

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

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

Guests: Drew Cooper, Tiffani Hokey, David Tyner, Liz Bryant, Rebekah LeVere, Rachel Sheeley, and community members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Davis/Richardson moved to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of October 21, 2019, Executive Session of October 22, 2019, Regular Meeting October 23, 2019, Executive Session of October 28, 2019 and the Executive Session of October 30, 2019. Motion carried 6/0.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

None.

SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Hokey stated they have completed the teacher evaluations from the 2018-2019 school year, she was happy to announce that the school letter grade was not harmed due to the ILEARN scores, 1st round classroom observations are being completed, teacher's are finalizing their e-learning plans and communicating those to the parents and the Methodist Church is going to provide a one day camp on November 19th to help parents and teacher's out with daycare that day while school is closed. Teacher's are all very appreciative of the support they have received for attending the Red for Ed Rally in Indianapolis.

Mr. Tyner reported that it is testing season at the Jr./Sr. High, they completed a test run for e-learning day. Teacher's and students are very confident and that day was very successful. Mr. Tyner wanted to make note that Hagerstown had a very successful volleyball team this season. The team only had four losses all season, two of which were against previous state champions and one loss being to a state runner up team. Mrs. Arnold has met with all of the seniors and they are all currently on track to graduate. The High School staff wanted to thank the Board for their support for the Red for Ed Rally and how they felt valued and appreciated for allowing them to attend.

Mr. Davis wanted to wish all the teacher's the best of luck Tuesday at the Rally and he will be in attendance supporting teachers.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Bryant gave a presentation on how the High Ability Program is doing at Nettle Creek. Nettle Creek has received \$28,488 this year, which is down slightly. The State made changes on how the money can be allocated and in the identification process. The goal is to provide social and emotional support to high ability students and families. Mrs. Isaacs and Mrs. Bryant attend training for SENG and hope to implement that this Spring. Students take a CogAT test to help identify their needs better. Mrs. Bryant felt like this test is very effective and not like the standard pencil and paper tests. This test is fun for the kids and gives Mrs. Bryant better information on how to properly identify the students. Mrs. Bryant stated the Elementary is working very well with this program. The High School did have some staff changes this year. The new staff have been going through training and the program is moving along. Mrs. Bryant is very pleased with how Nettle Creek is performing and able to properly identify and help these students. She is eager to implement new things later this school year.

RED FOR ED RALLY

Davis/Richardson moved to support the closing of school of November 19th for Teacher's to have the opportunity to attend the Red for Ed Rally in Indianapolis. Dr. Williams stated that at this time the use of corporation buses are not supported by state law. Anyone who violates this could face a misdemeanor. Motion carried 6/0.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

Clark/Richardson moved to approve claims totaling \$324,149.38 and Payroll totaling \$416,211.95. Motion carried 6/0.

Davis/Clark moved to approve investment policy resolution. This change is only to change the investment opportunity up to 5 years rather than two years. Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Cooper provided the Board with a financial snapshot. Mr. Cooper stated we are on track with our balances and spending for this time of year.

PERSONNEL

Davis/Finney moved to approve the following Personnel items:

Kelly Bicknell as the Freshman Basketball coach at a rate of \$2595.00

Maggie Spear as the Junior High Boys and Girls Swimming Coach at a rate of \$1021.00

Craig Gwin as the 5th grade Boys Basketball Traveling Team Coach at a rate of \$1209.00

Andrea Van Meter as the 5th grade Girls Basketball Traveling Team Coach at a rate of \$1209.00

Jake Thalls as the 6th grade Girls Basketball Traveling Team Coach at a rate of \$1209.00

Accepted the resignation of Nathan Williamson-Ag Teacher

Approved the raise of Substitute teachers from \$70/day to \$75/day

Approved the raise of Substitute bus drives from \$79.69 to \$84.47

Approved the hiring of Karen Lehman as a Substitute Teacher and Substitute Nurse. She would receive \$75/day at a substitute teacher and \$12.60/hr when subbing for the nurse. Motion carried 6/0.

OTHER ITEMS CONSIDERED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION/ACTION

Board had First Reading on the following policy updates:

Policy #2340 Field Trips

Policy #6144 Investment Income

Policy #6145 Short Term Indebtedness

Policy #6220 Budget Preparation

Policy #6605 Crowdfunding

Policy #7530.01 Wireless Communication Allowance & Staff Use of Wireless Communication Devices

Policy #8121 Personal Background Check Contracted Services

Policy #8500 Food Service Programs

Policy #8600 Transportation

Clark/Richardson moved to approve fundraisers for the Boys Basketball Team, Girls Softball Team and the Boys and Girls Swim Team. Motion carried 6/0.

Davis/Finney moved to approve the field trips as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

Davis/Richardson moved to approve the contract Renewal between Nettle Creek Schools and JAG-Indiana. Motion carried 6/0.

OTHER ITEMS ITEMS OF INFORMATION

A Public Hearing will be held on December 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Hagerstown Elementary Library. The purpose of this meeting is take public comments on the Superintendent’s contract. No actions will be taken at this meeting. There is a required 7 day waiting period before any action on the contract can be taken. This will be an agenda item for the meeting of December 11, 2019.

Next Board Meeting is December 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Hagerstown Elementary Library.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

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