

**Crawfordsville Community School Corporation
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
Crawfordsville Middle School - 705 Wallace Ave.**

MINUTES

I. Roll Call

Steve McLaughlin, Dr. Bowling, Dr. Ryker, Ellen Ball, Kathleen Brown, Susan Albrecht, Kent Minnette, Carol Starlin, Alexis Tinkel, and Nick Hedrick (Journal Review) were in attendance.

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. 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, Accounts Payable Vouchers, Payroll Claims Vouchers, and Register of Accounts Payable. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Building Principal Report - Carol Starlin, Principal - Hose Elementary

Ms. Starlin informed the board of the following updates and improvements:

- Excited to be in-person with students.
- Started COGAT Tests for Kindergarten & 1st Grade
- Started the second round of assessments with NWEA - online.
- NWEA Testing - Kindergarten is holding their own. Concerns with 33% of first graders in the lowest scores percentile (21% or lower percentile based on 100 students) - compared to 8% in 2019-20 when they were in Kindergarten. With students now back to in-person learning, points have increased with still more work to do.
- Second Steps (Social/Emotional Program) currently in second year with full implementation.
- Started to work on Roundup to include one-on-one appointments and tours.

VI. Old Business

Nothing at this time.

VII. New Business

a. Project Hearing (1028 Hearing)

Steve McLaughlin opened the Project Hearing regarding 1028 Hearing.

Dr. Bowling informed the Board that this is the third and final project associated with the highschool consisting in the Related Arts wing.

Dr. Ryker explained that the project is to include deferred maintenance and a continuance on addressing security issues that come along.

They are as follows:

- HVAC Controls
- LED Lighting
- Expand Security to the Related Arts Portion of the Building
- Replace Ceiling Tile
- Update Performing Arts Areas
- Refresh Finishes in the Related Arts Wing to Include the Auditorium, Gyms, Career Area, Band, and Music Areas

Dr. Bowling explained that financing the 1.655 million dollar project will be done by using General Obligation Bonds. The property tax increase will be \$69.96 on a \$100,000.00 home this year. The tax rate will be held the same.

With receiving no comments, Steve McLaughlin closed that portion of the meeting.

i. Adopt Exhibit A Project Resolution

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve the Adopt Exhibit A Project Resolution. Susan Albrecht seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. Adopt Exhibit B Preliminary Bond Resolution; and

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve the Adopt Exhibit B Preliminary Bond Resolution. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

iii. Adopt Exhibit C Reimbursement Resolution

Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the Adopt Exhibit C Reimbursement Resolution. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approve Notice of Determination

Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the Notice of Determination. Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Approve Notice to Taxpayers of Additional Appropriation

Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the Notice to Taxpayers of Additional Appropriation. Susan Albrecht seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Approve Selection of Construction Manager as Constructor

Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve the Selection of Construction Manager as Constructor (Kettelhut). Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Personnel

- a.** Consider Retirement of Bonita Hirsch - Guidance Counselor - Hoover with 50 Years of Service. Job well done!

Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve the retirement of Bonita Hirsch. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b.** Consider Resignation of Jennie Lisby - Teacher's Aide - Hose
c. Consider Resignation of Kristel Crowder - Teacher's Aide - Nicholson

Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the resignations of Jennie Lisby and Kristel Crowder. Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Recommend Timothy Herston – Science Teacher - CHS
- e. Recommend Emily Daley - Media Assistant - CMS
- f. Recommend Rob Furgye - Teacher’s Aide - Hoover

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve Timothy Herston, Emily Daley, and Rob Furgye as new hires. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Assistant Superintendent Report

Testing

- Crawfordsville High School is at the End of ISTEP Testing
- Next Preparing for IREAD Testing
- Ending with ILearn Testing

School Safety

- Working with Mike McCarty (Safe Visitors & Safe Hiring), a leader in the state on workplace safety to use our schools as a testing area to include access points to include safety concerns, technology, server, etc.
- We are due to update vulnerability, threat assessment, and school safety
- This will allow us to have the Department of Home Security grants more accessible to us.

Construction

- Finishing up the second High School Project
- Finishing Last Set of Bathrooms
- Custodian Injured - New doors stored under a stairwell fell on her causing a foot injury while cleaning the area. Two staff members (Mr. Strickler and Mr. Wentland) and students stepped up to help her.
- Compliments to the Grounds Crew with Snow Removal.

X. Superintendent’s Report

COVID

- Montgomery County - Orange
- Positivity rate is 6.3% - Way Down
- Weekly cases per 100,000 Cases - 229 - Down
- Current numbers are comparable to mid October 2020
- Staff -1 New Positive
- Student - 4 New Positive
- We are currently implementing new policy guidelines per the Health Department within the classrooms which will result in less quarantining and/or shortened quarantining.
- Indiana received a slight increase in doses of vaccines receiving 100,000.
- Current bills in the State House targeting loss of learning due to COVID. Looking at a summer term (30 days at full days/five days a week) for grades K - 2 for any student who

is behind in reading. Meetings are held weekly on how to put it in place including transportation. Full day five days a week. With a targeted reading approach using the Orton Gillingham Method to also include training for teachers.

Discussion of Upcoming Highschool Tentative Plans for the Following Events:

- **Graduation**

In person graduation on the football field keeping the regular graduation date (with a rain date) while handing out more than four tickets per student if the Health Department is in agreement.

- **Honor Night**

Event to be held in-person in the gym at a similar time as held before.

- **Prom**

Sharing discussions/concerns from High School Principal Greg Hunt and Sarah Newton, High School Guidance Counselor with the Board. All three highschools are in sync with three different venues and three separate dates with concerns that the restrictions on public gatherings will still be in place and would not allow prom to take place. Thoughts of reducing the numbers to just seniors and their dates. Concerns of all wearing masks is going to be difficult to enforce.

Susan Albrecht and Steve McLaughlin suggested an outside venue with possible rapid COVID tests.

Kathleen Brown is concerned about it being a super spreader event.

Kent Minnette added, “We need to try everything we can to have it if the Health Dept. is in agreement.”

Steve McLaughlin added, “We need to start planning towards some type of normal situation with an outdoor event.” “I would like to find a way to make it happen.”

Susan Albrecht added, “We have to go on what the Health Department approves.” “It will be difficult to enforce wearing masks.”

Ellen Ball would also like to do something for the GED graduation.

XI Other

None at this time.

XI. Board Members’ Communication

None at this time.

XII. Patron Comments

None at this time.

XIII. Adjournment

Kathleen Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Susan Albrecht seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.