

**Northern Rush County Schools**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**July 21, 2021 6:00 p.m.**

**Mays Community Academy**





Present: Nansi Custer, President; Deanna Disney, Vice President; Marcia Schwering, Treasurer; Shannon Dawson, Secretary; Shannon New, Principal; Kevin Davis, Indiana Charters; Kathy Foreman, Transportation; Steve Schwering, Transportation Contractor; Quinn Leisure, FACE; Donita Davis, Tiger Time; Jason Dwenger, contractor/parent; Lauren Yoke, teacher; Andrew Turpen, teacher; Brent Dougherty, SRO; Mariette Siler, Ball State University Office of Charter Schools fiscal analyst; Diana and Jeff Eyster, Knightstown

Absent: non-reporting Directors excused per COVID

- I. President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- II. Approval of June meeting minutes, motion by Marcia, second by Deanna; passed on voice vote
- III. Review of Financial Statements/Acceptance of Claims & Payroll
  - a. Approval motion by Deanna, second by Shannon Dawson; passed on voice vote
- IV. Principal's Report – Shannon New
  - a. Enrollment report – 174
  - b. In-person enrollment is this Thursday and Friday, also anytime online
  - c. Moving back to a block schedule for Junior High
  - d. Specials schedule will be dependent on a music teacher
  - e. Professional Development for staff will be the week of August 2
  - f. Back-to-School picnic is set for Friday August 6 from 6-8pm
- V. Directors' Reports
  - a. Donita Davis, Tiger Time
    - Will have forms ready for the first week
    - Still have some outstanding dues from the spring semester
  - b. Kathy Foreman, Transportation; Steve Schwering, contractor
    - Safety meeting held this morning (7/21)
    - New driver John Hamilton brings total to five
    - Nansi will put new decals on Bus #7
    - Nansi also working on grants for bus cameras; drivers would prioritize interior cameras with audio over stop-arm cameras
  - c. Quinn Leisure, FACE
    - Marcia says Quinn's fundraisers at Dairy Queen are working great, donations are coming in
    - Looking forward to posts on scholars doing great things
    - Planning Carthage Freedom Days involvement
    - Sent thank-you note to Fairview Church, which donated extra backpacks/supplies to MCA

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- d. Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services (absent; reporting by Nansi)
  - Proposed professional training trip was cancelled; registration was full
  - Working on food grants
  - Staff will be cleaning the kitchen Friday for the start of fall semester
  - Adult lunch price increasing to \$4.60 (different than previously recorded)
- VI. Unfinished Business
  - a. Motion to add Clearinghouse reporting to bus driver manual per IDOE by Deanna, second by Shannon Dawson; passed on voice vote (Marcia Schwering recused)
- VII. New Business
  - a. Acceptance of 2021-2022 NRCS Budget as compiled by Nansi Custer, Marcia Schwering, and Kevin Davis, based on 174 students: motion to approve by Deanna Disney, seconded by Shannon Dawson; passed on voice vote
  - b. New hires presented by Shannon New
    - Quinn Leisure, FACE: motion to accept by Marcia, second by Shannon Dawson; passed on voice vote
    - Lauren Yoke as Assistant Principal: motion to accept by Shannon Dawson, second by Deanna; passed on voice vote
    - Andrew Turpen, classroom teacher: motion to accept by Deanna Disney, second by Marcia Schwering; passed on voice vote
  - c. New classroom assignments – please see attached sheet
  - d. NRCS will continue to follow state COVID guidelines for instruction; our processes last year resulted in improved health outcomes, but we will remain ready to return to remote learning if state deems necessary
- VIII. Public Comment
  - a. Diana and Jeff Eyster (parents of teacher Andrew Turpen and grandparents of two students) came to express their support of the school and offer to assist with social media if needed
- IX. Meeting adjourned 6:49 p.m.

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