

**Northern Rush County Schools**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 18, 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; Kathy Foreman, Transportation; Steve Schwering, transportation contractor; Hannah Thomas, teacher.

All other directors excused from meeting because of COVID-19 restrictions.

- I. Board President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- II. Approval of October regular meeting minutes – motion by Nansi, second by Marcia; passed on voice vote (Deanna abstaining)
- III. Review of Financial Statements/Acceptance of Claims and Payroll
  - a. Marcia provided the budgetary 4-month rolling average
  - b. Approval motion by Deanna, seconded by Shannon Dawson; passed on voice vote
- IV. Principal New report
  - a. Enrollment is currently at 193; reports we have lost some students to moves, while others continue to move to our area
  - b. Brinn Bell is officially on maternity leave; aide Heather England will serve as her substitute
  - c. Professional Learning Committees and Class Observations are scheduled for next week
- V. Directors' Reports
  - a. Debbie O'Neal
    - We have hired Savannah Cross as an aide in Elyse Cory's kindergarten class
    - Aide Cassie Miller resigned
    - Debbie has been working on updating I-9s
    - Motion to approve hiring of Savannah Cross by Marcia, seconded by Deanna; passed on voice vote
    - Motion to approve resignation of Cassie Miller by Deanna, seconded by Marcia; passed on voice vote
  - b. Kathy Foreman and Steve Schwering
    - Recommends changing the bus routes to improve efficiency, wait until after holiday break
- VI. Public comments – Hannah Thomas expressed thanks to the board for all their support of the teaching staff
- VII. Board comments –
  - a. Nansi – school will stay open as long as can be managed. MCA and St. Mary's Catholic School are the only schools currently open for in-person instruction in our area.
  - b. Teachers and aides continue to stay separated so teaching teams are not compromised. We also need to keep our bus drivers healthy.
  - c. We recently had a close call involving one of our buses on US 40 west of Knightstown. A driver disregarded the bus stop arm at approximately 60 mph.

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- d. If MCA is forced to close because of COVID-19, all staff will be required to come to work. Lil' Tigers Preschool will remain open as long as possible. The cafeteria will remain open and meal will continue to be provided to our families. Shifts will split again for virtual student support. Staff will be trained on the technology again.
  - e. We may utilize Bus 7 to deliver materials on home routes; this would keep building traffic down. Steve suggests each driver could run their usual route once a week.
  - f. Deanna reminds that there is a grant available to purchase student hot spots.
- VIII. Unfinished business – None
- IX. New Business – Santa Shop will be open from Dec 7-18 in the afternoons; a cafeteria worker has volunteered to assist.
- X. Adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Yvonne Custer 01-20-21  
Shannon Dawson 1/20/21  
Marisa Schwering 1-20-21