

CENTER GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
November 17, 2015

MINUTES

Board of School Trustees of the Center Grove Community School Corporation met in regular session beginning at 6:57 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2015, in the Board Room at the Education Service Center, 4800 West Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood, Indiana.

Board members present:

Carol Tumey, President	<u> X </u>
Adam Norman, Vice President	<u> X </u>
Rob Richards, Secretary	<u> X </u>
Scott Alexander, Member	<u> X </u>
Jack Russell, Member	<u> X </u>

Also present:

Rich Arkanoff, Superintendent	<u> X </u>
Bill Long, Assistant Superintendent	<u> X </u>
Sally Hacker, Assistant Superintendent	<u> X </u>
Paul Gabriel, Chief Financial Officer	<u> X </u>

Doug Bird, Center Grove High School Principal
Shannon Carroll-Frey, Center Grove Elementary Principal
Stacy Conrad, Director of Communications
Davin Harpe, Sugar Grove Elementary Principal
Jack Parker, Director of Teaching and Learning
Rick Pederson, Operations Manager
Dave Statler, Facilities Engineer
Jason Taylor, Chief Technology Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER / READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

President Carol Tumey called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. and read the corporation's mission statement.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Center Grove High School students Sydney Castellanos and Hannah Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Tumey presented Sydney and Hannah with certificates for their participation.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was recommended that the agenda for the November 17, 2015 regular meeting of the board be adopted as presented.

Motion by Norman seconded by Alexander vote 5-0

4. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

In the Spotlight

This evening's In the Spotlight featured Center Grove High School (CGHS). Principal Doug Bird recognized e-learning coordinator Joe Lamb for being a dynamic leader. He focuses on the growth of students and staff and promotes a sense of community with the online learning program. Principal Bird also recognized ISS supervisor Mindy Jones for always striving to make school better for students. She does her job at a very high level-balancing consistency with compassion. Juniors Sydney Castellanos and Hannah Wilson were recognized for their contributions as student council leaders and spirit committee co-chairs. They are exemplary students and outstanding citizens.

Congratulations were expressed to those recognized and family members in attendance were recognized.

President Tumey took this opportunity to express her gratitude to principal Bird and everyone recognized.

American Heart Association-uPaint Canvas Winners

Jennifer Nanny, Youth Market Director with the American Heart Association (AHA), thanked board members, administrators, and staff for their continued support of the AHA's educational and health awareness programs. The following students were also recognized for being winners of the uPaint Canvas "What Does a Healthy Heart Look Like to you" contest:

- Maggie Lee – Center Grove Elementary
- Madeline Mulder – Center Grove Elementary
- Madison Sutherlin – Pleasant Grove Elementary
- Skylar Wrege – Sugar Grove Elementary

Each student received her artwork mounted on canvas. The winning artwork, along with other entries, will be part of a traveling exhibit during the month of February.

President Tumey and Superintendent Arkanoff took this opportunity to congratulate the students and thanked the AHA and uPaint Pottery Studio for sponsoring the contest.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

It was recommended that the following Consent Items be approved as presented: Approval of Minutes (10/6/2015 Executive Session/Regular Meeting), Personnel Report, Accounts Payable and Payroll Claims, Field Trip Report, Declaration of Surplus Equipment, and Proposed Camps/Programs (Camp Invention).

Motion by Richards seconded by Alexander vote 5-0

7. ACTION ITEMS

Approve Conflict Waiver with Lewis & Kappes for SSJCSS Withdrawal

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve a conflict waiver with Lewis & Kappes in connection with the withdrawal of Center Grove's membership from Special Services Johnson County and Surrounding Schools (SSJCSS).

Superintendent Arkanoff provided additional information on the waiver. The waiver consents to Michelle Cooper (for Center Grove) working with Karen Glasser-Sharp (for SSJCSS) on the separation agreement.

Motion by Russell seconded by Alexander vote 5-0

Point of clarification for board member Scott Alexander: SSJCSS' board has already approved the waiver.

Approve Rental Agreement for GPS System

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve a rental agreement with Synovia Solutions for the acquisition of GPS equipment and software.

Assistant superintendent Bill Long provided additional information on the rental agreement. In July 2015, we were notified by Synovia that the mobile carrier would no longer offer service to our equipment as of January 1, 2016. This notification offered us the opportunity to look for a better system.

One new feature will be the ability for parents to access the system (via a free app) in a manner that will alert them to the approximate arrival time of their child's bus via smart phone, tablet, or computer. Should parents wish to upgrade to receive a text message when the bus is a few minutes away, they would pay Synovia an additional fee.

This system will be placed on all of our busses including activity/mini busses (100 total). The five (5) year rental agreement will cover equipment and software at a cost of \$33,000 per year.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Norman vote 5-0

Point of clarification for board member Jack Russell: If the battery dies in any of the busses the system will remain active.

Board member Russell believes the new system will benefit both drivers and students. The GPS data can be used to communicate, educate, and protect drivers by verifying their actions. Bus driver Marlene West commented that she feels it's a positive step toward ensuring the safety of students.

Point of clarification for vice president Adam Norman: The new system will be in place the beginning of January 2016. Director of communications Stacy Conrad will work on a communication plan.

Authorization to Accept Indiana Secured School Safety Grant

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board authorize the superintendent (or designee) to take all actions necessary to accept and implement the \$50,000 grant from the Indiana Secured School Safety Grant Program.

Dr. Long provided additional information on the grant. For the third year in a row, Center Grove was selected to receive a \$50,000 matching school safety grant. This grant will be used to offset the costs of our school resource officers.

Motion by Richards seconded by Alexander vote 5-0
As this point in the meeting (7:48pm), vice president Norman entered the meeting.

Approve End of Year Transfer Request

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board adopt a resolution giving the business office authority to pay claims and make transfers as needed to close 2015.

Chief financial officer Dr. Paul Gabriel provided additional information on the resolution. The business office is requesting approval to pay outstanding claims and to transfer appropriations as needed within selected 2015 funds. An appropriation transfer report and claim list dated December 31, 2015 will be prepared and presented to the board for approval in February.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Russell vote 5-0

Adopt 2015-2016 Board Finance Goal

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board adopt the following finance goal as required by Indiana Code 20-42.5-3-6:

"For the 2015-16 school year, the Center Grove Community School Corporation will strive to increase the school corporation's allocation of taxpayer resources directly to student instruction and learning, in light of the unique circumstances in the district."

Dr. Gabriel provided additional information on the board finance goal. Indiana law requires school districts to establish goals for each category of expenditures that will increase the corporation's allocation of taxpayer resources directly to student instruction and learning, in light of unique circumstances present in the school corporation.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Norman vote 5-0

Approve Statement of Benefits and Compensation for Levels A-D

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve revisions to the Statement of Benefits and Compensation.

Assistant superintendent Sally Hacker provided additional information on the revisions. The revision includes updates previously approved by the board as well as additional recommended revisions to Level C and Level D as noted.

Motion by Norman seconded by Alexander vote 5-0

Authorize 2016 Tax Anticipation Warrants

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve a resolution to borrow money from the Indiana Bond Bank in anticipation of property taxes.

Dr. Gabriel provided additional information on the warrants. For the calendar year 2016 we will again participate in the Indiana Bond Bank Advance Funding Program for issuance of temporary

loans in anticipation of property tax revenues. Since property taxes are normally distributed in June and December, cash flow deficits are typically experienced in April, May, October and November. The anticipated total amount to be borrowed is \$2,500,571. These amounts will be paid when property tax revenues are received.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Russell vote 5-0

Point of clarification for secretary Scott Alexander: If property tax revenues are lower than expected, additional money may be borrowed through the Bond Bank's Midyear Funding Program.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

President Tumey

- Central Nine Career Center - Student of the month includes Ben Roeder (Computer Programming); board is in the process of selecting a new director (to replace Dr. Edds).
- Athletic Booster Club - Nothing to report.
- Wellness Committee - "Maintain Don't Gain" now through January 6; wellness screening will be in January (TBD); blood drive will be February 3.

Vice President Norman

- Policies - Nothing to report.

Secretary Richards

- Bargsville Redevelopment Commission - Santa Train on Main will be December 4-5; community members are encouraged to participate in The Founders Fountain project. This project will be fully funded by financial donations, the sale of paver bricks and grants.
- Greenwood Chamber of Commerce - Business After Hours will be November 19.
- State Legislative Matters - Nothing to report.

Board Member Alexander

- Insurance Committee - Committee meeting will be held November 18.

Board Member Russell

- Greenwood City Council - Nothing to report.
- Center Grove Alternative Academy - Alternative Academy graduation will be December 16.
- Center Grove Education Foundation - Grove Giving Guild membership is up; Night with the Pacers will be February 26 (tickets on sale December 1); Gala for the Grove will be April 22.
- ISBA Legislative Matters - Nothing to report.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Board member Scott Alexander took this opportunity to thank president Tumey for her leadership as president and everything she has done throughout the year.

Superintendent Arkanoff took this opportunity to encourage patrons to see the high school play "Mary Poppins" November 20-22. Tickets are still available.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Tumey made the following announcements:

- November 25-27 - Thanksgiving Break (No School)
- December 3 & 10 - Superintendent Coffee Chat (7:30-9:30 a.m., Strange Brew/Chick-fil-A)
- December 16 - CG Alternative Academy Graduation (6:30 p.m., HS Auditorium)

The regular board meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 17 has been cancelled. The next regular meeting (reorganization meeting) is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2016.

Upcoming Community Event

Rock the Night for Special Needs! will be held December 5 at The Atrium East in Indianapolis. This fundraiser benefits Anna's Celebration of Life Foundation and deserving Indiana children with special needs.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.