

**CENTER GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
January 11, 2010**

**MINUTES**

The Board of School Trustees of the Center Grove Community School Corporation met in regular session at on Monday, January 11, 2010, in the Board Room at the Education Service Center, 4800 W. Stones Crossing Rd., Greenwood.

Board members present included Jim Copp, Mark Dietel, Scott Gudeman, John Steed and Carol Tumey. Also present at the meeting were Superintendent Steven Stephanoff, Assistant Superintendents Janet Boyle and Bill Long, Chief Financial Officer Paul Gabriel, and Personnel Director Sally Hacker.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Copp called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Copp.

**3. REORGANIZATION OF BOARD**

Dr. Copp presented a prepared reorganization chart which had been previously reviewed by the Board. Mr. Steed moved to approve the chart with one change. Mr. Dietel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0. New officers for 2010 will be: Scott Gudeman, President; Carol Tumey, Vice President; and John Steed, Secretary.

**4. APPROVE AGENDA**

Mr. Steed requested approval of the agenda with the addition of the following two items: (1) Update on the possible closing of an elementary school and (2) Additional meeting dates for January. Dr. Gudeman requested the addition of an Elementary Technologies Grant. Dr. Copp seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**5. APPROVE MINUTES**

Dr. Copp moved to approve minutes of the December 7 Regular and Executive Sessions, the December 17 Special Session, and the December 29 Special and Executive Sessions. Mrs. Tumey seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jack Russell addressed the board regarding the General Fund Referendum.

**7. CONSENT**

Mr. Dietel moved to approve the following Consent Agenda items: Personnel Report, Field Trip Report, Claims, Second Semester Fund Raisers, Resolution for Special Ed Placement, Resolution to Pursue Recurring Grants and Resolution Regarding Usage of Forms. Dr. Copp seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**8. ACTION**

Dr. Stephanoff presented information regarding partnering with the Indiana Department of Education (IN DOE) in its application to receive a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to support educational reform. "Race to the Top" is the name of the Federal program, and "Fast Forward" is the name for Indiana's program. Following discussion Mr. Steed moved to approve the request to participate. Mr. Dietel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Technology Director Julie Bohnenkamp provided information on the IN DOE Learning Technologies grant which we have been awarded in partnership with Lawrence Township Schools. This grant is for \$150,000 to be used in the 2010 fiscal year. Following discussion Dr. Copp moved to accept the grant as presented. Mr. Steed seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Stephanoff shared that the graduation rate for Center Grove High School this year was 93.6 percent, which is almost an 8 percent increase over last year's rate.

**10. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT**

Mr. Dietel thanked Dr. Copp for his willingness to serve as president of the school board during the past year and also Dr. Gudeman for agreeing to serve as the new president.

**11. REPORTS**

Human Resources Director Sally Hacker presented a report to the board from the Administrative Benefits Committee. The Committee is recommending that effective July 1, 2010 administrators pay \$1,500 toward the family health insurance plan or \$750 toward the single health insurance plan. They further recommend that all administrators receive a Health Reimbursement Account in the amount of \$1,000 for a family plan and \$500 for the single plan. No action by the Board was requested as this recommendation will be considered along with other cost-saving recommendations at a later date.

CG Middle School Central Principal Jack Parker provided the Board with information regarding a General Fund Referendum and the process involved. Mr. Parker has agreed to serve as co-chair of the General Fund Referendum Subcommittee. The Board will each nominate one subcommittee member and send the name to Mr. Parker by the end of the week.

A discussion was held regarding Policy 9270, which was discussed at the last regular board meeting at the request of township residents Matt Hogan and Terry Chapman. Mr. Dietel asked Dr. Long to have a further conversation with Mr. Hogan regarding why he believed part of this policy needed to be changed.

In light of the new budgetary constraints, the Board asked Dr. Boyle to again provide information on funding for New Tech High so they could make a final decision on whether or not to continue with this project. Dr. Boyle reiterated that New Tech High will have no on-going expenditures coming from the General Fund. The Board agreed by consensus to move forward with establishing a New Tech High at Center Grove High School.

**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Steed asked to know when a decision will be made concerning closing one of the elementary schools. Dr. Stephanoff explained that there are two Strategic Planning Subcommittees involved in making this recommendation--the Finance Subcommittee and the Long-Range Facility Advisory Subcommittee. These committees are in the process of conducting meetings. It is anticipated that any recommendation to close a building would be presented to the Board as part of the overall plan to cut costs across the district. The Redistricting Committee will not be able to make a recommendation until the decision is made whether to have either five or six elementary schools. The current plan is to bring a list of recommended cuts to the Board in February for consideration with the Board making final decisions on cuts in March. The redistricting could then take place in April.

The need for additional board meetings was discussed with the following dates being selected: January 25 & 26 (4-7 p.m.) for Executive Sessions; January 29 (9 a.m.), February 8 (7 p.m.) and February 22 (7 p.m.).

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.