

**CENTER GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
September 19, 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, September 19, 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 Maple Grove Elementary student Madison Ellis.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Dr. Mullendore moved to approve minutes of the August 15 regular/executive session, the September 6 work/executive session, and the September 13 executive 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

Mr. Steed moved to approve the Personnel Report with the exception of the Director of Safety and Security. Dr. Mullendore seconded the motion, and the report was approved 5-0. Mr. Alexander moved to approve the Director of Safety and Security as presented on the Personnel Report. Mr. Russell seconded, and the motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Steed casting the dissenting vote. Mr. Steed provided the following explanation: "I believe that as a board member I have the responsibility to vote to hire the best people possible for our positions. For this position we had an excellent candidate apply that did not receive an interview. I believe that we cannot know that we are hiring the best person for this job if we were not willing to interview such a candidate."

Mrs. Tumey performed the swearing in ceremony for the new Director of Safety and Security.

Mr. Steed moved to approve the Field Trip Report. Mr. Russell seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Steed moved to approve the claims as presented. Mr. Alexander seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Russell moved to approve the list of fund-raisers as presented. Mr. Alexander seconded, and the motion passed 5-0. Mr. Alexander directed that in the future, lists of fund-raisers presented for board approval should include the amount of estimated revenue from each activity.

Mr. Steed moved to accept the Conflict of Interest forms as presented. Mr. Alexander seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

A recommendation was made from administration to the board that the contract with Stratus Building Solutions be terminated. Following discussion, Dr. Mullendore moved to terminate the contract. Mr. Steed seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Mr. Alexander requested the board be provided with an update on the outsourcing progress a minimum of every 90 days. Mr. Alexander also requested that the next custodial service company provide a 15-minute presentation to the board at one of their work sessions about how the company will meet the expectations of the school corporation. Mr. Alexander also suggested that building principals have direct access to the company's supervisor. Dr. Long shared that an RFP will be issued outlining expectations of custodial services; the new RFP will include service at Center Grove, North Grove and Pleasant Grove Elementary Schools in addition to the administration building, the alternative program, and the clinic.

Mr. Steed moved to approve the Facility Rental Guidelines as presented. Mr. Alexander seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Arkanoff presented an updated organization chart for review by the board. He requested approval of the administrative portion of the chart only as the academic portion is still being revised. Mr. Steed moved to approve the Academic Organization Chart with one title change—the proposed “Executive Director of Human Resources” will remain “Director of Human Resources.” Dr. Mullendore seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Long presented a request from administration to demolish the northeast portion of the old Maple Grove building which is no longer useable for school purposes. Bids were taken and the lowest bid was from ADACO in the amount of \$55,000. Following discussion Mr. Steed moved to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Russell seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

This evening's meeting had been appropriately advertised as a hearing on the 2012 budget, the 2012 Bus Replacement Plan, and the 2012 CPF Plan. Mr. Arkanoff and Dr. Gabriel presented information regarding the budgets. Following the presentation Mrs. Tumey opened a hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments. Dr. Huber provided a brief comment, and the hearing was closed. The budgets will be brought to the board for adoption at the October 17 regular meeting.

7. REPORTS

Dr. Gabriel presented an update on the General Fund cash balance.

Linda Bettner, representing the Partnership for a Healthier Johnson County presented information on the 2010 Indiana Youth Tobacco Survey.

Dr. Long presented information on plans to issue an RFP for a corporation-wide facilities assessment. This information will then be available for use by the Strategic Planning Committee and the Long Range Facilities Committee.

Mr. Arkanoff provided the board with plans for the upcoming Strategic Planning Committee meetings.

Dr. Long provided a report on enrollment and capacity numbers for the elementary buildings. The following definitions were used for the purpose of preparing the report:

Upper Limit Capacity - based on an upper limit of 25 students per classroom in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade, and 30 students in 4th and 5th grade.

Ideal Capacity – based on 20 students in Kindergarten and 1st grade, and 25 in 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A brief discussion was held regarding the feasibility of installing sewers at the West Grove property. Dr. Long shared that the RFP for the corporation-wide facilities assessment also includes a request to study the feasibility and cost to connect West Grove to a sewer system.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

10. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Arkanoff shared regarding an online survey on core beliefs which is available on the website. He also shared that the public was invited to Community Technology Night at CG Middle School North on September 28.

11. BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORT

Mr. Russell shared his experience in researching information via the new technology recently adopted as part of the science program. He also shared regarding a fund-raising project the band is currently sponsoring. Mrs. Tumey shared regarding her attendance at the recent Day of Caring along with high school juniors. Mr. Alexander shared regarding online resources which are available to parents. Dr. Mullendore thanked middle school central for providing the recent board tour of their building.

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 9:40 p.m.