

Northern Rush County Schools

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Mays Community Academy

Present: Nansi Custer, President; Marcia Schwering, Treasurer; Shannon Dawson, Secretary; Jason Dwenger, Member-at-Large; Kathy Foreman, Transportation Director; Brittany Fry, Administrative Assistant; Francie Patterson, teacher; Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers; Nova Dyer, Lil' Tigers; Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services

Absent: Deanna Disney, Vice President; Alicia Weatherly, Head of School; Amy Hufford, Health Services; Donita Davis, Tiger Time; Lisa Isaacs, Assistant Head of School; Kevin Davis, Indiana Charters; Greg Richardson, Facilities

- I. President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- II. Marcia Schwering moved to accept the Minutes of the October 16, 2024 regular meeting, seconded by Jason Dwenger; passed on voice vote with correction to "work session"
- III. Acceptance of Transactions List/Approval of Claims & Payroll- motion by Jason Dwenger, seconded by Shannon Dawson; passed on voice vote
- IV. Head of School report – Alicia Weatherly via Brittany Fry
 - a. Enrollment – 97
 - b. The new master schedule is working well
 - c. Acquiring a new Occupational Therapist to begin on 12/2/24
 - d. Monster Bash was successful
 - e. Harvest Welcome Dinner dispensed meals for about 100; took in \$2000
 - f. HOS Alicia has started a monthly newsletter for families
 - g. Spell Bowl team earned third place
 - h. Last basketball game is tomorrow, 11/21
 - i. Donita and Brittany are managing caroling at Flatrock River Lodge
 - j. MCA Winter Program is 12/12
 - k. There will be a staff dress-up week kept secret from students; they will get to guess
- V. Directors' Reports
 - a. Kathy Foreman, Transportation
 - Bus inspection is December 9; one light is out in Bus 56
 - Nansi will acquire fuel treatments, to be applied once per month
 - Nansi is also working with Jeff Van Hoy on fuel management
 - b. Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers
 - Erika Marlatt inquired if we'd like to host a STEM education event; Trish will let her know we're happy to host
 - Enrollment is 17; 11 are using vouchers
 - Struggling with some paperwork on a child in foster care, many parts and details
 - Some parents asking about special ed services for PreK; we do not currently offer such services for PreK – will ask Michelle Olsen about opportunities for families
 - c. Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services

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- Congrats on a great Harvest Welcome dinner; yummy leftovers served to students
 - Thanks for flexibility to allow for a funeral dinner on Friday
 - Need to talk to EcoLab about chemical use for dishwasher
 - Co-update with Facilities: acquired a new washing machine over fall break
- VI. Unfinished Business
- a. Shannon attended the county Mental Health Summit; next one in February
 - b. Halloween on Main went well
 - c. Report cards went out appropriately
- VII. New Business
- a. LCRR bill to Marcia; relative to Turpen Consulting
 - b. Title I: the Board crafts the parameters for our Title I service rating; Michelle and Ashley worked on ours, asking for an exception on college hours for Donita, yet still keeping her as "highly qualified"
 - c. Motion to accept our waiver of Section 1111(g)(2)(M) of ESEA (Title I) by Jason, seconded by Marcia; passed on voice vote
 - d. Motion to accept the resignation of teacher Mariah Long by Shannon, seconded by Jason; passed on voice vote (her position is filled by current teacher Megan Schwering)
 - e. Jason spoke to Amy Jacobs at Dairy Queen about fundraising nights. Each group gets three per year and must have a representative on site. Ours are 1/8, 8/12, 12/22 in '25
- VIII. Comments – none
- IX. Adjourned 6:48 p.m.

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Jason Dwenger 12-18-24
Shannon Dawson 12/18/24
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