

**Crawfordsville Community School Corporation
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
Crawfordsville Middle School, 705 Wallace Avenue
Crawfordsville, Indiana**

MINUTES

I. Roll Call

All Board Members and Administrators were present. Also present were Brent Bokhart, Andrew Nicodemus, Ryan Walters, Amy Bales, Jen Hall, Lisa Tyler, Rita Rothenberger, Sharon Olson, Jaime Pierce, Alexis Tinkel, Dawn Watt, Agata Brewer, Dion Gobel, Jackie Utterback, Jake Lowe, Jessica Short, Ann Taylor, Jay Strickland, Tina Halupka, and Nick Wilson (Journal Review).

II. CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Corporation - *Pillar of Citizenship*

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Spotlight on Excellence - None at this time.

V. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes, Board of Finance Minutes, Construction Accounts Payable Voucher, Payroll Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Voucher and Surplus Items

Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the Previous Meeting Minutes, Board of Finance Minutes, Construction Accounts Payable Voucher, Payroll Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Voucher and Surplus Items. Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Building Principal Report - Jennifer Hall, Preschool Director at Willson Elementary
Jennifer Hall informed the Board of the following updates and improvements of the current programs at Willson Elementary:

- Current enrollment is 158 students
 - Preschool enrollment is 94
 - LEA for the County
 - Partnership with First Steps, Head Start, local childcare providers and families.
 - 42 Evaluations completed to date.
 - Family Literacy Program enrollment is 64
 - Targets At Risk Preschoolers
 - Tuition Paying Students = less than 18%
 - Provides School Readiness Skills & Foundational Skills
 - Collaboration with the Kindergarten Programs in the three School Districts

- Implementation of ISPROUT Building Wide
 - Can be used with general and special education preschoolers

- Growth Model for Preschoolers
- Assessment done three times a year.
- Results identify individual student levels on 28 skills, knowledge and/or behaviors.
- Allows us to know what level a student is working at.
- Data is used to help develop our curriculum map.
- Parents are kept informed of growth.
- Monthly Family Activities
 - September - Homemade Applesauce Activity
 - October - Family Night at a Pumpkin Patch
 - November - Disguise a Turkey
 - December - Provided families supplies to create a cardboard gingerbread house
 - January - Bast Off for Reading Challenge
 - February - Plaster the Gym with Love

VII. Old Business - None at this time.

VIII. New Business

a. Consider 2023-24 Calendar

Dr. Bowling highlighted the start and end dates, built-in snow days, Spring Break, Fall Break, how the major breaks line up with both North and South School Districts. He recommended the Board approve the 2023-24 School Calendar.

Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Calendar. Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consider Associate Superintendent Addendum

Dr. Bowling advised the title change will entail an increase of duties and responsibilities for Dr. Ryker who is ready to embrace and welcomes the increase in his role with the Corporation. Dr. Bowling then recommended the Board approve the title change.

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve the Associate Superintendent Addendum. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Consider Authorization of Signatory on All Deposit Accounts

Dr. Bowling advised that banks authorize us to have authorized signers for our deposit accounts and recommended the Board approve. Signors will be as follows: Dr. Bowling, Dr. Ryker, and Andrew Nicodemus, Deputy Treasurer/Treasurer (soon to be the new Treasurer when the current Treasurer retires).

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve the Authorization of Signatory on all Deposit Accounts. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Consider Agreement to Purchase Real Estate - John Beard

Dr. Ryker advised if approved, New Beginnings, a childcare provider, will purchase the John Beard Building and property up to the vacant lot that belongs to Crawfordsville Community Schools. They are currently a tenant in the building

conducting childcare. There is a portion in the agreement which states that if New Beginnings ceases to exist at any point and time, we can purchase the building back for the amount it was sold to them to ensure that this does not become another vacant building in the community and will continue to be cared for. Dr. Ryker therefore recommended the Board approve the agreement to purchase real estate and to submit the approved agreement to New Beginnings Childcare of Montgomery County Inc.

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve the Agreement to Purchase Real Estate - John Beard. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Consider COVID-19 Mask Policy

Dr. Bowling advised that the current total number of COVID cases have dropped considerably from 85 two weeks ago to 8, vaccines are now widely available, and that North, South, and a host of other school corporations have eased up on mask restrictions.

Dr. Bowling asked the Board to consider changing to the corporation mask rule beginning February 28th to the following:

When the number of positive cases in any individual school building reaches 1% of the student population using a rolling seven day count, masks are required in that building for a period of seven calendar days; otherwise, masks are optional. Students will still be required to wear masks on the bus due to federal requirements.

Board President Steve McLaughlin thanked Susan Albrecht and Kathleen Brown for serving on the COVID Committee, meeting weekly helping to keep the Board up to date on COVID matters.

Ellen Ball made a motion to approve the COVID-19 Mask Policy. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Personnel

- a. Recommend Paqxtonne Muncie - Title I Assistant at Hoses
- b. Consider Resignation of Brooklynn Alley - Teachers Aide at Hose
- c. Consider Resignation of Misty Browning - Teachers Aide at Hose
- d. Consider Resignation of Shawnda Cornelius - Teachers Assistant at CMS
- e. Consider Resignation of Karen Jurkowski - School Nurse at Willson

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve Paqxtonne Muncie as a new hire and resignations of Brooklynn Alley, Misty Browning, Shawnda Cornelius and Karen Jurkowski. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion.

X. Assistant Superintendent Report

Facilities:

- Grounds, Facilities, and Transportation staff have done an amazing job on snow removal at all buildings

Safety and Wellness:

- Currently preparing for reunification, building security and clearance training in a community collaboration with Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, Crawfordsville Police Department, and Crawfordsville Fire Department.

Professional Development:

- Preparing for K-9 Vertical Alignment Seminar with the Language Arts Teachers
- Preparing for K-5 High Ability Mapping Session
- Pre-AP Training - looking to extend AP offering into a PreAP along with Middle School offerings that will allow us to continue to strengthen our college bound students with a lot of focus on CTE which is an area in which we can grow
- Elementary Organization PLC (Professional Learning Community) - What is the most effective way to organize the elementary schools? This is a corporation-wide PLC inviting members of the community to join as well that will include Administration, Teachers and Parents.

XI. Superintendent Report

High School Staffing

- Our high school is developing plans to enhance programs for students going into the workforce after graduation and to establish pipelines between the high school and local employers. Work-based learning, where students get credit for working in local businesses and industries, will be a key part of this initiative. Graduation is important, but we want to focus on what students do after they walk across the stage as well.

Summer School

- Summer term will be expanded to K-8 offering two different three week periods.

Mock Interviews

- Done at the high school with a great group of seniors to teach them interviewing skills. Mrs. Malayer heads up the interviews. This is just another example of how we are trying to give students a real world experience.

The Athenian Oracle

- The latest edition highlights Crawfordsville's success with the Lilly Scholarship. The Lilly is a four-year scholarship that provides full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and equipment to one student from Montgomery County. Crawfordsville students have won this prestigious award sixteen times in the last twenty-two years have been Crawfordsville students.

XII. Other - None at this time.

XIII. Board Members Communication - None at this time.

XIV. Patron Comments

Patron Sharon Olson thanked the Board for the new mask mandate policy.

Patron Johnnie Jones shared his concerns about school policies and how they are implemented.

Patron Agatha Brewer thanked the School Board for their hard work during a difficult time. She asked, "Does the school plan to test students in school?" Dr. Bowling advised testing is offered, but not mandated. Testing is done at parent request. She shared her concerns about bullying of masked students once masks become optional. Dr. Bowling along with the Board members stated that bullying of any type will not be tolerated.

Dr. Ann Taylor thanked the Board for focusing on the education of students as well as their physical and mental health along with their social development.

XV. Adjournment

Kent Minnette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:43P.M.