

Northern Rush County Schools

Regular Board Meeting

April 20, 2017

Present: Krissi Williams, CEO/Director; Nansi Custer, President; Deanna Disney, Vice President, Shannon Dawson, Secretary; Marcia Schwering, Treasurer; Shannon New, Principal; Steve Schwering

5:59pm President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order, leading the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Minutes from the 3/16/17 meeting were approved and passed on a motion from Marcia, second from Deanna, on a voice vote.

Old Business: The freezer will be repaired tomorrow, with the motor being replaced.

CEO Financial Report:

- The Finance Committee has been meeting, will meet next week to go over claims and budgeting.
- Krissi is applying to the Federal Food Program. MCA won't qualify for 100% coverage, but she believes we'll realize about a \$60K savings; we're currently running at a \$50K loss annually. Staff can still provide home-cooked food under the program; snacks will also stay. The cafeteria is already seeing savings in efficiencies.
- Deanna asked if Krissi had inquired about the Indiana Food Bank Program
- Krissi reported that our E-rate money should come in this week, between \$5k-\$6K. These monies will be used to pay Watch Communications.
- Principal Shannon is crafting a letter in application for a charter school grant worth \$900K over five years. Shannon's letter will describe how MCA would use the funds; the state of Indiana is applying for these monies through the federal government.
- Deanna moved to approve the payment of claims, Marcia seconded. Passed on voice vote.

Deanna asked who is paying for student field trips, the school or the Boosters. The Boosters have provided \$2,000 so far this year and have offered to pay \$500 toward the upcoming 6th grade field trip. There is ongoing concern that money being raised by the Boosters is not coming back to the school – they are not disclosing their funds. Additionally, some parents have indicated they do not wish to work with the Boosters in fundraising. Nansi recommends creating a school fundraising committee, as NRCS needs funds for more than field trips and playground equipment. Booster leaders have indicated they want to meet with Principal Shannon and Krissi. Principal Shannon wants to bring the Boosters under the umbrella of the school. Krissi would like to dissolve the Boosters and create a new group, since we have parents who don't want to take part. Board Secretary Shannon recommended investigating the feasibility of forming a foundation for NRCS, whose job it would be to develop funders and manage

monies for capital campaign projects, etc. for both MCA, Lil' Tigers Preschool, and any future NRCS entities. Action is tabled until next month's meeting.

Principal's report:

- Enrollment as of today is 184/no staffing changes
- Proposed staffing changes, per handout (attached). Shannon will begin interviews for five potential new teachers. It was noted that Pre-K school bus restraint requirements go into effect in January 2018, which may affect staffing requirements.
- Our Advance Ed assessments went extremely well. Assessors recommend accreditation for Lil' Tigers preschool. A good rating for our schools opens opportunities for more funding eligibility.
- ISTEP testing is underway. IREAD is complete, results are embargoed.
- Proposed classroom options distributed for review, via Principal Shannon and Deanna.

Building maintenance report (Nansi): the building is experiencing water pressure issues, as the 1hp pump is struggling to keep up. Restroom breaks are being staggered. Estimates are underway for repair or replacement. Replacement may be more cost-efficient in the long run.

New Business:

- Approval of the 2017-18 and 2018-19 calendars, including slight changes from the RCS calendar for an easier start week and two additional snow days.
- Health and Safety reports were emailed by Anita Jackson.
- Benefit consignment auction update, June 10, 9:30am. Take consignment items two weeks prior to event; in good working order, sold as-is, no payouts. Proportional commission would be \$3-\$100, 20%; \$101-\$500, 15%; \$501+ 10%. Auctioneer: Kenny Skaggs; Rep: Kathy Skaggs. Still no event promotion.
- The vendor fair is in two weeks. Please promote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm – motion by Shannon Dawson, seconded by Deanna.

APPROVED MINUTES

Nansi Custer 

Deanna Disney ABSENT

Shannon Dawson 

Marcia Schwering 