

**CENTER GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Special/Work Sessions, November 2, 2011**

MINUTES

The Board of School Trustees of the Center Grove Community School Corporation met in a special session beginning at 6:10 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, in the Board Room at the Administration Building, 4800 W. Stones Crossing Rd., Greenwood, Indiana. Following the special session, a work session was held beginning at 7 p.m.

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, and Chief Financial Officer Paul Gabriel were also present at the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Tumey called the special session to order at 6:10 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Tumey.

SPECIAL SESSION

Mr. Arkanoff presented a Personnel Report for approval. Mr. Steed moved to approve the report as presented. Mr. Russell seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Steed moved to approve the Field Trip Report. The board requested that future field trip reports include: (1) cost; (2) educational reason for trip; and (3) how much school time will be missed. Mr. Steed moved to approve the report as presented. Dr. Mullendore seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Gabriel presented follow-up information regarding the contract for health clinic services. As discussed at the October 17 board meeting, a decision was made by the Benefits Committee to continue with the current vendor, Novia Care Clinics. As the contract had not been finalized in October, the contract was brought back to the board for approval at this meeting.

Dr. Mullendore moved to approve the contract with Novia Care Clinics as presented.

Mr. Alexander seconded, and the motion was approved 4-0 with Mr. Russell abstaining from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

The special session was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

WORK SESSION

Mrs. Tumey called the work session to order at 7 p.m.

Mr. Arkanoff introduced Alternative Academy Coordinator Beth Bryant who discussed the need for additional space for the alternative program in order to accommodate a larger number of students. There is currently a waiting list for students to enroll in the program, and there have been students who transferred to another school district because we could not currently accommodate their needs. Mr. Arkanoff stated that the administration would present a report to

the board in either December or January to provide more in-depth information on the impact the possible expansion of this program would have on the school district.

Dr. Long presented information on a balanced school year calendar. Some neighboring school districts are considering switching to a balanced calendar, with Central Nine being one of these schools. The calendar for school year 2012-13 has already been approved for Center Grove schools, so the earliest possible change would be in the 2013-14 school year. Dr. Long shared that UTACG surveyed its membership with an 84 percent response rate. The majority (73.7 percent) responded favorably to considering a balanced calendar, but many had reservations and concerns. A total of 18.1 percent responded unfavorably to considering a balanced calendar. Some of the concerns expressed by the group included: (1) the availability of data showing the effect such a change would have on student achievement; (2) the implications of conflicts with athletic and performing arts activities; and (3) parent job/child care issues. The board suggested a survey be provided to parents to find out if they would have an interest in switching to a balanced calendar.

Dr. Long shared information on recommended updates from NEOLA for board policies. Proposed policy changes will be brought to the board on November 21 for a first reading.

Mr. Steed moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Alexander seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.