

Norther Rush County Schools

Regular Board Meeting

February 16, 2017

Present: Nansi Custer, Deanna Disney, Shannon Dawson, Greg Jarman, Marcia Schwering, Krissi Williams

Absent: Shannon New, Hollee Peggs

Board President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:05pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Minutes from the January 19, 2017 meeting where read and approved on a motion by Shannon Dawson, seconded by Deanna Disney.

CEO Krissi Williams reported that re-enrollment for the 2017-18 school year is complete for all available families. Open enrollment is currently underway; Lil' Tigers Pre-K expects 17+ students. Current enrollment for the school is 179 students.

It's expected that all current first floor grades will need two rooms each in Fall 2017. Discussions are underway to plan for more first floor room space.

The finance committee of Krissi Williams, Nansi Custer and Marcia Schwering has been meeting on budgets. Nansi noted that MCA needs \$228 thousand in funding per year to support transportation for students, and we need to start seeking foundations that friend schools. Nansi also indicated that she's been conferencing with state lawmakers to address funding from the legislative side, but says no action will take place on bills until March.

Old Business:

- Auction: The auctioneer with whom we are contracting to hold a fundraising auction will be unable to host the event in April due to health issues. Discussion results in a date change to June. Complicated by Rush Co Fair dates and high school graduation, the best date appears to be June 10. Deanna Disney recommends getting word out early.
- Transportation: Steve Schwering believes the plan to create "houses" among the student body next year (based on the Ron Clark Academy method) will help with discipline on school buses. A discussion of when to begin the house process determined the end of the current school year or fair time would be best. Deanna recommended a naming contest, building suspense.
- Field trips: Krissi reported that the MCA Boosters provided a check for \$2,000 today and she will confer with Principal Shannon on planned trips, noting that a Hoosier History presentation is planned for next week. Deanna inquired as to why Kindergarten has not been on any field trips. Nansi added that students need to be working on community projects again to demonstrate the

MCA commitment to placed-based learning. Marcia suggested taking students on a John Deere visit, citing the Sprayer Clinic next week.

New Business:

- After-school clubs: Deanna indicated the need for a resolution to determine how to operate after-school clubs for clarity in monetary remuneration/expenses and insurance purposes. She will draft the resolution.
- Shannon inquired if there would be a specific plan for teaching student respect in the upcoming school year.

Public comments centered on classroom discipline and teacher/aide workload, being addressed by Krissi Williams and Principal New.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

Next meeting March 16, 2017, 6:00pm.

Shannon Dawson, Secretary

Nansi Custer, President *Nansi Custer*
Deanna Disney, Vice President *Deanna Disney*
Shannon Dawson, Secretary *Shannon Dawson*
Greg Jarman, Treasurer Absent
Marcia Schwering, Member-at-Large *Marcia Schwering*