

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 8th, 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, Marci Galinowski, Brent Bokhart, Darrin Wilcoxson, Arthur Ruano (student), Erie Redding (student), Roman Contreras (student), Jay Strickland, Alexis Tinkel, Amy Bales, Diana Wilbert, Johnnie Jones, and Nick Hedrick (Journal Review) were in attendance.

II. CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Corporation - **Caring**

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Robotics Team Presentation - Darrin Wilcoxson

Students Evie Redding, Arthur Ruano, and Roman Contreras along with Teacher Darrin Wilcoxson shared with the Board what the Robotics Team is currently working on, how the robot is constructed, technology used, and also upcoming competition events to include a live cast of this year's State competition (May 15th).

They also presented Board Members with plushie robots that were designed by the Robotics Team with a new logo along with a 2021 Christa McAuliffe uncirculated silver dollar. The team is part of First Tech Challenge (FTC) which is selling the silver dollars to support scholarships for students to apply for colleges all over the country. Both will be displayed at the Superintendent's Office.

It is currently National Robotics Week in which the group thanked the Board for their support of this *Student Driven - Student Run* Program.

The Board thanked the students and Mr. Wilcoxson for their dedication and skills added to the program that has greatly evolved from its beginning.

V. Building Principal Report - Marci Galinowski - Hoover

Principal Galinowski informed the Board of the following updates and improvements:

- First year of a three year school wide improvement plan with a focus on Math achievement.
- ILearn to start in a couple of weeks
- Tier I Spiral Reviews - Math challenges - Intervention Program
- 4th Graders showed a 21% increase in growth.
- 5th Graders showed a 93 % increase in growth.
- Remote learners will be coming back into the building for ILearn.

- Reviewing the Family Friendly Certification to be renewed in the Spring.
- Lots of positive feedback from parents on ELearning Teacher, Debra Vaught.
- Music Program preparing for virtual Fine Arts Night - Video to be shared with parents.
- 4th Grade students are implementing Science Lab Days doing hands-on science experiments to review for the Science ILearn exams.
- 5th Grade Track Meet in May
- Planning for next year - new students from Nicholson coming in to tour the building.
- Camping trip planned.
- Sixteen (16) students are still on remote learning.

VI. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes, Construction Accounts Payable Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers, 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. Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Old Business

Nothing at this time.

VII. New Business

- a. CMS Student Handbook - Kent Minnette
Kent Minnette made a motion to approve the CMS Student Handbook as drafted. Kathleen Brown seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- b. CHS Student Handbook - After discussing minor changes with Assistant Principal Mark Melton, Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve the CHS Student handbook. Kathleen Brown seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- c. Resolution on Continuation of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act
Dr. Ryker advised the Board that the additional leave provided by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act ended on December 31, 2020. On January 14, 2021, the Board passed a resolution extending FFCRA leave benefits to employees with certain restrictions through March 31, 2021. The extended paid leave will be limited to 10 days and will not include 2/3 paid leave for an extended 10 weeks for caring for a child whose school or place of care is closed due to COVID-19 related reasons.

Dr. Ryker recommended the Board approve to continue the FFCRA leave as previously provided retroactively from January 1, 2021 until May 31, 2021.

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve the Resolution on Continuation of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Memorandum of Understanding - Continued Extension of Paid Leave Due to COVID-19
Dr. Ryker advised the Board that the Memorandum of Understanding will be signed by the Board and Paul Utterback of the Crawfordsville Board of Education to include changes made regarding the Teachers paid leave of absence due to COVID-19.

Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding - Continued Extension of Paid Leave Due to COVID-19. Susan Albrecht seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- e. Transfer Students
Dr. Ryker advised the Board of the 2020 - 2021 number of transfer students and recommended that the Board continue the current number of 40 transfer students per grade level for the 2021-2022 school year.

Ellen Ball made a motion to approve the current number of 40 students per grade level for the 2021-2022 school year. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Personnel

- a. Consider Resignation of Regina Dierckman - CARA ESL Teacher
- b. Consider Resignation of April Stewart - Hose Classroom Aide
- c. Consider Resignation of Laura Nichols - Willson Nurse
- d. Consider Resignation of Paul Utterback - CHS English Language Arts Teacher
Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the resignations of Regina Dierckman, April Stewart, Laura Nichols and Paul Utterback. Susan Albrecht seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. Consider Retirement of Jenny Jones - CMS - Custodial
Kathleen Brown made a motion to approve the retirement of Jenny Jones. Kent Minnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- f. Recommend Jay Strickland - CHS Principal
Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve Jay Strickland as the new Principal for Crawfordsville High School. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- g. Recommend Marcela Perlwitz - CARA ESL Teacher
- h. Recommend Ashlyn Williams - Hose - Aide
- i. Recommend Megan Harshbarger - CHS Business Teacher
Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve Marcela Perlwitz, Ashlyn Williams and Megan Harshbarger as new hires. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Change of Position

- a. Renee McKinney from Monitor/Van Driver to Transportation Receptionist
Dr. Bowling explained that the change in position information was for the Board's information only. Board approval was not required.

IX. Assistant Superintendent Report

Transportation

- Purchase and training of routing software for transportation. This software allows us to analyze our transportation, how effective our transportation is, map out routes, and better analyze our routes. In the future both CCSC and parents will be able to track our buses. This software also allows for improved parent transportation communication.

Facility

- CHS Related Arts Project - we have gone through the process of our rating with S&P
- Bond sale will be April 15th. (\$1.65 million)
- CHS Academic Project - Outdoor parts of the project are being completed. Indoor projects consist of finishing up and making sure corrections are made to complete the project. The same Kettelhut Construction Manager is onsite for this project as he was for the Related Arts Project.
- Currently working through and determining the facility and ground summer projects.

Curriculum

- The first round of IRead Testing is completed. Small impact with COVID. Preparing for summer retesting for students who do not pass IREAD or do not have a waiver based upon Special Education, 504, etc., will have to retake the test. If students do not pass the summer test, they will need to retake it the next school year.

Student Services

- Currently working with Montgomery Health Department and the Crawfordsville Community Paramedics Program on April 16th to offer the Pfizer Vaccine to students over the age of 16 that have registered and have parent consent. All three county schools participating will receive vaccines at CHS during the school day. 105 students are currently pre-registered through a Google survey taken and received by the Montgomery County Health Department who then registered with the State to receive the Pfizer Vaccine that has been approved for kids who are 16 or older at the time of the vaccination.

X. Superintendent's Report

COVID

- Montgomery County - **Blue with the Advisory Level at Yellow**
- Positivity Rate = **3.85%**
- Weekly cases per 100,000 Cases = **80 - Down**
- Current numbers are comparable to September 2020

Prom

- Date set for May 22nd - Outside with a rain date.

- Outside attendees are permitted - could change if case numbers go up.
- There will be symptom monitoring with testing not required. Students 16 and older could be fully vaccinated if they use the shot clinic.
- The Health Department has approved.

Distance Learning

- 78 students corporation-wide to remain distance learners for the remainder of the year.
- Looking at making a recommendation to not offer distance learning for the next school year in the near future.

Summer Term

- Confirmed 139 students have signed up to attend.
- Working with those who have planned family vacations.

Costa Rica Trip

- Headed up by Tiffany Sinnet - CHS Science Teacher
- Trip to be cancelled due to school sponsored international travel - COVID
- Students are eligible to receive travel vouchers
- Number of participant students declined (total of 8)

Staff Vaccine Clinic

- Successful with 119 CCSC faculty and staff that participated

GRANTS

- WHIN Group (Lafayette Group) - granted CCSC \$83,400.00 to be used for connectivity for either at home or in school distance learning students.
- Wabash received a grant through the Lilly Foundation to significantly expand the engagement of Wabash students with the Crawfordsville Community. Wabash shared information of the need to partner with CCSC if they received the grant that would specifically target under-represented minority students, first generation college students, and students who qualify for federal Pell grants. One of the requirements of the grant is for college students to have more interaction with our schools. We are looking forward to this collaboration with Wabash.

XI. Other

Nothing at this time.

XII. Board Member's Communication

Kent Minnette thanked the administration and planners at the high school for the upcoming prom and graduation events. Students are grateful and very excited.

Attending the musical, Ellen Ball commended staff, actors, and everyone who worked to get it put together.

XIII. Patron Comments

Johnny Jones thanked the Board for recognizing the retirement of his wife (Jenny Jones). He also shared his concerns of custodial employees and building safety issues.

XIV. Adjournment

Ellen Ball made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathleen Brown seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M.

