

**CENTER GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
November 15, 2010**

MINUTES

The Board of School Trustees of the Center Grove Community School Corporation met in regular session on Monday, November 15, 2010 in the Board Room at the 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. Incumbent Board Members Scott Alexander, Susan Mullendore and Jack Russell were also seated with the Board along with Interim Superintendent Emmett Lippe, Assistant Superintendent Bill Long and Chief Financial Officer Paul Gabriel.

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Dietel moved to approve minutes of the October 18 regular session. Mrs. Tumey seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

5. RECOGNITION

Center Grove Elementary School counselor Dwayne Marshall was recognized by the board for being named as an Exemplary Elementary School Counselor for 2010 by the Indiana School Counselor Association.

Dr. Gudeman introduced incumbent school board members Scott Alexander, Susan Mullendore and Jack Russell and congratulated them on their recent election.

6. UPDATE ON UNITED WAY PARTICIPATION & RECOGNITION FOR DONATION OF SIGN

Alternative School Coordinator Beth Bryant provided an update on Center Grove employee's participation in the United Way Giving Program. This year employees increased their giving by 3 percent for a total of \$27,561.54.

Mrs. Bryant showed the board two logos designed free of charge by Kelli Limbach, owner of Creative Marketing Solutions. One logo is for the Care Alternative Program and the other is for the Care Food Pantry. In addition to designing the logos, Mrs. Limbach has already donated a banner that is currently being used for the food pantry. She is also has agreed to donate a sign for the alternative program as soon as the proper permits have been obtained.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ann Clute, representing the Center Grove Education Foundation, announced plans for the Foundation to raise \$1 million to support programs in lieu of recent budget cuts by the State. The Foundation is asking the public to take a survey to decide which programs are most important to them as well as which programs they are willing to support. The survey can be accessed by going to their website at www.centergrovefoundation.org

Anna Lovall, along with other representatives of the Center Grove Parents for Stability and Transparency, addressed the board regarding the potential nonrenewal of two administrators and concerns regarding individual board member actions.

Jill Copa, Stephani Fricke (CG Elementary PTO) and Melanie Norman (CG Choir Parents' Organization) addressed the board regarding proposed budget cuts. David Shull and Rob Richards addressed the board regarding responsibility and accountability of school board members. Dick Huber addressed the board regarding the Indiana Department of Education comparison of funds spent towards student academic achievement.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Dietel moved to approve the following consent agenda items: Personnel Report, Claims, Camp Invention and Youth Tobacco Survey. Mr. Steed seconded the motion, and the items were approved by a vote of 5-0.

9. ACTION

Dr. Gabriel provided information regarding the State-required district financial goal. Following discussion Mr. Steed moved to approve the following goal: *For the 2010-11 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.* Mrs. Tumey seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Long provided a recommendation to replace the old chiller at Middle School Central. Several large repairs have been made in the past to this chiller, and the estimated cost to rebuild the chiller will be approximately half the cost of a new, energy-efficient one. Quotes have been obtained from three vendors, and it is the recommendation from administration that a new 260-ton chiller be purchased and installed by Trane Corporation. Mr. Steed moved to approve the request as presented to purchase and install a 260-ton chiller for a total amount of \$135,400. Mr. Dietel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Gabriel requested approval for Center Grove to participate in the Indiana Bond Bank Advance Funding Program for the issuance of temporary loans in anticipation of property tax revenues. The anticipated amount which will need to be borrowed includes: \$964,152 in the Capital Projects Fund and \$754,254 in the Transportation Fund, for a total of \$1,718,406. These amounts will be repaid when property tax revenues are received. Mr. Steed moved to approve the Resolution and Warrant Purchase Agreement and to authorize the President and Secretary of the Board to sign and execute these and other documents. Mr. Dietel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Gabriel provided information on proposals received by the school district for property and miscellaneous insurance for 2011. Following discussion Mrs. Tumey recommended that the

board approve the bids from Caitlin Morgan for workers compensation insurance and from Indiana Insurance for miscellaneous coverage, effective January 1, 2011. Mr. Dietel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Gabriel provided a list of 19 budget reductions previously approved by the board to be implemented in the event the referendum failed. Following discussion Mr. Steed moved to approve the reductions on the list which are to be implemented on January 1, 2011, with the exception of Item #7 (Eliminate 5 FTE elementary instructional assistants) and Item #19 (Eliminate 11 full-time instructional assistants). Mrs. Tumey seconded, and the motion passed 5-0. The board asked the administration to provide information on any funds available to be transferred through the Rainy Day account, any additional funds available such as the one-time stimulus money and also any additional expenses which will be incurred as a result of any eliminated positions such as unemployment benefits.

10. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Lippe thanked everyone who voted in the recent election. He stated that the school district accepts the results of the referendum vote and will move ahead to provide the best education possible using the funds available to it. Dr. Lippe stated that the school corporation needs stability in two areas – in the area of finance by providing a balanced budget utilizing available funds and in the area of leadership. The board has the responsibility of hiring a new superintendent to provide a strong, positive and collaborative leadership. They will need to work together to provide a roadmap for the new superintendent to follow by identifying goals and then allowing the new superintendent to select the strategies to achieve those goals. The new board should then applaud, cheer-lead and allow the new superintendent to do his or her job. Dr. Lippe stated that he will do all he can to make the transition to the new leadership as smooth as possible.

11. BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORT

Dr. Copp recognized the administration and staff at Middle School North for the excellent Veteran’s Day program. He commended the students and staff for presenting such a superb program every year.

12. REPORTS

Dr. Gabriel provided the board with an updated enrollment report.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular board meeting will be held December 13. Holiday Break starts on December 23 (no school), and classes resume on January 4, 2011.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.