

Northern Rush County Schools
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

August 18, 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, Assistant Principal; Donita Davis, Tiger Time; Steve Schwering, Transportation Contractor; LeeAnn Bow, Administrative Assistant; Brent Dougherty, SRO; Hannah Thomas, teacher; Katy Williams, teacher; Andrew Turpen, teacher; Alicia Cole, teacher; Quinn Leisure, FACE; Jason Dwenger, Facilities Contractor

- I. President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- II. Deanna Disney moved to accept the Minutes of the July meeting, seconded by Marcia Schwering; passed on voice vote
- III. Review of Financial Statements/Claims & Payroll. Motion to approve by Deanna, seconded by Shannon; passed on voice vote
- IV. Report of Assistant Principal Yoke
 - a. Enrollment: 150 at MCA; 16 at Lil' Tigers
 - b. Most of the ordered curriculum is in
 - c. New Junior High schedule is working well
 - d. Proposed detention policy for Junior High – the preference is that detention be assigned for three accrued tardies within a nine-week quarter, or for assignments missing 48+ hours. Deanna asked about morning tardies. Nansi commented that sometimes parents/guardians are the issue, not the scholar, and recommends checking state codes. Deanna says specific language is needed for “tardies during passing periods.” Nansi says truancy regulations will be enforced regarding parent responsibility. Deanna added that language regarding the 48 hours must also be precise. Detention would be held in a Junior High classroom until 5pm, Tuesdays through Thursdays as needed. Nansi suggests flexibility per parent availability. Motion to approve with revisions by Deanna, second by Shannon; passed on voice vote.
- V. New hires/resignations
 - a. Eli Redd hired as music teacher, following a two-week test run. Deanna asked about his background; Lauren Yoke reports experience with church music, musical instruments, goal is to be a teacher. Motion to approve by Marcia, second by Shannon; passed on voice vote
 - b. Cindy Dougherty resigned as classroom teacher. Motion to accept by Shannon, seconded by Deanna; passed on voice vote
 - c. Shannon New resigned as principal. Motion to accept by Marcia, seconded by Deanna; passed on voice vote.
- VI. Directors Reports
 - a. Quinn
 - Dairy Queen nights are going well
 - Girls Basketball starting, w/ transportation

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- Den reveals went well
 - Has been getting to classrooms to celebrate students on social media
 - Freedom Fest is Sept 11 in Carthage; will have a presence
 - The 5 in 50 Covered Bridge Bike Ride will be Sept 18; we have Second Covered Bridge table location
 - Soccer teams coming together; Mr. Redd volunteered to assist
- b. Donita Davis, Tiger Time
- Having a room is great for work flow
 - Anywhere between 14-25 scholars, average is 18
 - Nansi asked if we need to change the payment policy; there are still balances remaining from last school year
 - Board instruction to enforce policy that if payment is not made in full within two weeks of being accrued, the child may not return
 - Payments can be set up on past-due balances if current charges are also on time
 - Deanna says to move balances to Small Claims court in Dec/June
 - Nansi will follow up with Trish Mastin on Lil' Tigers

VII. New Business

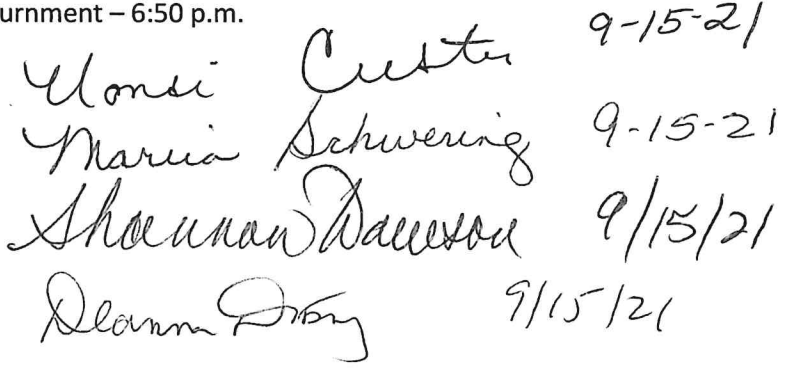
- a. Transportation, Steve Schwering
- Motion to approve contract of \$183,901 by Shannon, seconded by Deanna. Marcia recused. Passed on individual voice vote.
- b. New budget presentation
- Nansi explained that the previously approved budget was based on 174 students; actual enrollment created a \$300,000 shortfall
 - The budget had to be reconfigured to reflect 150 students, including salaries, insurance and contracts. The Board has worked diligently with Indiana Charters to keep the school open on the proper cash flow
 - The new budget is structured on an inflow of \$2,752,955.00 and an outflow of \$2,670,634.00. An operating cushion of \$82,320.00 for the school year
 - The new budget allows for a 5% general staff raise; certified teachers will receive a 10% raise. Raises did not go into effect on time; they will go into effect next pay period with the retroactive payment.
 - We the board apologize that your contracts were not ready. We will not need to lay anyone off. Many thanks to Kevin Davis and Indiana Charters
 - Motion to approve the Revised 2021-2022 Budget to be presented to Ball State University by Deanna, seconded by Shannon. Passed on voice vote

VIII. Unfinished Business – none

IX. Public comment – none

X. Board comments – We, collectively, appreciate our staff

XI. Adjournment – 6:50 p.m.



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 Marcia Schwering 9-15-21

 Shannon Dawson 9/15/21

 Deanna P. King 9/15/21