

Northern Rush County Schools
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Mays Community Academy

Present: Nansi Custer, President; Marcia Schwering, Treasurer; Shannon Dawson, Secretary; Shannon New, Principal; Debbie O'Neal, COS; Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services; Kathy Foreman, Transportation; Steve Schwering, Transportation contractor; Donita Davis, Tiger Time; Jason Dwenger, contractor/parent

Absent: Deanna Disney; other Directors excused per COVID restrictions

- I. President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- II. Approval of March meeting minutes, motion by Marcia, second by Nansi; passed on voice vote
- III. Review of Financial Statements/Acceptance of Claims & Payroll
 - a. Marcia presented 4-month rolling average; Kevin Davis absent
 - b. Approval motion by Shannon Dawson, second by Nansi; passed on voice vote
- IV. Principal's report – Shannon New
 - a. Enrollment – 169
 - b. Shannon New reviewed 504 accommodations. These affect ILEARN/IREAD testing
 - c. Shannon reviewed our special education count, at 67
 - d. Intent-to-returns will be in soon
 - e. Working with Kevin Davis on curriculum for upcoming text book adoption year; Recent summative assessments opened teachers' eyes to student retention
 - f. Therapist services are working (currently remote)
 - g. Nansi asked about retention of non-passing students; Shannon will sit down with parents in May
 - h. No Jumpstart in July – families and teachers would be reluctant, also no transportation
 - i. Families and teachers are asking about in-person vs remote learning in August. Marcia moved that (banning a government mandate), that the '21-'22 school year will start in-person, second by Shannon Dawson; passed on voice vote
 - j. Shannon New will create the new '21-'22 school year based on student families' additional calendars
 - k. Kindergarten currently has 18 students enrolled for fall; 14 in Lil' Tigers PreK
 - l. Number of individual classes TBD on enrollment, per usual
 - m. Nansi: marketing may focus northward
- V. Chief of Staff – Debbie O'Neal
 - a. Lacey Powell and Kaylee Marlatt will be full-time for the remainder of the semester
 - b. Marketing ideas for handouts; needs a budget
 - c. If marketing looks northward, consider Henry Co Fair (Shannon D said to check with the Purdue Extension Service, as it's a 4-H Fair)
 - d. Items – Indiana Charters will donate a "grand prize"
 - e. Nansi: Insurance procedures going okay? Yes

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- f. Debbie asked Shannon New to have teachers encourage scholars to be respectful of lunchroom staff
 - g. Vote on full-time employees for remainder of school year: motion by Shannon Dawson, second by Marcia; passed on voice vote
- VI. Directors' reports –
- a. Donita Davis, Tiger Time
 - Older students (middle school) aiming thrown objects at Donita; a child had to be removed from today's group. Mrs. New will review the video
 - Pickup procedure at classrooms will be changed to keep eyes on students at all times
 - b. Kathy Foreman, Transportation
 - A new no-talking procedure being implemented; drivers will pull over for distracting behaviors
 - Still need full-time drivers
 - c. Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services
 - Coordinating with Marcia to make purchases with grant dollars
 - Needs to move breakfast service upstairs to feed more scholars
- VII. New Business
- a. New policy on COVID reimbursement: any employee with COVID-related issues will have to use their own paid time off (PTO) or take unpaid days; there will be no NRCS reimbursements, official as of April 21, 2021. Motion by Marcia, second by Shannon; passed on voice vote.
 - b. Nansi is working with Office Shop to manage the main copier and get a second copier upstairs. NRCS overage charges on the first-floor copier are now at \$1,000/month. May be able to acquire second copier under CSP grant
 - c. Nansi: ESSER III monies were awarded in the amount of \$309,585.34. To be used for learning loss and COVID mitigation costs. Marcia says we should receive in May.
 - d. Nansi: we have renewed the Fortinet Firewall subscription for May '21-'22
- VIII. Public comment – none
- IX. Adjournment 7:32

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