

Northern Rush County Schools
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Mays Community Academy

Present: Nansi Custer, President; Marcia Schwering, Treasurer; Shannon Dawson, Secretary; Jason Dwenger, Member-at-Large; Kevin Davis, Indiana Charters; Steve Schwering, Transportation Contractor; Kathy Foreman, Transportation Director; Brittany Fry, Administrative Assistant; Alicia Weatherly, teacher

Absent: Deanna Disney, Vice President; Lauren Yoke, Principal; Amy Hufford, Health Services; Jeff Light, SRO; Greg Richardson, Facilities; Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers; Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services; Donita Davis, Tiger Time

- I. President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- II. Marcia Schwering moved to accept the Minutes of the May 15, 2024 regular meeting, seconded by Jason Dwenger; passed on voice vote
- III. Acceptance of Transactions List/Approval of Claims & Payroll for May 2024. Motion by Shannon Dawson, seconded by Jason Dwenger; passed on voice vote
- IV. Principal's Report – Lauren Yoke (absent)
 - a. Brittany Fry reports 60 scholars registered for K-6
 - b. Brittany Fry reports the annual pool party has been moved to July 15
- V. Director Reports
 - a. Kathy Foreman, Transportation
 - Kathy reports all is well as is typical in June
 - Nansi shared process thoughts on transferring school bus ownership from Schwering Trucking to NRCS
 - Nansi reports drug testing for our drivers should stay the same for now
 - Nansi says the current plan is to get municipal plates for the buses
 - There's been a community request to rent a bus, which we cannot accommodate at the moment
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - a. Remaining IREAD tests are complete
 - b. Early Literacy Achievement Grants have been paid out via special payroll
 - c. Thank you to Indiana Charters for paying our attendees' way for Powerschool training
 - d. Alicia Weatherly says the fall mum fundraiser is good to go
- VII. New Business
 - a. Nansi – Grace College has asked for MCA representation at their July Leadership Summit. We are sending Lauren, Alicia, Lisa Isaacs, and Brittany Fry
 - b. Congrats to Brittany for being accepted to Purdue Global for accounting courses
 - c. The Bill of Sale on six (6) buses from Schwering Trucking to NRCS is for \$25,000.00, payment over one year. Marcia Schwering abstains from vote. Motion to accept the conditions of sale by Jason Dwenger, seconded by Shannon Dawson; passed on voice vote

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- d. Tiny Eye has a new contract for Occupational Therapy Services for '24-'25. Motion to approve by Shannon, seconded by Jason; passed on voice vote
- e. Adtec has a new contract to continue writing our grant requests for building technology. Motion to approve by Jason, seconded by Marcia; passed on voice vote
- f. Powerschool hosting contract for approval, motion by Jason, seconded by Shannon; passed on voice vote
- g. Bright Arrow is a new messaging platform that merges with Powerschool. Motion to approve contract for the '24-'25 school year by Jason, seconded by Marcia; passed on voice vote
- h. The HVAC system that services our historic gym needed repair. \$2,435.00 has been paid to Cadwallader Heating and Cooling. We will need to hold off on additional recommendations until enrollment is stable
- i. Nansi was contacted by Andrew Gray of the Tri Hi district regarding use of MCA as a basketball practice facility. Nansi presented the option of having him coach MCA students in exchange for use. Kevin Davis recommends a small pay schedule in order to make Gray an employee on our teams' events. The Board has agreed to let Nansi pursue this course with Gray
- j. Approval of hires
 - Sara Whitfield as classroom teacher; motion by Marcia, second by Jason – passed on voice vote
 - Matia Miles as classroom teacher; motion by Marcia, second by Jason – passed on voice vote
 - Theresia Ray as bus driver; motion by Marcia, second by Jason – passed on voice vote
 - Lora Lee Lower as bus driver; motion by Jason, second by Marcia – passed on voice vote
 - Gerald Foreman as bus driver; motion by Jason, second by Marcia – passed on voice vote
- k. Brittany is charged with getting NRCS a booth at Carthage Freedom Days in September
- l. Brittany will work to get our promotional items for the booth at the Rush Co Fair

VIII. Comments

- a. Shannon
 - The new Kids Count Report by the Annie E. Casey Foundation does not show Hoosier kids getting the care and services they need. We need to step up and TELL that we're stepping up.
 - The state of Louisiana just mandated the Ten Commandments in the classroom; please pay attention to educational mandates on our horizons
- b. Nansi – please remember that NRCS requires a minimum of 115 enrolled students in order to provide payroll for staff and specials instructors
- c. Alicia wants to continue to clarify fundraiser moving forward. Nansi commented that raising funds is great but not at the "expense" of overwhelming parents

IX. Adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Nansi Custer
Marcia Schwerling
Jason D. Davenport
Shannon Dawson
Deanna D.