

The Board of School Trustees of the Nettle Creek School Corporation met for a Board Meeting on May 12, 2021 at Hagerstown Elementary LGI Room. All in attendance practiced social distancing guidelines.

The following board members were present: David Moore, Sandi Schraub, Dan Davis, Shaun Lieberman, Julie Blaase, and Cody Sankey.

Guests present were: Emily Schaeffer, Drew Cooper, Glen Meek, Rachel Sheeley, Rebekah LaVere, and Ron Cross.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lieberman/Schraub moved to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2021 meeting. Motion carried 5/0/1. Ms. Blaase abstained from the vote.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

Blaase/Lieberman moved to approve Payroll claims totaling \$415,576.50 and Vendor claims totaling \$1,396,489.76. Motion carried 6/0.

RESOLUTION DETERMINING NEED FOR PROJECT

Blaase/Moore moved to approve the Resolution. Motion carried 6/0.

RESOLUTION REAPPROVING BUILDING CORPORATION

In order for the Building Corporation, a not-for-profit Indiana Corporation, to issue tax exempt bonds, the IRS requires that the School Board approve the Building Corporation and authorize it to issue tax-exempt bonds on behalf of the School Corporation.

Sankey/Lieberman moved to approve the Resolution. Motion carried 6/0.

RESOLUTION FORM OF LEASE AGREEMENT

The School Corporation is funding this Project through a lease financing, as it has done with other past construction and renovation projects. Lease financings are used by school corporations across Indiana in order to borrow for renovation and construction. This type of financing does not count against the School Corporation's Constitutional debt allowance.

The Building Corporation will purchase a portion of the Hagerstown Elementary School building at the closing for at least the appraisal value. The Building Corporation will then lease the building back to the School Corporation. The lease rental due from the School Corporation will be paid from property taxes. The lease rental will be sufficient to pay the principal and interest due to the bond holders.

Blaase/Schraub moved to approve the Resolution. Motion carried 6/0.

See attached document for Excerpts of Minutes.

SCHOOL NEWS

Dr. Barrentine stated that moving forward after this year, that if Graduation continues to be held on a Sunday, Graduation will be at 2 pm.

Dr. Barrentine stated that as of end of business day, we currently had 14 applicants for the High School Principal position. He plans to hold interviews the week of May 24th and then the selected applicant will be brought to the Board at the June meeting.

Dr. Barrentine sent a call out to the Nettle Creek families regarding the Virtual Academy that will be offered next school year. It will be limited to 45 students from each building. Not everyone who applies will be automatically enrolled. There are some requirements to be eligible for the Academy.

The Tiger Challenge is coming together. We have 16 teams registered. We have gathered several local raffle prizes. We also have over 100 staff members along with their guest planning to attend the staff appreciation banquet.

Dr. Barrentine wanted to share on behalf of the Elementary: all grade levels for the NWEA testing was above student project growth with the exception of one grade that was at expectation for writing. Given the year, Dr. Barrentine is proud of the student improvements happening.

Mr. Albert stated that he is making all technology uniform in all classrooms. This way it is easier for staff to work together and easier when teachers need to move rooms.

Ms. Blaase wanted to publicly thank Sheriff Retter for joining Handle with Care program. It is a program to assist children who are in distressing events.

Mrs. Schraub worked with the FFA team to select their officers. She stated the program is outstanding and we have some amazing kids here at Nettle Creek.

Mr. Davis wanted to thank all the Administration and parents for the continued support this year. He is very proud of the quality of education being provided currently.

PERSONEL ITEMS

Blaase/Lieberman moved to approve the following personnel items:

Stacy Hunt	2021-2022 Elem. Teacher/HA Coordinator	\$42,576.91
Andrea Van Meter	HS Summer School Credit Recovery	\$37.37/hr. (60 hours)
Dr. Christy Herr	SAE Summer School	\$30.38/hr. (60 hours)
Andrew Sloniker	Summer Band	\$31.34/hr. (60 hours)
Shaye Fisher	Homebound Tutor	\$32.20/hr. (2 hours per week)
Amy Dickerson	Jump Start Teacher	\$32.54/hr. (40 hours)
Shaye Fisher	Jump Start Teacher	\$32.20/hr. (40 hours)
Stephanie Bradway	Jump Start Teacher	\$44.47/hr. (40 hours)
Tina Limburg	Jump Start Teacher	\$51.38/hr. (40 hours)
Heather Lugar	Jump Start Teacher	\$25.97/hr. (40 hours)
Kelsey Shepherd	Jump Start IA	\$10.50/hr. (40 hours)
Christina Neuman	Jump Start IA	\$10.50/hr. (40 hours)
Shannon Ramey	Jump Start IA	\$10.50/hr. (40 hours)
Tabitha Robinson	Jump Start IA	\$10.50/hr. (40 hours)
Gemma Rees	Jump Start IA	\$10.50/hr. (40 hours)
Jeff Becker	Jump Start IA	\$10.50/hr. (40 hours)
David Tyner	Resignation	
David Shepherd	Retirement-end of school year	

Name	Position	Days	Proposed Contract
Emily Schaeffer	Director of Learning	260	7/1/2021-6/30/2024
Belinda Locke	Assistant Principal	210	7/1/2021-6/30/2023
Scott Snodgrass	AD	210	7/1/2021-6/30/2023
Tifanni Hokey	Principal	220	7/1/2021-6/30/2023
Erin Morgan	Assistant Principal	210	7/1/2021-6/30/2023
Braden Albert	Technology Director	260	7/1/2021-6/30/2023
John Salmon	Technology Assistant	260	Full time 7/1/2021
Jerry Hillman	Maintenance Director	260	7/1/2021-6/30/2023
Drew Cooper	Business Manager	260	7/1/2021-6/30/2024
*Sarah Buroker	Executive Assistant	260	7/1/2021-6/30/2024

*Upon completion of her degree, base salary would increase by \$3,000 for the next contract year.
Motion carried 6/0.

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS AGREEMENT 2021-2022

Schraub/Lieberman moved to approve the agreement. Motion carried 6/0.

SUMMER HELP HOURLY PAY INCREASE

Mr. Hillman has requested the summer help hourly pay increase to be competitive with other summer jobs within the Nettle Creek area. He has asked that we increase it to \$8.00 per hour.

Blaase/Sankey moved to approve the increase. Motion carried 6/0.

2021-2022 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HANDBOOK

The only changes to the handbook are the new board members and the updated vision, mission, and belief statements.

Lieberman/Blaase moved to approve the handbook. Motion carried 6/0.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH UNITED WAY OF WHITEWATER VALLEY

United Way of Whitewater Valley is providing funding to us in order to provide training to our teachers and staff in Trust Based Relational Intervention. United Way will give us the money, and then we will pay Hope Alight, the group who is providing the training.

Sankey/Blaase moved to approve the MOU. Motion carried 6/0.

OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

The next Board meeting will be June 9, 2021 at Hagerstown Elementary LGI Room at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Signed _____

**EXCERPTS FROM MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
NETTLE CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION**

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Nettle Creek School Corporation (the "School Corporation") was held at 299 N Sycamore St, Hagerstown, Indiana, on May 12, 2021 at the hour of 6:30 p.m. (Local Time), pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board.

On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: David Moore, Dan Davis, Cody Sankey, Shawn Lieberman, Julie Blaise,
and Sandra Schraub.
Absent: Marcie Houghton

(Among other proceedings had and actions taken were the following:)

The Board was advised that it needed to consider the financing of the renovation of and improvements to NCSC facilities, including site improvements and the purchase of equipment (the "Project"). The Board adopted the resolution attached as Exhibit A.

The President stated that the Nettle Creek School Building Corporation (the "Building Corporation") was previously formed to assist the School Corporation in the financing of the Project. After discussion of the proposed Building Corporation, the Board adopted the resolution attached as Exhibit B.

The President next stated that the attorneys for the Building Corporation have submitted to the School Corporation a proposed form of Lease Agreement (the "Lease"), which proposed form of Lease was examined by all of the members of the Board. After discussion of the proposed form of Lease, upon motion duly made and seconded, the resolution attached as Exhibit C was adopted.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

President, Board of School Trustees

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of School Trustees

EXHIBIT A

RESOLUTION DETERMINING NEED FOR PROJECT

WHEREAS, an investigation has been conducted by the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Nettle Creek School Corporation (the "School Corporation") with respect to the renovation of and improvements to NCSC facilities, including site improvements and the purchase of equipment (the "Project") and leasing all or a portion of the Project from the Nettle Creek School Building Corporation (the "Building Corporation"); and

WHEREAS, this Board now finds that a need exists for the Project, and that the School Corporation cannot provide the necessary funds to pay the cost of the Project required to meet such need; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed desirable to proceed with the necessary negotiations and all other steps looking toward the financing of the Project by the Building Corporation and the lease of such facilities to the School Corporation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that a need exists for the Project, and that the Project cannot be funded from sufficient funds available to the School Corporation, and that this Board proceed to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the Project and leasing of such school facilities as provided by the Indiana Code Title 20, Article 47, Chapter 3.

Passed and Adopted this 12th day of May, 2021.

President, Board of School Trustees

Secretary, Board of School Trustees

EXHIBIT B

RESOLUTION REAPPROVING BUILDING CORPORATION

WHEREAS, Nettle Creek School Building Corporation (the "Building Corporation") has previously been formed as a not-for-profit corporation to assist in financing, renovating, constructing and improving facilities within the Nettle Creek School Corporation (the "School Corporation"); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the School Corporation, as follows:

SECTION 1. That it is hereby determined to be proper and in the public interest of the citizens of this School Corporation to reapprove the incorporation of the Building Corporation known and designated as the "Nettle Creek School Building Corporation" for the purpose of financing, renovating, constructing and equipping certain school facilities and leasing same to this School Corporation.

SECTION 2. That the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Building Corporation, previously presented to the Board, are hereby reapproved.

SECTION 3. That providing for the financing, renovating, constructing and equipping of such school facilities by the Building Corporation and the leasing of same to this School Corporation is in the public interest of the citizens of this School Corporation, and it is a proper public purpose for which this Board agrees to cooperate with the Building Corporation and to assist it in fulfilling the requirements of all agencies of the federal, state and local governments.

SECTION 4. That the issuance, sale and delivery by the Building Corporation of one or more series of bonds designated "Nettle Creek School Building Corporation Ad Valorem Property Tax First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2021" (or such other name or series designation as

determined at the time of sale) (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of approximately \$4,410,000 is hereby approved.

SECTION 5. That, upon the redemption or retirement of the Bonds, the School Corporation will accept from the Building Corporation title to such school facilities, free and clear of any and all liens and encumbrances thereon.

SECTION 6. That this Board hereby reapproves the current Directors of the Building Corporation.

SECTION 7. That the Building Corporation may issue, sell and deliver the Bonds, pursuant to the applicable laws of the State of Indiana, may encumber any real property or equipment acquired by it for the purpose of financing the construction and equipping of such school facilities and may enter into contracts for the sale of the Bonds and the construction and acquisition of such school facilities.

SECTION 8. The School Corporation reasonably expects that tax-exempt obligations issued by or on behalf of the School Corporation, including the Bonds, as well as other bonds and temporary loan warrants of the School Corporation, will not exceed \$10,000,000 in calendar year 2021. The Bonds in the amount not to exceed \$4,410,000 are hereby designated as qualified tax-exempt obligations for purposes of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

SECTION 9. The School Corporation reasonably expects that tax-exempt obligations issued by or on behalf of the School Corporation, including the Bonds as well as other bonds and temporary loan warrants of the School Corporation, will not exceed \$15,000,000 in the calendar year 2021. Pursuant to Section 148(f)(4)(D) of the Code, the School Corporation irrevocably

allocates to the Building Corporation \$4,410,000 of its \$15,000,000 limit for purposes of qualifying for the small governmental exception to the rebate requirement.

Passed and Adopted this 12th day of May, 2021.

President, Board of School Trustees

Secretary, Board of School Trustees

EXHIBIT C

RESOLUTION APPROVING FORM OF LEASE

WHEREAS, Nettle Creek School Building Corporation (the "Building Corporation") has previously been organized pursuant to the Indiana Nonprofit Corporation Act of 1991 for the purpose of constructing, renovating and improving facilities for the use of the Nettle Creek School Corporation (the "School Corporation"); and

WHEREAS, the attorneys for the Building Corporation have drafted and submitted a proposed Lease Agreement (the "Lease") for a portion of the Hagerstown Elementary School building (the "Leased Premises"); and

WHEREAS, preliminary drawings, plans, specifications and estimates (collectively, the "Documents") for the completion of the Leased Premises have been prepared; and

WHEREAS, the Documents have been submitted to and now meet with the approval of this Board of School Trustees (the "Board"); and

WHEREAS, such Documents have been marked to indicate the work covered by the proposed Lease; and

WHEREAS, it now appears to this Board that said preliminary Documents provide the necessary facilities for the students of the School Corporation, and that the proposed Lease with the Building Corporation provides for a fair and reasonable rental; and

WHEREAS, by statute the Building Corporation is required to own the real estate to be leased to the School Corporation, and the School Corporation is required to have the value of the real estate determined by court-appointed appraisers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the proposed form of Lease and the Documents are approved and agreed to as the basis for a hearing, as required by law, and that such hearing should be held by this board upon the necessity for the execution of such Lease and

whether the Lease rental provided therein is a fair and reasonable rental for the proposed building, prior to final determination of such questions, so that this Board may determine whether to execute such Lease as now written, or as modified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board is authorized and directed to publish a notice of such hearing as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the counsel for the School Corporation or the Superintendent of the School Corporation is authorized and directed to select three appraisers to appraise the Leased Premises and to petition the Wayne County Circuit Court (the "Court") to obtain an order approving the appraisal pursuant to Indiana Code § 20-47-3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any officers of the Board are authorized to execute a deed and sell the real estate at a price not less than that fixed by the Court.

Passed and Adopted this 12th day of May, 2021.

President, Board of School Trustees

Secretary, Board of School Trustees