

Northern Rush County Schools

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2025 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; Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services; Donita Davis, Tiger Time; Francie Patterson, Teacher; Steve Schwering

Absent: Alicia Weatherly, Head of School; Amy Hufford, Health Services; Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers; Greg Richardson, Facilities; Lisa Isaacs, Assistant Head of School; Kathy Foreman, Transportation; Brittany Fry, Administration;

- I. President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- II. Jason Dwenger moved to accept the Minutes of the January 15, 2025 regular meeting, seconded by Marcia Schwering; passed on voice vote
- III. Acceptance of Transactions List/Approval of Claims & Payroll: motion by Jason Dwenger, second by Shannon Dawson; passed on voice vote
- IV. Head of School report – Shannon Dawson read Alicia Weatherly's notes; included
- V. Directors' Reports
 - a. Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services
 - All functions going well
 - Outstanding staff balances need to be collected
 - Deanna Disney moved that all staff lunch accounts must be settled by the end of each month, beginning in March 2025, second by Nansi Custer; passed on voice vote
 - b. Donita Davis, Tiger Time
 - Functions going well
 - Engaging kids in drawing contest
 - Thirty-four students at one point with athletics and Math Bowl; utilizing extra help on busy days
 - Starting back to teacher instruction classes with a special education endorsement
 - c. Lil' Tigers – Shannon Dawson read Trish Mastin's notes; included
 - d. Transportation – reported by Nansi Custer
 - Ongoing bus maintenance
 - Cold temperatures are an issue
 - Rearranging a route to accommodate two new students
 - The frame on the school pickup truck is broken, may not start – not to leave grounds
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - a. Shannon updated on Mental Health Summit held 2/6; All day training scheduled 5/6
 - b. Donation drive for animal shelter – raised between \$180-\$200, sponsored by Cub Council; make sure a photo opp happens
 - c. May be able to order Den shirts soon; Donita may have an additional sponsor
- VII. New Business

uac 3-19-25
ms 3-19-25
JSD 3-19-25
SD 3/19/25

- a. NRCS is losing money on every transaction using Square; Motion by Deanna to add a convenience fee to those transactions in order to match what Square charges us, with a note to parents starting March 1, 2025, second by Shannon; passed on voice vote

VIII. Comments

- a. Donita shared that she enjoyed the professional development session with corporation attorney Alex Curlin and found it very informative; Francie concurred
- b. Deanna attended the Rush County Schools board meeting in January at which principals introduced their students and staff members of the month. Doing so might encourage more involvement at our meetings

IX. Adjourned 7:12 p.m.

Yonbi Custer 3-19-25
Maria Schuering 3-19-25
Shannon Dawson 3/19/25
Jose P. Dunn 3/19/25



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Pre-K Board Meeting Update

5 messages

Trish Mastin <trishmastin@mays.k12.in.us>

Wed, Feb 19, 2025 at 2:19 PM

To: Nansi Custer <nansicuster@mays.k12.in.us>, Shannon Dawson <shannondawson@mays.k12.in.us>, Jason Dwenger <jasondwenger@mays.k12.in.us>, Marcia Schwering <marciaschwering@mays.k12.in.us>, Deanna Disney <deannadisney@corp.watchcomm.net>, Alicia Weatherly <aliciaweatherly@mays.k12.in.us>, Brittany Fry <brittanyfry@mays.k12.in.us>

Afternoon,

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the board meeting this evening. I signed up for weeks as a parent volunteer for FFA week. I was put on the schedule for this evening and Saturday.

I wanted to share a preschool update in my absence, We completed our conferences this afternoon. We had two that were rescheduled due to illness. We met with 16 out of 17 families in person, one was a phone conference due to scheduling. We received a lot of positive feedback from parents. We have twelve students that will be moving on to kindergarten. I have started a list that I will share with Brittany and Alicia of those who plan to stay here at MCA. Currently, there are eight to nine that are planning to stay at MCA for kindergarten.

I have been speaking with Taylor Guerrero, Ryker, and Valencia's mother, she wants to have her four-year-old daughter start here in March. She is starting the process of getting her vouchers switched over. This would be another student who would be attending kindergarten in the fall.

I was excited to hear that the grant funding we applied for last spring finally came in. I hope that it is a blessing to the school. I know every penny counts. I will keep a lookout for any further grant opportunities that we may be able to apply for.

I am currently working on required state assessments (KRI required testing for our students that receive state funding), billing DCS for two current students (this has been a huge headache), our PTQ renewal paperwork, and the yearbook. I can give further details on any of these if needed, please don't hesitate to ask.

I will be sure to be aware as I book commitments next month, as I typically overbook myself. I want to attend the next board meeting in person. I like the connection.

Thanks, Trish

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Trish Mastin

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