

The Board of School Trustees of the Nettle Creek School Corporation met for a regular Board Meeting on October 13, 2021 at Hagerstown Elementary LGI Room. All in attendance practiced social distancing guidelines.

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

Guests present were: William Miller, Justin Curley, Emily Schaeffer, Josh Hallatt, Tiffani Hokey, Drew Cooper, Julie Drake and Rachel Sheeley.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Miller asked for an update on the numbers for the mask mandate. Dr. Barrentine responded stating that the numbers continued to rise right after the mask mandate was put in place. The Governor of Indiana and State Department of Health has made the mask mandate specific to schools. That Executive Order has been extended through the end of October. We will see if it is extended further and evaluate at that time. Dr. Barrentine stated we currently have four students quarantined. Mr. Miller asked if that was due to in school or outside of school. Dr. Barrentine believes it was due to family members.

Mr. Davis stated he hates to see healthy students at home instead of in the classroom. He also stated we are at a point to make masks optional once the Governors order expires.

Mr. Miller asked if there is a punishment for students who do not wear a mask. Dr. Barrentine stated teachers remind students while in hallways and in classrooms to wear mask properly but we do have flexibility and grace during this time.

Justin Curley stated the Executive order does not make sense when schools are being singled out yet you can attend an NFL game, be shoulder to shoulder with strangers and not be required to wear a mask. Mr. Curley stated he has reached out to legislators expressing his concerns on this and no response. Mr. Curley would like for the Board to stand up and make their voices heard.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Blaase/Lieberman moved to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2021. Motion carried 7/0.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

Lieberman/Schraub moved to approve Payroll claims totaling \$484,906.67 and Vendor claims totaling \$1,448,340.03. Motion carried 7/0.

2022 BUDGET

Blaase/Moore moved to approve the 2022 Budget. Motion carried 7/0.

2022 BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN

Lieberman/Blaase moved to approve the 2022 Bus Replacement Plan. Motion carried 7/0.

2022 CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN

Houghton/Lieberman moved to approve the 2022 Capital Projects Plan. Motion carried 7/0.

SCHOOL NEWS

Mr. Hallatt stated they spoke to Seniors who had some not so great grades. They were able to get them back on track to graduate. The High School has also sent out attendance letters to parents with students who have poor attendance. Mr. Hallatt stated he is excited for the monthly professional development with the Special Education Department. They have teamed up with Dr. Amy Blake from the Special Education Center in New Castle.

Dr. Barrentine informed the Board that the Elementary cafeteria received a facelift over Fall Break. It received new paint and floors. Ms. Foust plans to decorate the area with student art work.

Dr. Barrentine wanted to remind everyone that we have an e-learning day District wide on Friday, October 22nd.

Dr. Barrentine provided a construction update. The Bond sale is now November 30th with the closing on December 21st.

Mrs. Houghton asked Mr. Cooper about the school lunch fund. She is alarmed due to the expenses and not seeing much money coming in right now. Mr. Cooper stated we had not received the August or September reimbursement. Mrs. Houghton asked if we really pay Chartwells around \$60,000 each month. Mr. Cooper replied stating we do.

Mr. Davis did state that once the Federal Government stops the free lunches, we will have to put the Food Service program under a microscope again and start managing the program again. Mrs. Houghton understood and stated she just wanted to be forward thinking.

Mr. Cooper did state this is the last year for Chartwells as their contract is up. At that time we will go out for bid and look to see if it would be feasible to bring the program back in house.

Mrs. Houghton wanted to thank Mr. Davis and all the Junior High Coaches on a wonderful season. Mrs. Houghton, as a swim parent: The swim team has been doing a lot of fundraisers to earn money for scoreboards. Mrs. Houghton knows that the school has helped out other sports to supply the necessary things, how do we proceed to support all athletics? Dr. Barrentine stated that thus far, anything the swim coach has wanted to do, we have supported. As far as getting money for the scoreboards, that would be a collaborative effort between Mr. Snodgrass, Dr. Barrentine and Mr. Cooper to budget for that.

Mrs. Schraub let everyone know that tomorrow, October 14th, rain or shine, the FFA is hosting a field day. Bring chairs and enjoy a great evening.

Mr. Davis wanted to let everyone know that after the first of the year, he plans to run a bootcamp type of program for anyone who might be interested in running for school board. This will be a time to ask questions and learn more of what school board members do. He did mention that some will be up for election next Fall and he doesn't plan to run again. He hopes the community will come out and want to learn and show interest in being a part of the Board.

PERSONEL ITEMS

Schraub/Blaase moved to approve the following personnel items:

Melissa Phillips	Custodian/Bus Driver	\$14.50/hr (260 days)
Kiley Trado	IA-HJSHS	\$11.35 (up to 29 hrs/week)
Evelyn Dennis	Custodian	\$11.35/hr (260 days)
Morgan Thompson	IA-HES	\$11.35/hr (up to 29 hrs/week)
Rachel Moore	IA-HJSHS	\$11.35/hr (up to 29 hrs/week)
Tammy Andis	Success Coach-HJSHS	\$11.35/hr (up to 29 hrs/week)
Angela Baumer	Custodian	\$11.35/hr (260 days)
Matthew Sullivan	JH Wrestling Coach	\$1,231.88
Craig Gwin resignation	6 th Boys Basketball Coach	
Tammy Andis resignation	IA-HJSHS	
Nathan Barnes resignation	IA-HES	

Motion carried 7/0.

TERMS OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NCSC AND NCCTA

This meeting is to only announce the details of the agreement. The next meeting will be public comment and the vote.

The details of the agreement are as follows:

1. No classroom teacher will make less than \$40,000
2. Prove a \$5000 base increase to those that meet the following guidelines:
 - a. Receive \$3000 if the teacher was rated as effective or highly effective
 - b. Receive \$2000 if teacher worked 120 days in 2020.
 - c. New teachers will not receive an increase due to their starting salary.
3. Any teacher who earned their Master's degree in 2020-2021 will have an increase of \$900 to his/her base salary
4. ECA changes—some were underpaid while others were overpaid. Some adjustments were made.
5. Increase in Professional Development pay from \$17/hr to \$18/hr

APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOLCARE AGREEMENT

Sankey/Houghton moved to approve the SchoolCare agreement as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

APPROVAL OF THE HJSHS BLEACHERS BID

Lieberman/Moore moved to approve the bleachers bid at the Hagerstown Jr.-Sr. High School. Motion carried 7/0.

OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

The next Board meeting will be October 27, 2021 at Hagerstown Elementary LGI Room at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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