

## Northern Rush County Schools

### Regular Board Meeting

August 30, 2017

Minutes from July were not available because LeeAnn May was not in attendance, she had shoulder surgery.

Attendance: Present: Krissi Williams, CEO/Director; Nansi Custer, President; Deanna Disney, Vice President; Shannon Dawson, Secretary; Marcia Schwering, Treasurer; Shannon New, Principal

CEO Financial: Krissi Williams gave the budget report, spoke about PT and OT and discussed the changes in the psych evaluation services. There was a motion by Shannon Dawson to approve financials and pay bills, a second from Deanna Disney, passed.

Lunch: Appears to be enjoyed by students.

Financial Committee: State Board of Accounts/BSU, we need a formal motion that allows the finance committee to work with the CFO and banking to make decisions. Financial committee will review all finances and secure all documents. This will allow for the financial committee to sign. Shannon Dawson moved to allow the finance committee to work with the CFO to manage the finances of NRCS. They need a signature approval to sign off on official documents, a second by Deanna Disney.

Principal Report: Exact enrollment numbers (Sept. 5) 183 and today 181

Numbers by class:	Preschool:12	
	Cory: 14	
	Schwering: 15	Kindergarten: 29
	Sorrell: 15	
	Yoke: 16	1 <sup>st</sup> grade: 31
	Dougherty: 12	
	Sammons: 11	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade: 23
	Isenberg: 10	
	Zentz: 10	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade: 20
	Durbin: 17	

Gaddis: 16            4<sup>th</sup> grade: 33  
Thomas: 22           5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Steinberg: 19        6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Self-contained: 4

Free & Reduced: Non-official 76% (number will be confirmed Sept. 5)

Special Education: 75 (this may be low as we are still in the process of case conferences and IEP is down) this number makes out 41%

Title One: Projected at 40%

Self-Contained: 4

**Q**: Also, now that we're a couple of weeks into the year, have you identified areas of concern or needs that the board needs to take a look at?

**A**: Transitioning students to our way of thinking... is more a process for parents and explaining the open communication and what makes us different. I am already academically father into the year than I ever was last year.

**Q**: How are your staffing patterns and needs in the building?

**A**: Currently, we are in need of a self-contained teacher. Brittany Sloan's last day with us will be September 12. We are down an aide in third grade, but due to numbers, I am not looking to rehire this position. I am wanting to make the aide in self-contained a full-time position because of the high needs in the classroom.

**Q**: Are we going to need to put an aide on the bus with Xavier Holloway?

**A**: I am currently looking for someone to ride the bus. Penny leaves her house at 6:48 am in the morning or is at the church in Orange (Pike county line road) at 6:57 am. This would require someone to drive to the location and leave their vehicle until after drop off. Due to the time, it is looking to be difficult for the am spot. After school is not an issue, I have volunteers. The issue is that Penny would then have to return to school to drop the employee to their car.

**Q**: Shannon, are you able to focus on the education side of things without constant disruptions?

**A**: I am heads and tails above where I was last year. I am meeting with teachers, have special education binders documenting minutes, all aides do small groups and modifications. I am working very closely with teachers. It is a very good thing that classrooms are small because the students are VERY low. However, this is fixable.

**Q**: If not, what can we do to assist that situation?

**A**: Nothing at the moment, that doesn't mean that the situation will not change with the addition of children with more complex needs.

Safety and Transportation: Eye screenings are scheduled for 09/13/17 for K, 1, 3 & 5 and referrals

## **PLAYGROUND ISSUES**

We need:

- 1-To purchase (and move around) pea gravel to have 8-9 inches below slides and swings with fall potential at or above 4 feet
- 2-Timbertown needs painted to reduce splinters and tires on south end are coming loose
- 3-Newer tower and slide-walk bridge has 2 “planks” that are bent and broken. Need to be straightened, welded and reinforced.

Our insurance company is concerned that we have a slide (metal one) that doesn't have a platform on top and is metal (burn potential when it is hot). They also are concerned that we have three swings on each section of our swing set. I guess there could be a problem with kids hitting while swinging because they are not more than 30” apart (Anita personally is not in favor of removing a swing from each as we don't have many swings and the hazard seems minimal. The teeter-totters are far and away the cause of most student injuries and they are not concerned about them. **\*\*Grants\*\***Parents to come work on the playground**\*\***

The safety committee has contacted Harcourt Counselling services to conduct a Bullying presentation to the students and teachers. We asked for age appropriate presentations. They are proposing one session for K-2, second presentation for 3-6 and an after school staff PD. Their fee will be \$120 for all.

Well update: New well \$25,000

Bus routes: Set up contracts and increase a \$1,000 a route. Needs to change from \$32,000 to \$33,000. Deanna Disney made a move to increase bus contracts by \$1,000 a week, a second by Shannon Dawson, total approval of \$6,000.

Resignation: Jason Whitfield, Brittany Sloan and Becky Brower. Shannon Dawson made a motion to move and a second by Deana Disney, passed.

Board approved the use of girl scouts and cheerleading as after school activities.

## Minutes Approval

Nansi Custer

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Shannon Dawson

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Deanna Disney

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Marcia Schwering

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## Corrections

- 1-Change Shannon New to Shannon Dawson
- 2-All board members were in attendance
- 3-Shannon Dawson made a motion, a second by Deanna Disney, passed (page 3)