No action was required.

Requests and Communications

Elementary principals Jenny Benjamin and Kristin Robinson presented to the board information on the possibility of shortening the day for elementary students next year. Studies have shown for every hour longer in the day, test scores decrease and students develop brain fatigue. Shortening the day would help in utilizing the support staff better, allows to have built in meeting time for planning, conferences and professional development along with giving teachers more prep time for lesson planning. Along with the benefits at school, it would also help in transportation of the students, allowing for alternate routes to decrease ride time, being bussed with age appropriate peers and less wait time for shuttle riders. Terri Veach commented on how it would help with some overcrowded bus routes that we currently have in the

Bloomington and Marshall areas. Board Member Rusty Akers asked if there would be an additional cost for the extra routes. Mr. Schimpf commented on some of the benefits of this plan and feels like it would be worth the additional cost for added bus routes. Scott Ramsay clarified that this would be a plan for upcoming school year. Kim Cooper asked about the start time and if it would stay the same. It was explained that the start of school would remain the same with the difference being the elementary schools dismissed earlier and there being additional routes for students that live in certain areas that could be taken home and still allow the buses to be back at the schools to pick up Middle School and High School students for the routes at the end of the day. It was also noted that the contract for the buses will be up, with negotiations to begin next month. The information that was provided to the board members will be made part of these minutes.

Personnel Report:

It was recommended to the board to accept the resignation from Carrie Morgan, an IA at TRES working for Southwest Parke Community Schools through the Co-Op program. Mike Neeley made the motion and Brandi Vandivier had the second with a vote of 5-0 from the board.

The following recommendations to approve hiring were presented to the board:

It was recommended to the board to hire Carrie Morgan as a sub for a maternity leave at TRES from October 19th to December 18th, 2020. A motion was made by Brandi Vandivier and seconded by Rusty Akers with a 5-0 vote.

Naomi Skinner was recommended for approval as a sub bus driver for Spicer Transportation. Mike Neeley made a motion and it was seconded by Rusty Akers with the board voting 5-0.

Superintendent Schimpf recommended to have Amy Cogdill be approved for a temporary full-time custodial position effective September 15, 2020. Brandi Vandivier made the motion and Rusty Akers seconded with the board voting 5-0 to approve.

It was recommended to the board to approve the following ECA Assignments. Kim Cooper made the motion and Mike Neeley seconded with the board voting 4-0-1 to approve, with Brandi Vandivier abstaining.

Parke Heritage High School

Susan Seitz Teacher Leader Position- SIP

Parke Heritage Middle School

Brock Mitchell 7th Grade Boys Basketball

Haley Roach Academic Coach- Science
 Shane Vandivier Teacher Leader Position- CPI
 Ashley McAmis Teacher Leader Position- HA Building Coordinator

Old Business
None

New Business

Donations:
 With a motion by Rusty Akers and second by Kim Cooper the board voted 5-0 to accept the following donations:

SCHOOL	DONOR	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT
PHHS	Vickie & Jeffrey Pattengale	\$30.00	PHHS Dance
PHHS	Gary and Jessica Lynk	\$50.00	PHHS Council Homecoming
PHHS	Kona Ice	\$162.00	PHHS Athletics (Football Season)
PHHS	Parke/Verm FOP 167	\$100.00	PHHS Student Council Homecoming
PHHS	Faithbridge Assembly of God	\$20.00	PHHS Football
PHHS	Faithbridge Assembly of God	\$10.00	PHHS Football
PHHS	Mike Aynes	\$100.00	PHHS Dance
PHHS	Jarod Pattengale	\$30.00	PHHS Dance
PHHS	Anonymous	\$100.00	PHHS Athletics (Anthem Sponsorship)
PHHS	Faithbridge Assembly of God	\$15.00	PHHS Football
PHHS	Anonymous	\$63.00	PHHS Cheer
PHHS	Rockville Alumni	\$969.47	PHHS Student Activity

Total monetary donations this month of: \$1649.47

Superintendent Schimpf presented the board with the student transfers list for the 2020-21 school year as of this date. This is a revised format to show the board the number of students by grade transferring from other school districts and which school they are transferring to. The board agreed to the new format and Rusty Akers made a motion to accept the students with Mike Neeley seconding it. The board voted 5-0.

Grade Level	Corp Legal	To
Young 5's	NCP	RES
Kindergarten	SWP	TRES
First Grade	SWP x 2 SM x 1	TRES
Fifth Grade	SM	TRES
Ninth Grade	Clay SWP	PHHS
Twelfth Grade	SWP	PHHS

The following Fundraisers were submitted for approval by the board:

Club/Organization	Sponsor	Description	Goal
PHHS Drama	Bumgardner/Crites	Drama t-shirts	\$100.00
PHHS/PHMS FFA	Goss/Witty/McMullen	Fruit Sales	\$1000.00
PHHS & PHMS Band/Choir	Johnson	Coffee	\$150.00 per Student

A motion was made by Kim Cooper and seconded by Brandi Vandivier with the board voting 5-0 to approve the Fundraisers.

Miscellaneous Business:

None

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Schimpf updated the board on Covid-19. Mr. Schimpf went over how the corporation has based their decisions on positive cases in the schools and those quarantined opposed to the cases in the county. He stressed how the kids benefit from being in school not only for academics but for lunches and structure. He also went over the communication that is being done between the Health Department, other school superintendents, Dr. Waltz and Valley Professionals. Board Member Brandi Vandivier asked if the corporation was reporting to the State. Superintendent Schimpf responded that the corporation is reporting the numbers and that

Audra Long has been doing all the reporting and doing a wonderful job of keeping track. Rusty Akers asked how the corporation was handling if a student tests positive for the virus. Audra Long went over the process of contact tracing and everything that is looked at in the event that a student would test positive. Mike Neeley expressed his appreciation of the job Audra is doing and in keeping the kids safe in school. Brandi Vandivier expressed that she felt we should be following the Health Department's recommendation, opposed to going off the corporation's numbers and her disappointment with the board for not doing that.

Mr. Schimpf gave a negotiation update to the board. The Teacher's Association is scheduled to meet next Wednesday at 4:00pm to discuss the contract draft that was proposed. Superintendent Schimpf is hopeful that they will be in favor of it and that corporation will have a tentative agreement. The deadline for negotiations is November 15th. The board will need to meet prior to that to approve the contract. It was discussed with the board on whether to move the November board meeting up 1 week to be able to approve the contract or to have an additional meeting for that. It was decided by the board to move the November meeting to the 11th so that the contract can be approved at the next board meeting.

Comments from the Public:

Jane Noel asked the board what the enforcement plan was for face masks. Superintendent Schimpf went over the specifications of the wearing of face masks. It was asked about the students that have a health issue that are unable to wear a face mask, if that is on file with the office of that school and if those students have to wear a face shield. Ms. Noel stated there were many kids at the high school that were not wearing their masks and felt there were no consequences for not wearing them. Superintendent Schimpf indicated that substitute teachers need to use the chain of command and make the building principal aware of the situation. Scott Ramsay stated that this has been new to everyone and is something we are working through.

Nickie Roosevelt asked the board who the school corporation talks to at the Health Department and how many days does the corporation goes back to quarantine students? Superintendent Schimpf indicated the corporation is talking to the nurse at the health department and the sanitation engineer along with Valley Professional Health Care. Audra Long explained the different situations and number of days a person would be quarantined. Ms. Roosevelt expressed her disagreement of her daughter being quarantined along with her daughter's name being submitted to the state. After much discussion on the procedure of the school corporation, Scott Ramsay closed the discussion and stated that the corporation is not going to be perfect at doing this and it's a tough job trying to keep the students safe.

President Scott Ramsay thanked everyone for coming and thanked everyone who has been working with the COVID procedures and keeping the students safe and in school so our kids can feel some normalcy.

Future Meeting Dates:

November 11th at Parke Heritage High School

Adjournment

The regular session was adjourned at 7:00 pm

North Central Parke Community School Corporation

Scott Ramsay, President

Rusty Akers, Vice-President

Kimberly Cooper, Member

ATTEST:

Absent
Gina Sunderman, Secretary

Absent
Jim Wrightsman, Member

Brandi Vandivier, Member

Mike Neeley, Member