

Northern Rush County Schools

Regular Board Meeting

March 21, 2018

Present: Nansi Custer, President; Deanna Disney, Vice President; Marcia Schwering, Treasurer; Shannon Dawson, Secretary

Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:04p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence

Minutes from the regular February 21 Board meeting were read and approved on a voice vote. Motion by Deanna Disney/second by Marcia Schwering.

CEO Report – Krissi Williams presented Claims and Payroll for approval. Motion by Deanna Disney/second by Shannon Dawson; approved on voice vote.

- NRCS did not receive the PreK expansion grant for which we applied. A discrepancy was discovered in the IDOE assessment process and we are engaged in a reapplication that will be provided in June and potentially awarded in July.
- Neither was the FSSA building expansion grant awarded (\$700,000/building and \$50,000/expansion). The PreK requirement is a Paths to Quality Level 3 or greater. Lil' Tigers is currently Level 1 and on schedule for a Level 3 assessment.
- Deanna Disney made a motion that NRCS begin accepting PreK vouchers in the 2018/19 school year. Marcia Schwering seconded and the motion passed on a voice vote.
- Our current school calendar has been updated to reflect that snow pushed us to add an additional day of instruction at the end of the second semester.
- The calendar for the 2018/19 school year will once again mirror that of Rush County Schools; however we have had great success starting our first semester on a Monday and will do so again. Shannon Dawson moved to accept the new calendar; the motion was seconded by Deanna Disney and passed on a voice vote.
- We may not be able to provide bus service to our preschool students next year, due to the cost of bus aides and the required seats. This item is on the bubble until we find out if we receive a grant to cover costs.
- Current enrollment is at 194. An April count will determine if MCA qualifies for 100% free and reduced lunch for the 2018/19 school year.
- PreK and Kindergarten Roundup event is complete. Current PreK enrollment is 13; Kindergarten is 14.
- Re-enrollment from current grades for 2018/19:
 - First: 28
 - Second: 22
 - Third: 25

- Fourth: 21
- Fifth: 31
- Sixth: 19
- Seventh (potential): 8

Operations report – presented by Nansi Custer.

- Water filtering: the estimate from Ortman Drilling came in at \$8,250.00. Second bid not yet provided. Shannon Dawson moved to approve the best price for the tank media change; seconded by Marcia Schwering. Passed on voice vote.
- Receiving a grant would allow for the drilling of a new well. Should a grant not be forthcoming, IDEM has offered other options.
- Personnel changes: Anita Jackson is resigning from the clinic for health reasons, but will remain on staff as transportation and safety coordinator. Our preference is to replace her in the clinic with a part-time person with nursing qualifications.
- Need to schedule a conversation on setting employee reviews. Deanna Disney would like to see:
 - Employee duties assigned
 - Hours/week clarified for insurance purposes
 - Phone expenses revisited
- On April 3, host a visit by former State Schools Superintendent Dr. Suellen Reed, former State Senator Bob Jackman, and Harcourt Industries CEO Jean Ann Harcourt.

Public comment: Mr. Dwenger appreciated the ISTEP scheduling this year; less stressful.

Localized flooding preempts this meeting's teacher presentations.

Nansi Custer adjourned the meeting at 7:13pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2018.

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Shannon Dawson Shannon Dawson, Secretary

Deanna Disney Deanna Disney

Marcia Schwering Marcia Schwering