

The Board of School Trustees of the Nettle Creek School Corporation met in regular session on September 9, 2020 at Hagerstown Elementary Media Center. All in attendance practiced social distancing guidelines.

The following board members were present: Eric Richardson, Cary Rhoades, Dan Davis and Shaun Lieberman.

Guests present were: Drew Cooper, Emily Schaeffer, Rachel Sheeley, Kelli Bush, Jessica Hisel, Dreu Doerstler, Julie Drake, and Rebekah LaVere.

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

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order by Mr. Davis at 6:30 p.m. at Hagerstown Elementary Media Center.

Dr. Barrentine certified compliance with the open meeting law.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Richardson/Rhoades moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of the Public Meeting on August 12, 2020. Motion carried 4/0.

## **RECOGNITION OF FOOD SERVICE STAFF**

Dr. Barrentine recognized and presented the Food Service staff with a certificate from Indiana Department of Education for supplying meals to the students of the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Held a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2021 Budget. No public comment.

Held a Public Hearing on the 2021 Bus Replacement Plan. No public comment.

Held a Public Hearing on the 2021 Capital Projects Plan. No public comment.

## **FINANCIAL ITEMS**

Richardson/Rhoades moved to approve payroll totaling \$423,584.98 and claims totaling \$1,263,420.56. Motion carried 4/0.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

Dr. Barrentine has asked all of the building Administrators to send him any information they would like shared to keep the attendance numbers down at the meetings.

Dr. Barrentine stated that based on the numbers the building Administrators have provided him, we currently have 1110 students enrolled. He figured a three year average of 1114 students. Enrollment is not that much lower.

Dr. Barrentine held a Public Hearing prior to the Board meeting this evening to begin teacher bargaining. Bargaining cannot begin until after September 15<sup>th</sup>. He plans to begin the process on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Barrentine has worked to put together a strategic planning team. He feels like the team is a great team. They will begin meeting on Monday evenings to put together a plan that will last through 2025.

Mr. Tyner wanted to share that this year has been the best start to school that he has seen. He is very proud of the students for following the state rules regarding the face coverings and social distancing. The High School is in the middle of homecoming week and it is going very well.

Mrs. Hokey shared that they reached out to all virtual students who were falling behind or haven't completed assignments. Officer Smith even made some home visits on some cases to check on students. This resulted in several kids returning to in-person learning.

Mrs. Hokey has been conducting weekly professional development opportunities for her staff. All of the opportunities have been provided by teachers on topics they feel comfortable with and sharing their knowledge with others.

Mr. Hillman shared that the pool filter repair is almost completed. His team is working on other issues that have come up and those repairs are coming along.

Mr. Albert shared that the addition of a new technician has been excellent. They are working on replacing wireless access points and adding more over Fall Break.

Mr. Davis asked Dr. Barrentine about the ADM count. Mr. Davis asked Dr. Barrentine if he had heard of other schools in the area having low kindergarten numbers also. Dr. Barrentine stated he hasn't heard specifically about kindergarten numbers but has heard that overall numbers are down throughout the county.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION GRANT**

Lieberman/Rhoades moved to approve the Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy. This is an annual approval process that indicates how we will distribute the Teacher Appreciation Grant money. Motion carried 4/0.

**NCSC TEACHER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION MANUAL**

Rhoades/Richardson moved to approve the Nettle Creek School Corporation Teacher Performance Evaluation manual. Motion carried 4/0.

**CURRICULAR MATERIALS**

Richardson/Rhoades moved to approve the new curricular materials as presented. Motion carried 4/0.

**PERSONNEL ITEMS**

Richardson/Lieberman moved to approve the following personnel changes:

Amber Lear	Career Ladders Team	\$2,000 stipend (Grant Funded)
Elizabeth Bryant	Career Ladders Team	\$2,000 stipend (Grant Funded)
Mandi Isaacs	Career Ladders Team	\$2,000 stipend (Grant Funded)
Andrea Van Meter	Career Ladders Team	\$2,000 stipend (Grant Funded)
Jamie Claywell	Career Ladders Team	\$2,000 stipend (Grant Funded)
Johnathon Salmon	Technology Assistant	\$13/hr.—25 hours per week
Emily Reed	Hard of Hearing Assistant	\$11.13/hr.—29 hours per week
Abby Hale	CIS-High School	Grant Funded

See attached ECA positions for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion carried 4/0.

**OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

The next meeting will be October 14, 2020 at Hagerstown Elementary School Media Center at 6:30 pm.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

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