

Northern Rush County Schools

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Mays Community Academy

Present: Nansi Custer, President; Deanna Disney, Vice President; Marcia Schwering, Treasurer; Shannon Dawson, Secretary; Kevin Davis, Indiana Charters; Lauren Yoke, Principal; Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services; Donita Davis, Tiger Time; Kathy Foreman, Transportation; Steve Schwering, Transportation Contractor; Lori Johnson, instructional aide; Quinn Leisure, FACE; Jason Dwenger, Facilities Contractor

Absent: Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers PreK; LeeAnn Bow, Admin Coordinator; Amy Hufford, Health Services; Annie Fairchild, Custodial Services; Brent Dougherty, SRO

- I. President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- II. Marcia Schwering moved to accept the Minutes of the August meeting, seconded by Nansi; passed on voice vote
- III. Review of Financial Statements/Claims & Payroll. Motion to approve by Shannon, seconded by Deanna Disney; passed on voice vote
- IV. Principal's Report – Lauren Yoke
 - a. 149 enrolled, new first grader joining
 - b. Finished teacher evaluations on 12/13; would like a new evaluation tool going forward, which she will work on
 - c. Teachers are finishing their nine-week summatives
 - d. NWEA testing will be administered during the second week after holiday break
 - e. Resignations
 - Brent Dougherty, SRO – Motion to accept by Shannon, second by Deanna; passed on voice vote
 - Hannah Thomas, teacher – Motion to accept by Deanna, second by Shannon; passed on voice vote
 - f. Lil' Tigers for Trish Mastin
 - 15 enrolled; down 2 from November due to withdrawals
 - Appreciates working with LeeAnn and Lauren on reporting etc.
 - Making note of changes she would like, pre-2022 school year enrollment
 - Appreciates aide Savannah, thinks they make a good team
- V. Directors' Reports
 - a. Quinn Leisure, F.A.C.E.
 - Hannegan Christian Church made a donation of underwear to the clinic
 - Becky Stanley's church supplied goodie bags for all
 - One night left of Dairy Queen purchase support; 2022 is scheduled
 - Butterbraids fundraising pickup is this evening
 - Candy-grams went well
 - Canned food drive for the Lions Shack food pantry resulted in over 1K items

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- Wreaths Across America is this Saturday 12/18 at Raleigh Cemetery; 15 scholars will lay wreaths
 - Den shirts are ready
 - Working on preps for college job fairs
 - Looking into adding Casey's rewards for fundraising
 - Working on a plan for parent volunteer group
- b. Kathy Foreman, Transportation
- Bus inspections are underway
 - Drug testing went well
 - Steve: Can we advertise for drivers again? Afternoon route coverage would help
- c. Donita Davis, Tiger Time
- Program continues to go well
 - Some families have moved, leaving balances. Donita will keep a list; Board will decide on Small Claims at the end of the school year
 - The staffing pattern is working
- d. Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services
- USDA audit is complete
 - Review of Rosemary and her paperwork is great; a few small review findings on file with instructions
 - Rush Co regional theater group is coming in Saturday afternoon to use our kitchen to make appetizers for their Silver Bells fundraiser
- VI. No Unfinished Business
- VII. New Business
- a. Nansi: Shifting HVAC service from Beard to Cadwaller
 - b. Duke Energy has repaired outdoor security lights
 - c. Two new copier/printers are being delivered over break, one upstairs and one downstairs. All staff will be taught how to properly load paper trays; jams and toner issues will fall only to approved staff to prevent damage
 - d. We have a Systems Awards Management Program with the federal government. Nansi would like approval to make our grant assistant Ashley Kolzer an admin on the account. Motion by Deanna, second by Marcia; passed on voice vote
 - e. Deanna asks if MCA participates in the Presidential Physical Fitness program; currently we do not. Lori Johnson suggests returning to Darrin McGowan's physical activity sheets
- VIII. Board comments – Deanna thanked everyone for their prayers for her husband during his heart illness and recovery
- IX. Floor comments
- a. Jason Dwenger asked if a student would receive some sort of discipline if the student did not attend the Christmas program due to illness, as the program is part of the music grade. Nansi said it would be an excused absence; notify the principal. Board/admin will review for future years
 - b. Kathy Foreman would like to hold students on her bus to clean up the trash they leave behind
 - c. Lori Johnson suggests keeping Jr. High students in the cafeteria for breakfast to cut down on the breakfast trash they are leaving in desks. Additionally is noticing a problem

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with scholars listening to music via headphones/ear pods when not appropriate. Students are also bringing Trapper Keepers, which they are told not to bring due to space issues.

New policies regarding these issues will be implemented in second semester, including no headphones for Grades 5-8.

X. Adjournment; 7:50 p.m.

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| Yonisi Custer | 1-19-22 |
| Maria Schwering | 1-19-22 |
| Shannon Rowson | 1/19/22 |
| Alanna Gray | 1/19/22 |