

Northern Rush County Schools

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Mays Community Academy

Present: Nansi Custer, President; Deanna Disney, Vice President; Marcia Schwering, Treasurer; Shannon Dawson, Secretary; Jason Dwenger, Member-at-Large; Kevin Davis, Indiana Charters; Lauren Yoke, Principal; Donita Davis, Tiger Time; Steve Schwering, Transportation Contractor; Francie Patterson, Teacher; Alicia Weatherly, Teacher; Greg Richardson, Facilities Director

Absent: Amy Hufford, Health Services; Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services; Jeff Light, SRO; Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers; Kathy Foreman, Transportation Services

- I. President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- II. Marcia Schwering moved to accept the Minutes of the January 17, 2024 regular meeting, seconded by Jason Dwenger; passed on voice vote
- III. Acceptance of Transactions List/Approval of Claims & Payroll – Motion to approve by Jason Dwenger, seconded by Deanna Disney; passed on voice vote (Indiana Charters/Kevin Davis added an extra spreadsheet reconciling expenses/budget as under budget/over income.)
- IV. Principal's Report – Lauren Yoke
 - a. Submitted a rough school calendar for 2024-2025 school year, generally following the Rush County Schools break schedule; new dismissal time will be 3:00 pm to allow for teacher professional development
 - b. Ball State documents sent
 - c. Lauren, Alicia Weatherly and Lisa Isaacs interviewed a teacher candidate last week
 - d. Kindergarten Roundup is April 13 – have invited Girl Scouts, surrounding libraries, First 5, Rush Memorial Hospital, dental supply provider to take part. Nansi suggests inviting Centerstone. RSO Jeff Light may offer fingerprinting again. Lauren and Megan Schwering will have a student expectation sheet ready for families.
 - e. Alicia Weatherly is starting Volleyball Club
 - f. We have 12 students in Math Bowl, competition April 9
 - g. Ms. Fry is finishing the e-plans for students for Eclipse Day, Monday April 8
 - h. Book Fair and Breakfast Buddies are next week
 - i. Dr. Seuss Read-Across-America is the following week
 - j. Spring Program will be held on April 10 (will likely move to a Thursday date starting next year, per families' requests)
- V. Directors' Reports –
 - a. Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers – report in email
 - b. Donita Davis, Tiger Time – finishing up the family Siblings Form that clarifies to parents which children are in TT, what the fees are, and making sure students are correctly routed
 - c. Greg Richardson, Facilities – new phonenumber is dug
- VI. Unfinished Business – Good job, Alicia, at the IREAD Statehouse ceremony
- VII. New Business –

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- a. Nansi: State of Indiana has funded a one-time Facilities Grant for public charter schools (\$25 million or \$667 per student). MCA's award is \$78,093.21. Indiana Charters has built our reimbursement form with us. A motion to approve by Deanna Disney, seconded by Marcia Schwering; passed on voice vote
 - b. A school-age childcare grant is available (PreK – 15 yrs); Nansi is working on the application with Trish, due next week. A recipient can only claim 90% of the potential costs.
 - c. Nansi has been in communication with Grace College (our new authorizer) – preparing documents for submission, March 10-15. We need to schedule a Board working session, can be via Zoom. Also discussed strategic and governance plans. Motion to approve evaluation tool by Jason Dwenger, seconded by Deanna Disney; passed on voice vote
 - d. Grace College wants us to establish a savings account. Motion for treasurer Marcia Schwering to open a BMO savings account for this requirement by Deanna Disney, seconded by Jason Dwenger; passed on voice vote
- VIII. Public Comments – Transportation Contractor Steve Schwering plans to stop running the school bus service; new plans need to be put in place quickly
 - IX. Board comments – Treasurer Marcia Schwering received a reminder from the Rush Co Assessor of exemption filing
 - X. Adjourned at 6:53 pm

<i>Wonsi Custer</i>	<i>3-20-2024</i>
<i>Marcia Schwering</i>	<i>3-20-24</i>
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