

**CENTER GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
April 19, 2010**

MINUTES

The Board of School Trustees of the Center Grove Community School Corporation met in regular session on Monday, April 19, 2010 in the Board Room at Education Service Center, 4800 W. Stones Crossing Rd., Greenwood.

Board members present included President Scott Gudeman, Vice President Carol Tumey, Secretary John Steed, and Board Members Jim Copp and Mark Dietel. Also present at the meeting were Interim Superintendent Emmett Lippe, Assistant Superintendents Janet Boyle and Bill Long, Chief Financial Officer Paul Gabriel and Human Resources Director Sally Hacker.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Gudeman called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Gudeman.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Mr. Dietel moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Tumey seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved 5-0.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Dietel moved to approve minutes of the March 15 regular session and the March 17 special session. Dr. Copp seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

5. RECOGNITION

Center Grove High School Art Chairperson Terry Riley introduced winners in the 2010 Scholastic Art Competition. The Board congratulated the students and presented them with Certificates of Excellence.

Mrs. Hacker introduced Center Grove Teacher of the Year winners: Jeannine Browning (CGES), Esther Kovacs (MG), Bobbi Petersen (NG), Debra Shaw (PG), Sharon Hobson (SG), Lisa Scot (WG), Debby Burton (MSC), Tanya Pitzer (MSN), and Judy Shockley (HS). Debby Burton will represent Center Grove in the state Teacher of the Year competition.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Lisa Holt addressed the board regarding technology.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Steed moved to approve the following consent agenda items: Personnel Report, Percussion Field Trip to Chicago, Claims, Memorandum of Understanding (Retirements), Summer Recreation Programs, Changes to the High School Student Handbook, Band Student Survey and Teacher Waivers for Anne Elsner (Intro to Engineering & Principles of

Engineering), Andrea Teevan (Human body Systems) and Paul Clodfelter (Financial Planning & Services). Mr. Dietel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

8. ACTION

Dr. Gabriel provided information regarding the use of funds from bonds approved for the New Tech project. Following discussion, Mr. Steed moved to reject all bids that were received on 2/2/10 for the New Tech renovation and endorse the updated concept as presented by Dr. Gabriel. Mr. Dietel seconded the motion, and the motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Gabriel provided an update on the proposed budget cuts for 2010 and 2011. Mr. Steed moved to hold the cuts to be restored by the referendum until after November 2nd, and to make appropriate plans to implement them only if the referendum fails, as soon as possible after that date. Mr. Dietel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Gabriel requested board approval to transfer funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. Mrs. Tumey moved to approve the resolution to transfer a total of \$555,000 as requested by Dr. Gabriel. Mr. Steed seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Gudeman opened a public hearing to receive input regarding an additional appropriation in the Rainy Day Fund including two items: \$460,000 for teacher retirement incentive and \$95,000 to pay for the teacher health insurance holiday (per the last contract settlement with teachers). As there was no public comment, the hearing was closed. Mrs. Tumey then moved to approve the resolution for the additional appropriation as presented for a total \$555,000. Mr. Dietel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Gabriel requested approval of changes to the Statement of Benefits and the salary schedules for Levels A and B. These changes reflect the budget reductions approved by the Board at their previous meeting. Following discussion, Mr. Dietel moved to approve the changes as presented. Mr. Steed seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Lippe recommended approval of 2010-11 contracts for those administrators who have not been previously cut or reduced as listed on the attachment provided to the board and marked as "A." Mr. Dietel moved to approve the administrative contracts for the 2010-11 school year as shown on Attachment "A". Mr. Steed seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

To carry out the recommendation previously approved by the board as a budget reduction, Dr. Gabriel provided a request that full day kindergarten fees be increased to \$1,494 per year, with fees of one-half (\$797) for parents who qualify for reduced-price lunches and no fee for parents qualifying for free lunches. Mr. Steed moved to approve the fees as presented. Mr. Dietel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Discussion was held regarding expanding the size of the Finance Advisory Committee to include one school board member, one school administrator (Chief Financial Officer), two members appointed by UTACG and two members appointed by each board member. Dr. Copp moved to approve the changes in the Finance Committee as proposed. Mr. Dietel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Long requested the board approve awarding a contract to McGuff Roofing of Muncie, Indiana for the reroofing of approximately 91,000 square feet at the high school. The amount

of the base bid along with alternatives 1 and 2 totals \$1,041,823. Following discussion Mr. Dietel moved to approve the contract as recommended. Dr. Copp seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Gabriel presented a recommendation from the Benefits Committee to remove Pershing/Dave Gandolph as an authorized vendor for Center Grove's 403b retirement plan. Following discussion Mr. Steed moved to approve the change as presented. Mr. Dietel seconded, and the motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Tumey abstaining from the vote.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Lippe thanked Dr. Gabriel for his diligent work on the budget report and subsequent recommendations. He also thanked the board for adopting a two-year budget plan and for having confidence in the community relative to the passing of the referendum in the fall.

10. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

Mrs. Tumey shared information about the Center Grove Education Foundation's upcoming Gala event. She also provided information on current happenings at Central Nine.

Mr. Steed shared information regarding the considerable amount of work which has been done by members of the Redistricting Committee in the past month.

11. REPORTS

Jack Parker provided an update regarding the referendum process and activities of the General Fund Referendum Committee and its various subcommittees. The committee has recently launched a website to provide information to the community. The referendum information can be accessed from the school district webpage at www.centergrove.k12.in.us

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dietel thanked Dr. Gudeman for the tremendous job he has done serving as board president. He also thanked Mr. Steed for his input as well as all the time and hard work Mr. Steed, Mrs. Tumey and Dr. Copp have provided to the school corporation, given the difficult challenges the board has had to face. Finally, Mr. Dietel thanked Dr. Lippe for his quiet confidence and his ability to provide direction while at the same time allowing the board the freedom to provide significant input as well.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to a conflict, the date of the next regular board meeting has been changed to May 10.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.