

**Northern Rush County Schools**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**June 16, 2020 6:00 p.m.**

**Mays Community Academy**

Present: Nansi Custer, President; Deanna Disney, Vice President; Marcia Schwering, Treasurer; Shannon Dawson, Secretary; Shannon New, Principal; Debbie O'Neal, Chief of Staff; Steve Schwering; Jason Dwenger

All other NRCS Directors were absent from this meeting.

- I. President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence
  - b. Approval of May 2020 regular meeting minutes. Motion by Deanna, second by Marcia; passed on voice vote
- II. Financials – review of financial statements, income statements and balance sheet; acceptance of Claims & Payroll (incorrect codes on profit/loss are being corrected by the new accountant): Motion to accept reports by Shannon Dawson, seconded by Deanna; passed on voice vote
- III. Director Reports –
  - a. Shannon New, Principal
    - Purchasing Kickboard (behavioral management program aligned with Powerschool); NWEA (collect data 3X/yr); Reading A-2 (easier for e-learning, also has math/science/social studies components)
    - Adding phonics and reading programs for struggling readers
    - IXL will also help with e-learning, is aligned to state standards, and good in-classroom
    - Additionally, Handwriting Without Tears, Brainpop as a supplement
    - Looking for a tech curriculum to use in 30 minute blocks to help cover teacher prep
    - ALEKS math, gearing toward 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades
    - Teachers will be mandated to use the curriculum and will meet with Shannon New weekly; supplementation is flexible, but the data is based on the curriculum
  - b. Debbie O'Neal, Chief of Staff

Insurance – Debbie met with our agent on United Healthcare policy. Was told to expect a 14% rate increase; will meet again for clarification, per Board

- Personal Development days are set for Aug 3-7; school starts on Aug 10
- IV. Unfinished Business – none
- V. New Business –
  - Approval of new calendar – Aug 10 – May 21 (181 days); will align Fall Break with RCS (RCS and CAB typically do not match breaks) October 26 – 30. Motion to approve calendar by Deanna, seconded by Marcia; passed on voice vote
  - Departmentalized 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades:
    - Zentz – History/Social Studies

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Thomas – English/Language Arts

Shoppelle – Math

Durbin – Science

Motion to approve by Deanna, seconded by Marcia; passed on voice vote

VI. President comments –

- Krissi Williams resignation letter. Per her previously stated intentions, Krissi provided a resignation letter ending her employment with NRCS on June 30, 2020. The board accepted the letter. Motion by Deanna Disney, seconded by Marcia Schwering; passed on voice vote
- COVID-19 reopening update  
The State has issued guidelines, not mandates. Nansi will begin attending the Rush County COVID Taskforce meetings in Krissi's place. She will also attend a virtual leadership meeting on liabilities. Schools are setting plans; attorneys are working on verbiage; schools are working on state and federal amnesty.  
Our plans are in place and are designed to be flexible between brick-and-mortar and e-learning.

VII. Transportation – Steve Schwering needs two bus drivers

VIII. Maintenance – Jason Dwenger asked for clarification on HVAC filters

IX. Adjournment 7:40 p.m.

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*Marcia Schwering* 7-15-20

*Shannon Dawson* 7/15/20