

**CENTER GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
August 15, 2011**

**MINUTES**

The Board of School Trustees of the Center Grove Community School Corporation met in regular session beginning at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 2011, in the Board Room at the Administration Building, 4800 W. Stones Crossing Rd., Greenwood.

Board members present included President Carol Tumey, Vice President John Steed, Secretary Scott Alexander and Board Members Susan Mullendore and Jack Russell. Superintendent Rich Arkanoff, Assistant Superintendent Bill Long, Chief Financial Officer Paul Gabriel and Human Resources Director Sally Hacker were also present at the meeting.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Tumey called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Center Grove Elementary students Sam and Grace Shockley.

**3. APPROVE AGENDA**

Mr. Alexander moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Russell seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved 5-0.

**4. APPROVE MINUTES**

Dr. Mullendore moved to approve minutes of the June 27, July 18 and August 3 executive sessions, the July 18 regular meeting and the August 3 special/work session. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved 5-0.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no public comments shared.

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

Dr. Mullendore moved to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion, and the report was approved 5-0.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Alexander moved to approve the Field Trip Report. Mr. Russell seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Mullendore moved to approve the claims as presented. Mr. Russell seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Russell moved to approve the Food Service Handbook as presented. Mr. Alexander seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

## **7. REPORTS**

Dr. Gabriel provided an update regarding preparation of the 2012 budget as well as a brief explanation of anticipated changes in the various funds. A draft version of the 2012 budget is currently available on the school corporation website along with budgets for the years 2008 through 2011.

Dr. Long provided an update on the high school cafeteria-remodeling project. This remodel included the first update to the kitchen area since 1976. The renovation also included an increase in the number of serving lines, relocation of the tray return area and updated freezer, cooler and storage space.

Mr. Arkanoff shared his plan to reconvene the Strategic Planning Committee and will begin by inviting the current members back. After reviewing the make-up of the committee, he plans to include community members, parents, students, business partners and staff. The planning process will include establishing Core Beliefs, a Vision Statement, which supports the Core Beliefs, and a Mission Statement that supports the Vision. Plans are to have the committee focus on the following curricular areas: High Ability, Early Childhood Education, Special Education, High Need/Low Achieving Students, Educational Resources as well as Educating All Students. Following establishment of the Core Beliefs and Vision, a Facilities Committee will then be able to review and update the 20-year plan

Dr. Long shared an update on current enrollment numbers along with projected enrollment numbers. He plans to bring an updated enrollment report back to the board at the September 6 work session. Mr. Russell asked that sometime in the near future the board be provided with a report on current enrollment as compared to functional capacity. Mr. Alexander asked that the board be provided with a comparison of kindergarten numbers between this school year and last—both by class size and total, including a breakdown between full-day and half-day kindergarten.

## **8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

In light of the recent tragedy at the Indiana State Fair, a discussion was held regarding safe usage of equipment such as the scissors lift used by the band, the platform used at the football games to take videos and other structures such as the bleachers and the press box at the football field. Maintenance Director Dave Statler shared information regarding state guidelines, which are being followed as well as training, which has been provided by our insurance carrier, Indiana Insurance. The board asked administration to check into the need for any additional equipment, such as a windsock, to provide additional safety for persons using these structures. Mrs. Tumey thanked Center Grove resident Steve Hefley for his concern in bringing this issue to the board's attention.

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business

## **10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Arkanoff reported on the opening day presentation for staff as well as the first day for students.

## **11. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT**

Mr. Russell shared his experiences regarding the first day of school. Mr. Steed shared regarding his opening day experience as well as the staff presentation held on Friday. Mrs. Tumey shared information on the Fast Track event recently held at Middle School North as well as her experiences on opening day. Mrs. Tumey also shared information briefly about activities at

Central Nine. Mr. Alexander added his comments regarding the success of the Fast Track program and the work of the committee involved. Mr. Alexander also shared information regarding upcoming events being held by the CG Education Foundation. Dr. Mullendore added comments regarding opening day activities and the 11 expectations shared by Mr. Arkanoff. She also thanked Mr. Arkanoff for beginning process of reconvening the strategic planning committee.

## **12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Tumey shared information on upcoming board meetings as well as a conference being sponsored by ISBA/IAPSS, which will be attended by several board members.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.