

The Board of School Trustees of the Nettle Creek School Corporation met in regular session on September 11, 2019.

The following board members were present: Bob Clark, Dan Davis, Marcie Houghton, Shaun Lieberman, Cary Rhoades, Eric Richardson (6:53pm)

Guests: Mandi Isaacs, Belinda Locke, Julie Drake, Laura Swain, Rachel Sheeley, Craig Dishman, Kim Blair, Tiffani Hokey, David Tyner, Drew Cooper, Jerry Hillman, Rebekah LaVere.

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

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order by Mr. Rhoades at 6:30 P.M. at Hagerstown Elementary School Library.

Dr. Williams certified compliance with the open meeting law.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Davis/Lieberman moved to approve the Regular meeting minutes of August 28, 2019 and Executive Session minutes of August 28, 2019. Motion carried 5/0.

## **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Mrs. Isaacs introduced Ms. Blair and Mr. Dishman with the Optimist Club. Both were present to donate books to the Little Libraries. Little Libraries are located in four Nettle Creek Communities: Greensfork, Jacksonburg, Economy and Millville. Books for the Little Libraries are placed in re-purposed Palladium Item newspaper stands. Mr. Dishman informed the board that this is the 100th year for the Optimist Organization and the 60<sup>th</sup> year for the local Optimist. They wanted to do something for the community and decided to donate books for the Little Libraries. At last count, Mr. Dishman stated he had over 300 books to donate.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

Mrs. Hokey is very pleased with the ILEARN results this year. It was a new test, teachers had a very little prep time and it was a very long test for students. Out of the fifteen categories, Nettle Creek Elementary had top scores in the county in 9 of those categories. Teacher's learned a lot from the test and are making adjustments to prepare for this year. Mrs. Houghton stated how proud she was of the teachers and the support they gave their students during this test.

Mrs. Hokey thanked Mr. Hillman for the construction of the new Gaga ball court. The students are very excited to have this court. Mr. Clark asked what gaga ball was. Mrs. Hokey responded that it is similar to dodge ball but you just hit the ball with your hand, cannot kick the ball and it is played in an octagon court. Mr. Lieberman stated his children love it and that the park in town will also be getting one as well.

Mrs. Hokey stated they have a lot of exciting things coming up in the next few weeks: PTO Fundraiser currently going on, next week will be the book fair and also the PTO Bazaar next week as well.

Teacher's also visited Tri Elementary sensory room. They were able to receive a lot of information and are working with Centerstone to get the sensory room moving forward at the Elementary.

Teachers are working hard on the required training by the State and Mrs. Hokey has begun walk throughs, which are part of the teacher evaluation process.

Mr. Tyner informed the board that the English placed top in the county for ILEARN and Math was middle of the pack. Teachers are making changes and have a plan in place for the test this year.

Mr. Tyner had a veteran teacher come to him and praise the work that Mr. Albert and Ms. Valler have been doing since school has begun. The teacher commended them on their response time for technology issues. Mr. Tyner stated they are still working through PowerSchool issues. He did state that if you talk to another district that has completed this transition, it is a year process.

Mrs. Swain updated the board on Federal Grants and where we stand on that process. Mrs. Swain stated that Title IV funds are being used to establish a STEAM or STEM lab for students.

Mrs. Swain reiterated how proud she was of the teachers and students with ILEARN. Mr. Davis questioned how the students responded to the test. Mrs. Houghton spoke as a parent and said she had one child that was excited and loved the test while another hated it. Mrs. Hokey agreed and stated they had several kids with anxiety over the test and really struggled. Mrs. Hokey did state that the test was not timed and the test was very long.

Mr. Hillman informed the board that he has ordered friction tape that is built for outdoor type of projects. He stated this should take care of the concerns of the bridge to the football field being slick when wet.

Mr. Hillman stated they are doing maintenance work on the roof at the High School; the pool is up and running; all roof handlers have been serviced; the second set of doors at the Elementary have been removed to begin the process establishing a more secure entry way. All electronics for the buzzer system have been ordered so it will be on site when the project begins. Mr. Hillman has also ordered two cameras to hopefully curb the vandalism that is taking place on the small playground.

Mr. Hillman also wanted to acknowledge what a great community we have and a moment that he was very proud to be a Tiger. A community member needed help moving some items and Mr. Snodgrass and one of his assistants, Mr. Clifton stepped up and helped along with some of the football players. Mr. Hillman stated he is proud of these coaches not only worried about winning but also teaching these young kids how to be great people and lend a hand.

Mr. Cooper updated the board that we had a company called Spy Glass conducted an audit of the telephone bills. They discovered several lines we were paying for that are no longer used. Spy Glass then went back and negotiated with Frontier to get the best pricing for us. Spy Glass found a savings of approximately \$9700 a year. Spy Glass does keep the first year savings but after that, we get to keep the savings.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**FINANCIAL ITEMS**

Clark/Richardson moved to approve Payroll in the amount of \$198,876.17 and Claims in the amount of \$231,280.53. Motion carried 6/0.

**PERSONNEL**

Clark/Richardson moved to approve the Personnel report as presented. Please see attached list. Motion carried 6/0.

**OTHER ITEMS CONSIDERED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION/ACTION**

Houghton/Davis moved to approve the donation of books by the Optimist Club for the Little Libraries. Motion carried 6/0.

Clark/Lieberman moved to approve the Athletics Snap! Raise annual fundraiser. Motion carried 6/0.

Davis/Richardson moved to approve the PTO Bazaar. Motion carried 6/0.

Davis/Clark moved to approve the changing of the following board meeting dates:

- October 9, 2019-CANCELLED
- November 13, 2019-Hold meeting at the Lions Club in Economy
- November 27, 2019-CANCELLED
- December 25, 2019-CANCELLED

Motion carried 6/0.

**OTHER ITEMS ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 – Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 P.M. Elementary Bldg.

**ADJOURN**

There will be a work session held on September 23, 2019 at 6:30 pm with Dr. Adamson to discuss the qualifications the Board of Trustees are seeking in the next Superintendent.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm to Executive Session.

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The Board of School Trustees of the Nettle Creek School Corporation met in executive session on August 14, 2019. The meeting was conducted at the Hagerstown Elementary Building Library.

The following board members and administrative staff were in attendance: Eric Richardson, Bob Clark, Dan Davis, Cary Rhoades, Shaun Lieberman, Marcie Houghton, Drew Cooper and Dr. Williams.

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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