

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 11th, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.
Crawfordsville Middle School 705 Wallace Ave. (LGI Room)

MINUTES

I. Roll Call

Steve McLaughlin, Dr. Bowling, Dr. Ryker, Ellen Ball, Kathleen Brown, Susan Albrecht, Kent Minnette, Brent Bokhart, Craig Callahan, Johnnie Jones, Warren Rosenberg (League of Women Voters), and Nick Hedrick (Journal Review) were in attendance.

II. CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Corporation - Caring

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes, Construction Accounts Payable Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers, and Surplus Items

Ellen Ball made a motion to approve the Previous Minutes, Accounts Payable, Vouchers, Payroll Claims Vouchers, and Register of Accounts Payable. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Surplus Item - 2003 Thomas School Bus

Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the Surplus Item, 2003 Thomas School Bus. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

V. Building Principal Report - Brent Bokhart, Principal of Crawfordsville Middle School

Principal Brent Bokhart and Assistant Principal Craig Callahan shared with the Board and audience of updates of the past year:

- COVID-19 Precautionary Measures, Quarantines and Distance Learning
- Focus Areas
- Block Schedules including Benefits and Challenges
- Advisory - Second Steps - Grades 6 through 8
- School-wide Instructional Model - Effective Instruction and ELA Action Research
- CMS Reset Room - Neuroscience Implementation
- Mental Health Support - Increased Home Visits - Partnership with Local Agencies (Cummings, Valley Oaks and DCS) - Parent Communication
- Alternative Programming - Adjusting to transitions support services with efforts of rejoining general education.
- Preventative Measures - Vaping - Collaboration with Montgomery County Tobacco Coordinator, SRO and CHS - Catch My Breath - Proactive Education
- School Leadership Team and PLC's - Teacher Leadership School Wide with Action Research Teams

VI. Old Business

None at this time.

VII. New Business

1. Consider HELP Loan for Purchase of School Buses

Dr. Ryker explained the Hoosier Equipment Lease Purchase Program (HELP) is used to purchase equipment. After receiving three quotes, the current replacement plan will be for two regular student passenger buses and one special education bus totaling \$387,351.00 at a five-year lease at 2.14% interest. Dr. Ryker recommended that the Board approve the purchase of three school buses.

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve the HELP Loan for Purchase of School Buses. Susan Albrecht seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Additional Appropriations Hearing

Steve McLaughlin opened the Additional Appropriations Hearing.

a. Approval of Proofs of Publication

Dr. Ryker explained that the hearing pertains to the Crawfordsville High School Related Arts project with the completion of publications and the Notice of Determination. Publications have been completed in both local papers for the hearing for additional appropriation. Dr. Ryker then recommended the Board to Approve Proofs of Publication.

Ellen Ball made a motion to approve the Proofs of Publications for the Additional Appropriations Hearing. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Patron Comments on Additional Appropriation

Hearing no patron comments at this time, Board President, Steve McLaughlin closed that portion of the meeting.

3. Exhibit A: Additional Appropriations Resolution

Dr. Ryker advised bonds will be sold to pay for the project. Proceeds from those bonds must be appropriated prior to being spent on said project. With the additional money appropriated to be spent on the project, beyond the original approved budget, the additional appropriation will require Board approval.

Dr. Bowling explained that this new money coming in is technically not allowed to be spent until it is appropriated giving the authority to spend it on the project. Any additional money that is received over and above what has been approved for the calendar year 2021 has to be an additional appropriation.

Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve Exhibit A: Additional Appropriations Resolution, Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Exhibit B: Final Bond Resolution

Dr. Ryker explained that the Final Bond Resolution determines the amount to be borrowed, the terms of the repayment, provides details of the bonds, authorizes the publication of the notice of the sale of bonds, establishes the maximum costs, establishes a bid committee and approves the supplemental master continuing disclosure.

Dr. Bowling provides information regarding the sale of bonds to the Security Exchange Commission (SEC) annually.

Kathleen Brown made to approve Exhibit B: Final Bond Resolution. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CHS Dance Team

Dr. Bowling shared with the Board travel information for an upcoming event to Myrtle Beach. Travel to Florida includes the entire high school dance team, coaches and parents on Thursday, March 18th. Students will return to school on Monday, March 22nd. Fundraising takes place throughout the year to assist in covering costs.

Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve the CHS Dance Team travel to Myrtle Beach. Kent Minette seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ellen Ball abstaining.

VIII. Personnel

1. Consider Retirement of Barb Dieruf - IT - CHS
2. Consider Retirement of Kristen Ervin - Teacher - CHS
3. Consider Retirement of Kelly Johnson - Teacher - CHS
4. Consider Retirement of Brenda Lovold - Guidance Counselor - CHS
5. Consider Retirement of Greg Hunt - Principal - CHS

Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the retirements of Barb Dieruf, Kristen Ervin, Kelly Johnson, Brenda Lovold and Greg Hunt. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider Resignation of Amanda Calhoun - Teacher's Aide - Hoover
7. Consider Resignation of Ken Dieruf - Treasurer - CHS

Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve the resignation of Amanda Calhoun and Ken Dieruf. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommend Melissa Groumoutis - Developmental Preschool Aide - Willson
Recommend Nick Rice - Teacher's Aide - Nicholson
Recommend Kimberly Holt - Teacher's Assistant - Hose

Ellen Ball made a motion to approve Melissa Groumoutis, Nick Rice and Kimberly Holt as new hires. Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Assistant Superintendent Report

Testing

- IREAD 3 Extension - Nicholson & Hoover 3rd & 5th Grades
- ILEARN - planning continues.

Operations

- Bussing Software Purchase - Aide with Bus Routing.
- Spring Cleaning - Grounds Fertilizing and Seeding - Working to get the sports fields ready.

CHS Academic Project

- Completion of Classroom/Bathrooms/Auditorium
- The Related Arts Project will go out to bid in early April for the Related Arts wing (Band, Choir, Auditorium, Gym and the Great White Hallway). Drawings are being completed.
- Hall of Fame - Mr. Barton and the Hall of Fame Committee are working to move everything to become a digital Hall of Fame. All State Champions among others will have a picture in the Great White Hallway area.

Building Safety

- Additional School Resource Officer - With the collaboration of the Crawfordsville law enforcement and the City of Crawfordsville, we are working together to add another full time school resource officer at the High School to allow another SRO to take over other areas providing coverage wherever needed. More information to come on this project of community connection while working together to make our schools safer.

Staff Vaccines

- All Corporation employees are now eligible to get the COVID vaccines through the Health Department. The first dose will be on Friday, March 19th from 2:00 to 6:00 PM at the Save-A-Lot Building, 452 E. South Boulevard, Crawfordsville. The second dose will be distributed on April 16th (same time frame and location).
- Crawfordsville High School is hosting a vaccine opportunity in collaboration with the Crawfordsville Paramedic Program, the Montgomery County Health Department and all three county schools. Ten staff members from each school district will receive the first vaccine on Monday, March 15th.

X. Superintendent's Report

COVID

- Montgomery County - Yellow
- Positivity Rate is 4.1% - Down
- Weekly Cases per 100,000 Cases = 135 - Down
- Current numbers are comparable with where we were in the Summer.
- Staff - 2 New Positive
- Students - 8 New Positive

Graduation

Prom is going to take place. North, South, and Crawfordsville Principals are currently collaborating and continuing to work with the Health Department with a plan to either include underclassmen or only Junior and Senior students only, face mask requirements, etc.

Distance Learning

Currently there are 104 students in Distance Learning. When will parents feel safe to send their students back to full in-school learning? The decision as to whether to continue to offer distance learning for the 2021 - 2022 school year will be made in the near future.

Summer Term (Grades K-2 Summer School)

- Targeting 300 to 400 Students
- Letters were sent to parents (customized to each student's progress) as to where they are at and to help make up what was lost due to the COVID-19 crisis.
- Summer Term (Daily from 8:05 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.) is free and includes transportation, breakfast, lunch and an on-site nurse.
- Time frame will be 30 days which allows an extra six weeks of student instruction.
- Parents can also register enrolled Summer Term students for Day Camp Daily from 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.). Cost of a \$25.00 fee with scholarships available for those who have financial need. There is no transportation or on-site nurse provided.

XI. Other

XII. Board Member's Communication

XIII. Patron Comments

Patron Johnnie Jones shared his concerns with employee COVID-19 issues and how they are being handled.

Middle School Principal Brent Bokhart shared with the Board this is the one-year anniversary of hosting School Board Meetings (both in-person and virtually) at Crawfordsville Middle School due to the beginning of the COVID crisis and is very happy to continue to support and host future meetings. The Board was very appreciative and complimentary.

XIV. Adjournment

Kathleen Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

CRAWFORDSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION



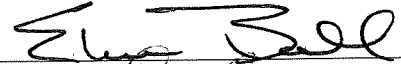
Steven McLaughlin PRESIDENT



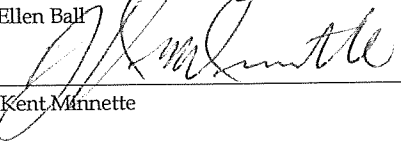
Susan E. Albrecht VICE-PRESIDENT



Kathleen Brown SECRETARY



Ellen Ball MEMBER



Kent Minnette MEMBER