

The Board of School Trustees of the Nettle Creek School Corporation met in regular session on October 24, 2018.

The following board members were present: Cary Rhoades, Dan Davis, Bob Clark, Eric Richardson, Gary Keesling, Marcie Houghton, and Elaine Hellwarth (arrived at 6:33 pm).

Guests:

Liz Bryant Emily Schaeffer Mandi Isaacs Mindy Nolan Nancy Williamson Laura Swain Tonya Sparks  
Rachel Sheeley

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order by  
Mr. Rhoades at 6:33 p.m. in the LGI Room at the Elementary Building.  
Dr. Doering certified compliance with the open meeting law.

CALL TO ORDER OF  
BOARD MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Richardson/Davis moved to approve the October 10, 2018 regular and Executive Board meeting minutes.  
4/1 (Hellwarth) /2 (Keesling/Houghton). Ms. Hellwarth arrived following this action for the remainder of the meeting.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

President Rhoades referred to the Mission/Vision statements listed on the Agenda.

Dr. Doering addressed the board that he had very exciting news to share and present with the assistance of the Administrative Team consisting of Laura Swain, David Tyner, Emily Schaeffer, Tiffany Hokey, and Erin Morgan. The group shared the previously embargoed ISTEP+ scores. Hagerstown currently exceeds the state passing rates as well as one of our students achieved a perfect score on the Math ISTEP+. This is such a wonderful reflection of our staff and students alike.

Laura Swain presented an update on the Indiana Literacy Early Intervention Grant. This grant is a means of improving the reading skills of young readers at risk for reading failure and better equips the teachers to meet the needs of all students, enhancing student engagement and to increase student literacy achievement. We were allocated \$3,951.16 on the 2018-2019 grant.

The meeting took a short break from 7:13 pm and resumed at 7:21 pm.

Liz Bryant presented an update on the ACE Program/High Ability Grant 2018-2019. The total of the grant is \$29,510 with the breakdown as follows: Salaries \$22,264; Professional Development \$1,545; Other Purchased Services \$350; Supplies \$4,798 and \$553 designated for CogAT testing materials. Goals for student development include training for new staff this year, updating materials, and PLC's (Professional Learning Communities in both the Elementary and High School buildings. Students are learning coding and programming during Learning Lab. Website shared for any interested in seeing what they students are working with.

GROWS @ THE CREEK

No additional news to share.

### **Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment Update**

Prepared by Laura Swain, Curriculum Coordinator/Instructional Coach

#### **Curriculum**

Elementary reading curriculum writing positions were filled. We will hold our first meeting on Wednesday, November 7. The following teachers will write the Reading Curriculum Maps:

Kindergarten	Laura Sherrow
First Grade	Steph Bradway
Second Grade	Leah Stinson
Third Grade	Amber Lear
Fourth Grade	Rachel Klein
Fifth Grade	Belinda Locke
Sixth Grade	Dottie Shedd

[Curriculum Writing Participant Guidelines](#)

#### **Federal Grants**

[Title I](#) - Approved September 21, 2018

[Title II](#)

[Title IV](#)

[Early Intervention Literacy Grant](#)

#### **Professional Development**

We have a number of teachers attending professional development sessions during the fall. Some of the sessions are provided by East Central Educational Service Center, Nettle Creek staff, and other agencies.

November 2	ILEARN ELA, secondary
November 5-6	School Safety Conference
November 14	Archery Training/safety, <i>pending approval</i>

November 16 IASP Assistant Principal Conference  
November 19 College Board, APES Training (Science)  
November 27 ILEARN Science, elementary and secondary

All teachers continue to meet with me to set their class goal(s) using NWEA or local data. These meetings are a result of each building's 5-year plan. Fall meetings will conclude on October 31. I will meet with the teachers in December/January and also in April/May to assess progress. As I mentioned before, this is one of my favorite things to do!

*HES: Classroom teachers, specials teachers, and specialists will create classroom goals using NWEA data or content specific data.*

*HHS: Core teachers (ELA/math) will create class goals for those classes where 50% or more of students are not meeting the norm grade level RIT. Non-core teachers will create a class goal for at least one class period.*

#### **Assessment**

Administrators have been waiting to share ISTEP+ data with you for weeks!

Upcoming Assessments

October 24 PSAT  
November 12 ISTEP+ Winter Retest (11th/12th grade students only)  
December 3-14 NWEA Winter Test, K-12th grade  
iReady Diagnostic, K-6th grade

#### **SCHOOL NEWS**

HES = Parent/Teacher Conferences are underway through this week. October 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween Parties; and November 21, 22, and 23 is Thanksgiving Break.

HHS = Sophomores and Juniors are taking PSAT. October 25 Jostens will be meeting with Seniors. Jostens will be available to students and parents from 4 to 6 pm in the North Lobby on October 30<sup>th</sup>. October 25 is also the National Honors Society dinner and induction. October 31 New Castle Career Center will be here to provide an orientation to 10<sup>th</sup> graders. November 1 Student Government elections begin. Thanksgiving Break as already mentioned. Cafeteria related, Matt Huffman has developed a grant to provide free breakfast to all students. Participation at the Elementary building went from 70 students up to 400 students receiving free breakfast. Matt Huffman also partnered with the Boys and Girls Club to provide free dinners from 5 to 6:30 pm for those ages 18 and under. There are approximately 100 kids involved. According to Dr. Doering this will increase our revenues.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business brought for discussion.

#### **FINANCIAL ITEMS**

Davis/Keesling moved to approve October 12, 2018 Corp. Payroll Claim totaling \$193,034.75; October 12, 2018 ECA Payroll Claim totaling \$1,659.42; October 12, 2018 Mini Payroll Claim totaling \$412.50; and Regular Claims #16371 through #16399 and Claims #96 through #159 totaling \$811,117.89

6/0/1 (Houghton abstained)

Davis/Keesling moved to approve the acceptance of the cafeteria sandwich slide donation valued at \$1,000 from Fayette County School Corporation facilitated through Matt Huffman (Chartwells). 7/0

Davis/Richardson moved to approve the request to establish an ECA Account for super Day Team at the Jr./Sr. High School to accept and record transaction to be utilized to recognize students for going above and beyond. 7/0

#### **PERSONNEL**

Hellwarth/Richardson moved to approve the employment of Taylor Aughe as an Elementary classroom teacher for the 2018-2019 school year at a salary of \$32,833.00 prorated accordingly for the number of days of service remaining in the school year. 7/0

Davis/Keesling moved to approve the employment of Kevin Rogers as the Girls Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach for 2018-2019 school year. 7/0

Richardson/Keesling moved to approve the employment of Sean Slagle as Girls JV Basketball Coach for 2018-2019 school year. 7/0

Davis/ Houghton moved to approve the employment of Hannah Rogers as Girls 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach for 2018-2019 school year. 7/0 Mrs. Hellwarth pointed out to the Board that the coaches recommended at this board meeting are from the same family and recommended that we keep an eye on this to avoid any potential situations. Mrs. Houghton also pointed out the age limit of coaches and the risks involved with the responsibilities of driving busses to event. Dr. Doering stated he would relay the information and concerns to the Athletics Director.

Davis/Keesling moved to approve the employment of Hayley Charles as the Girls 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach for 2018-2019 school year. 7/0

Davis/Keesling moved to approve the employment of John Jessee as Girls 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball coach for 2018-2019 school year. 7/0

FACILITY UPDATE

As reported by Dr. Doering: The concrete is finished in front of HES; currently draining the irrigation systems; Work has begun on cleaning out the old art room; FFA has arranged to have their beans combined. There are some repairs that need to be made in the field's drainage system. Maintenance Department is checking out the HVAC systems in both buildings for the coming heating season.

Richardson/Hellwarth moved to approve the facility use request for a Teacher Archery In-service on November 14, 2018 with Hagerstown being a host for this basic instructor training course. 7/0

BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

Mr. Davis –Commented on the work by a group of volunteers getting the baseball field in nice shape. A big thank you to his father (Dan Davis), Andy Sinese and Fred Dills for grading the baseball field. He also mentioned the first time tennis coach and the excellent job in bringing our team so far this year. An outstanding performance by all involved.

Mr. Richardson – Would like to see movement on implementing a committee to pursue renewable energy (wind or solar).

Mrs. Houghton – She attended a forum for school board candidates and stated all would be excellent in the role. She said they were all supportive candidates.

Mr. Rhoades – Referenced the school board candidates and thanked Gary Keesling for suggesting and the follow through on the redistricting project. Mentioned the ISBA Fall Regional Meeting and if any Board member planned to attend to let Mrs. Bennett know in order for her to get them registered. The meeting will be held November 1<sup>st</sup> at Willie and Reds.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Next Regular Board Meeting set for November 14, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. LGI Room at the Elementary Bldg.

There being no other items before the board, Davis/Houghton moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting and moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:18 P.M.  
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ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The Board of School Trustees of the Nettle Creek School Corporation met in executive session on October 24, 2018. The meeting was conducted in the administration office.

The following board members and administrative staff were in attendance: Cary Rhoades, Eric Richardson, Bob Clark, Elaine Hellwarth, Dan Davis, Gary Keesling, Marcie Houghton, and Dr. William 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 10:05 PM.

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