

Northern Rush County Schools

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2023 6:00 p.m.

Mays Community Academy

Present: Nansi Custer, President; Deanna Disney, Vice President; Marcia Schwering, Treasurer; Shannon Dawson, Secretary; Jason Dwenger, Member-at-Large; Lauren Yoke, Principal; Kevin Davis, Indiana Charters; Donita Davis, Tiger Time; Kathy Foreman, Transportation; Steve Schwering, Transportation Contractor; Francie Patterson, Teacher

Absent: Amy Hufford, Health Services; Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers; Rosemary Noah, Cafeteria Services; Greg Richardson, Facilities Manager; Jeff Light, SRO; Quinn Leisure, FACE

- I. President Nansi Custer called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- II. Deanna Disney moved to accept the Minutes of the November 15, 2023 regular meeting with the correction of the spelling of her name, seconded by Jason Dwenger; passed on voice vote
- III. Acceptance of Transactions List/Approval of Claims & Payroll, November – Motion to approve by Jason Dwenger, seconded by Shannon Dawson; passed on voice vote
- IV. Principal's Report – Lauren Yoke
 - a. Wreaths Across America event was last weekend at Raleigh cemetery
 - b. Our Winter Program went great and we had a huge crowd
 - c. Still finishing Cognia; coming in mid-January with final due on 1/31
 - d. NWEA starts week of 1/15
 - e. Revisit question of older scholars taking Chromebooks home for homework: Nansi is concerned about breakage and relevant costs. Jason says to use the less expensive option to print homework. Deanna asks if they have enough in-class time to complete homework. Principal Yoke says the greatest request is in ELA, in which students are refusing to do the work in class. Kevin says a parent survey could help – ask if Chromebooks would be helpful at home or if after-school assistance would help. Nansi says we have to perform a survey for our Safe & Secure Schools Grant, these questions could be folded into that. Also reminds that we discontinued Go Guardian as our firewall service.
 - f. Paige Sorrell attended a de-escalation/holds conference last week; she will present a 2-day training on holds for some staff in January – remainder of staff will learn de-escalation techniques
 - g. Provided FACE notes – we need to coordinate Spring Book Fair in March and Read Across America Week with guest breakfasts for added support
 - h. Den awards for the semester were given out today
- V. Directors' Reports
 - a. Donita Dave, Tiger Time
 - Working with one family to collect past fees
 - Working to refine the process of who is caring for which scholars during simultaneous practices and their correct charging

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- b. Kathy Foreman, Transportation – all going well
- c. Trish Mastin, Lil' Tigers – see attached notes, including: Nine students are currently funded by CCDF; FSSA state visit went well, with renewal; Paths To Quality will visit in spring
- VI. Unfinished Business – none
- VII. New Business – Nansi dispersed Charity Gaming into to board members; NRCS has long considered Bingo and raffles as fundraisers
- VIII. Public comment – Francie Patterson noted that MCA/LT had a Christmas tree at the Rushville Festival of trees that was very well received; the board extends thanks to Francie for all her dedication and student support
- IX. Board comment –
 - a. Deanna notes that Santa Shop was profitable again this year
 - b. Thanks to Marcia, Greg, and Nathan Yoke for wrapping Santa Shop gifts
- X. Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Jason D Wenger, At Large 1-17-24

Shannon Dawson, Secy 1/17/24

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