

Northern Rush County Schools
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Mays Community Academy

Present: Nansi Custer, President; Deanna Disney, Vice President; Marcia Schwering, Treasurer; Shannon Dawson, Secretary; Kevin Davis, Indiana Charters; Lauren Yoke, Assistant Principal; Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services; LeeAnn Bow, Office Secretary; Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers PreK; Donita Davis, Tiger Time; Kathy Foreman, Transportation; Steve Schwering, Transportation Contractor; Alicia Weatherly, teacher; Brent Dougherty, SRO; Jason Dwenger, Facilities Contractor; Darr Smith, parent

Absent: Amy Hufford, Health Services; Annie Fairchild, Custodial Services; Quinn Leisure, FACE

- I. President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- II. Marcia Schwering moved to accept the Minutes of the August meeting, seconded by Deanna; passed on voice vote
- III. Review of Financial Statements/Claims & Payroll. Motion to approve by Deanna, seconded by Shannon; passed on voice vote
- IV. Report of Assistant Principal Yoke
 - a. Enrollment is 155
 - b. New roles for Paige Sorrell and LaDonna Raab
 - c. NWEA baseline has been set via early assessments
 - d. Performing PLCs biweekly, covering data and student needs, asking what support teachers need
 - e. Nansi asked about COVID learning loss – Lauren believes students are about one grade level behind. Nansi and Deanna said that's in line with state and national findings
 - f. Nansi asked what resources the Board can provide. Lauren requests reading and math support. She will find proper curriculum and has a teacher ready to attend professional development then share with staff. Nansi says grant funding should be available.
 - g. Motion by Deanna to give Lauren Yoke and Marcia the ability to purchase what Lauren approves for learning loss remediation. Seconded by Shannon; passed on voice vote.
 - h. Deanna asked for classroom breakdowns to be provided.
- V. Director Reports
 - a. Kathy Foreman, Transportation
 - Asking for better communication with families about pickup/dropoff
 - Steve still needs drivers
 - Signed slip from parents needed on bus behavior acknowledgement
 - b. Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers
 - Enrollment is 15
 - Using various student funding resources, including COVID relief. An October grant is available for support of Level 4 programs
 - Nansi asked what needs PreK has. Trish says none – staff changes have been good and she is meeting with Lauren on scores and curriculum



- Trish says she's not seeing learning loss in PreK
- c. Donita Davis, Tiger Time
 - Averaging 18-20 students per day
 - New detention time began today
 - Loves having a dedicated room
 - Grab and go snacks are great
 - Nansi asked if TT needs anything, Donita says no
- d. Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services
 - Hopes to return to work from leave on September 29
 - Cafeteria ladies have been doing well while she works from home
 - Experiencing some food shortage issues; USDA has provided for substitutions
 - Our reimbursement rate will be all free meals, per COVID protocols
- e. Brent Dougherty, School Resource Officer
 - Active Shooter Training is underway, will get into the classrooms soon
 - Needs to sort remaining room keys
 - Checking doors and handles
 - Working with Health Services Director Amy Hufford
 - Nansi asked for a list of needs
 - Has signed up for Safety Specialist Training in February
- f. Quinn Leisure, FACE (absent but provided notes – see attached)
 - Note that Monster Bash will be November 5
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - Deanna asked Lauren how parents are responding to the newly instituted detention policy. Lauren says there are no problems; school is working to schedule with families but there are no parent complaints. So far six students have been assigned detention because of missing work.
- VII. New Business
 - a. New hires –
 - Antonya Hinshaw as Special Education aide. Motion by Deanna, seconded by Marcia; passed on voice vote
 - Olivia Day as Building Substitute. Motion by Deanna, seconded by Marcia; passed on voice vote
 - Kaylee Marlatt as Music Instructor. Motion by Deanna, seconded by Marcia; passed on voice vote
 - b. Resignation – Eli Redd as Music Instructor. Motion to accept by Marcia, seconded by Deanna; passed on voice vote
 - c. Staff Changes
 - Nansi announced that LeeAnn Bow is moving to Administrative Coordinator, praising her organizational skills and commitment to the school.
 - Autumn Muncy will replace LeeAnn as Administrative Secretary. A motion to approve this hire was made by Marcia Schwering, seconded by Shannon Dawson; passed on voice vote

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- Nansi asked the board to approve hiring Lauren Yoke as school principal. She is newly licensed for this position. Motion to approve by Deanna Disney, seconded by Shannon Dawson; passed on voice vote
- d. Construction & Building updates from Nansi
 - Long-awaited bathroom remodeling is happening on nights and weekends
 - Stalls will be switched out later
 - New sinks will be installed
 - The Tiger Time Room will get an additional restroom
 - Two new copiers are on order; Bow and Yoke will handle the procedures
 - New exterior doors should be in next week; entry doors will have keys and ID swipes. Staff, be prepared for temporary exit changes
 - Air filtration units will be fitted with UV sanitizers
 - New cafeteria tables are ordered
 - New picnic tables are ordered for outdoor classrooms
- VIII. Board comments – none
- IX. Open comments
 - a. Mr. Smith joins us as his family’s commitment to following their three children’s education
 - b. LeeAnn – so excited for her and Autumn’s new roles
 - c. Rosemary pointed out the new, correctly working clocks
- X. Adjournment – 7:16pm

Nansi Custer 10/20/21
 Shannon Dawson 10/20/21
 Maria Schwering 10-20-21