

The Board of School Trustees of the Nettle Creek School Corporation met in regular session on March 13, 2019.

The following board members were present: Bob Clark, Dan Davis, Lyle Finney, Marcie Houghton, Shaun Lieberman, and Cary Rhoades.

Guests:

Belinda Locke Judy Cole Tiffani Hokey Allison Ullery Rebekah LaVere Julie Arnold Emily Schaeffer  
Peggy Muller Phil Bond

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order by Mr. Rhoades at 6:31 p.m. in the Library at the Elementary Building. Dr. Doering certified compliance with the open meeting law.

## **CALL TO ORDER OF BOARD MEETING**

Houghton/Lieberman moved to approve the minutes for the following meetings: February 27, 2019 Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting. Motion passed 5/0/1 (Clark).

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

## **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

President Rhoades inquired if any guests present wished to present to the board.

Dr. Doering presented a preamble of service and appreciation prior to board action on the approval of a resolution by the Trustees of the Nettle Creek School Corporation in appreciation for and recognition of Mr. Chris Beeson for his support of Hagerstown Jr./Sr. High School and the boys basketball program by keeping the scorebook for fifty continuous years. In doing so, the resolution proclaims the naming of the scorer's table in the Hagerstown Jr./Sr. High School gymnasium will be known as the Chris Beeson Scorer's Bench. Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Phil Bond for making the recommendation. Dan Davis made the motion seconded by Bob Clark. Motion passed 6/0

Belinda Locke, Association Co-President approached the Board on behalf of the Association to extend a huge thank you to the Board for allowing the Association input into the structuring of the 2019-2020 school calendar.

## **SCHOOL BOARD GROWS @ THE CREEK**

No information to share.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

Mrs. Hokey gave the following update for the Elementary Building. Upcoming required Suicide Prevention Training, IRead testing next week for all third graders, Character Education Reward to occur before Spring Break – rewards for great character in students; Kindergarten Roundup April 10<sup>th</sup>; Mrs. Hokey has been asked to join a discussion group called "Pipeline to Prison". She is excited to have opportunity to learn more on assisting and guiding our students to stay on paths to productivity.

Mrs. Schaeffer shared this information regarding the Jr. /Sr. High School.

HHS Cheerleaders placed 1st in the Tri Eastern Conference Cheerleading competition; the Hagerstown FFA chapter had many members participate in District Convention at Rushville Community High School. It was a very successful night

Our Chapter wants to the many community members who helped us in preparing for these events. The Hagerstown Senior High Archery Team competed at the state competition held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. This is the first time we have made it to state as a team since 2014-2015. We finished 35th out of 39.

Eight of our archers scored their season and personal best at state competition. On Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>, Several Students participated in the BPA State Leadership Conference Results. Activities from this week include: Last night we finished our winter season with a successful Winter Sports Banquet. Today the ISTAR banquet is being held at Union County. We have 3 Students that will be honored and 2 Teachers. This week we also found out that we had 20 Seniors Qualify for Governors Work Ethic Certificate Program. Staying busy at the high school!

On behalf of Mrs. Swain, Dr. Doering gave a brief update for Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment referencing her letter included in the board packet highlighting assessments are ongoing, and efforts are underway to update the job description for the position of curriculum/data coach. Anticipate to have the update available at a June board meeting for review and approval.

Mr. Hillman shared an update of a current project involving tree roots that had infiltrated the main sewage line at the Elementary Gym. Has received some pricing on playground equipment and mulch and plans to begin work during Spring Break to apply mulch at the Elementary playground to replace the mud pits. Plans are being drawn up for the modification of the entryway at the Elementary Building; work will begin on the PA system at the high School on the first day of Spring Break with no students present. He noted we received the variance for the non-rated doors for the classrooms upstairs at the High School – currently at State for review; the Lacy Building was opened this week for sports – transitioning from indoor sports to outdoors sports.

## **BOARD MEMBERS REPORT**

Mr. Davis – Comments regarding the Legislative Committee (ISBA) – Impact the circuit breaker and tax caps have on schools; Protective Tax Waiver – if this passes would secure corporations could not lose more than 10% of tax levy’s due to circuit breaker/tax caps. Referenced “Red for Red” – included Mrs. Locke in comments and she shared this is all about supporting public education.

Mr. Finney – Nothing to share.

Mrs. Houghton – Shared her opinions and wanted teachers to know she was in support of their work on the 2019-2020 calendar however had concerns on not mirroring another school’s calendar as well as she wanted a complete calendar to view for action. She supports our teachers. She encouraged anyone who has a comment or concern involving her to come to her to discuss if need be. She is very open and approachable.

Mr. Lieberman – Nothing to share.

Mr. Richardson – Nothing to share.

Mr. Rhoades – Reiterated what had already been said on collaborative support working together on many projects. This leads to a stronger corporation; it is a good feeling to have that we can all work together.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dr. Doering informed the Board a Public Hearing has been posted to update the Bus Replacement Plan and will be brought to the next Board Meeting.

Davis/Lieberman moved to approve the NCSC 2019-2020 School Calendar, pay dates, pay periods, and corporate holiday schedules. Mr. Finney stated this is the first year NCSC rated as an “A” district and presented the possibility of the calendar requiring restructuring in 2 years if the rating is not maintained. His concern focused around new state mandated tests that could affect our ratings very quickly. He directed questions specifically to the teachers present on this and their response was they were OK with this and that the two days would be very beneficial to the teachers. Mr. Finney gave his support as long as they were all on the same page with the possibilities. Motion carried 6/0

**FINANCIAL ITEMS**

Houghton/Davis moved to approve March 1, 2019, ECA Payroll Claim totaling \$866.61; March 1, 2019 Corporation Payroll Claim totaling \$217,058.76, and Regular Claims #359-373 totaling \$291,472.03. Motion carried 6/0

Davis/Lieberman moved to approve a fundraiser by the Business Department to fund a 3D printer. Mrs. Houghton stated she is excited to see we were looking at one for the High School. Mr. Finney asked what it was foreseen to be used for. Dr. Doering said for the Business Department but it would be available to any student groups to use. Motion carried 6/0

**PERSONNEL**

Davis/Houghton moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Tom Drake as a teacher from Hagerstown Jr./Sr. High School effective February 28, 2019. Dr. Doering read a tribute of experience prior to action being taken. Motion carried 6/0

**INSTRUCTIONAL OTHER ITEMS**

Houghton/Finney moved to approve renewal of the Partnership Commitment between NCSC and Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG-Indiana). Dr. Doering stated Mr. Caleb Blaase was recently hired by JAG and would remain in our buildings just in a different capacity and would be doing a presentation in April. Motion carried 6/0

Davis/Houghton moved to approve a Kindergarten class field trip to Clowes Hall educational matinee to see Junie B. Jones April 16, 2019. Motion carried 6/0

**OTHER ITEMS**

Houghton/Finney moved to approve the 2019 Summer Athletic Youth Wrestling Camp to be held March 18 through March 20 for grades K-8. Motion carried 6/0

**ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

Next Regular Board Meeting set for Wednesday March 27, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. Elementary Library.

There being no other items before the board, Davis/Lieberman moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting and moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:21 P.M.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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The Board of School Trustees of the Nettle Creek School Corporation met in executive session on March 13, 2019. The meeting was conducted in the administration office.

The following board members and administrative staff were in attendance: Bob Clark, Dan Davis, Lyle Finney, Marcie Houghton, Shaun Lieberman, Cary Rhoades, and Dr. Doering.

No subject matter in the executive session, other than subject matter specified in the public notice, was discussed by the governing body. The executive session adjourned at 9:45 PM.

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