

The Board of School Trustees of the Nettle Creek School Corporation met in regular session on April 9, 2025 at Hagerstown Elementary Media Center.

The following board members were present: Ruthie LaMar, Mike Banning, Sandi Schraub, Shaun Lieberman, Julie Blaase, Marcie Houghton and Cody Sankey..

Guests present were: Josh Hallatt, Elizabeth Bryant, Tiffani Hokey and Jamie Harshman.

CALL TO ORDER OF BOARD MEETING

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

Mrs. Schaeffer certified compliance with the open meeting law.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Banning/Schraub moved to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes on March 12, 2025 and Executive Session minutes on April 2, 2025. Motion carried 7/0.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

Sankey/Blaase approved payroll totaling \$681,764.35, claims totaling \$637,416.73, HES ECA totaling \$1,138.27, and HJSHS ECA totaling \$50,818.83. Motion carried 7/0.

SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Schaeffer shared that the annual Tiger Challenge Golf Outing will be May 4th. This is the sole fundraiser to raise funds for the staff banquet to recognize teachers and staff at the end of the school year. We are accepting donations, hole sponsors and raffle prizes for this event at the Administration Office. This week is also National Assistant Principal's week. We are celebrating Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Locke.

Mrs. Hokey shared we had a wonderful turnout for Kindergarten round-up today. They had 71 students sign up. It was a great day and turnout. 52 of the 71 students are coming from the Discovery Preschool Program. Mrs. Hokey anticipates more will enroll over the summer. Mrs. Hokey stated they are preparing for the ILEARN test that will begin next week.

Mr. Hallatt shared data on the Juniors SAT scores. The SAT scores exceed the state average in ELA this year. Students scored 53% in ELA on PSAT as 10th graders. They scored at 57% on ELA in SAT in 11th grade. We are 16 points ahead of the state average in ELA for SAT. ON the PSAT, our 10th graders this scored a 68% on ELA. This is 7 percentage points above the state and 5% above national scores and 4% above global scores. Last year's PSAT performance was 53% to 68% this year in ELA. Huge growth in ELA.

Mr. Hallatt also shared that they will be hosting a parent night for the current 8th grade parents to go over the new Indiana diploma requirements. They will also be inviting the current 7th grade parents as well.

Mrs. Houghton thanked Mrs. Schaeffer, community members, coaches, and all others who assisted with the clean-up efforts from the flooding at the baseball field and track. All board members echoed.

Mrs. Schraub stated she attended the virtual ISBA Legislative Update. It was very beneficial and shared the link for all board members and Mrs. Schaeffer to watch at their convenience.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Sankey/Houghton moved to approve the following personnel items:

Melissa Burns	Homebound Teacher	\$50.09/hr. (up to 4 hours/wk.)
Shawna Conley	HES Inst. Asst.	\$14.45/hr. (up to 29 hrs./wk.)
Madison Davis	On-Call Sub Teacher	\$80.00/day

Motion carried 7/0.

SECOND READING AND APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICIES:

Schraub/Blaase moved to approve the following policies:

A175/A175-R Whistleblower Protection
A250/A250-R No Tobacco
A275/A275-R School Wellness
A285 No Distracted Driving
A325 Communicable Disease
B150 Organizations
C100/C100-R Entrance Age Requirements
C275/C275-E1/C275-E3/C275-E4/C275-R Test Security Provision for Statewide Assessment
C450/C450-R/C450-E Drug Prevention Drug Testing
D100 District Organization
Motion carried 7/0.

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICIES:

C175/C175-R/C175-E Attendance
C200 Anti-Bulling
C350/C350-R Student Discipline
C375 Suspension and Expulsion of Students
C400/C400-R Use of Physical Intervention, Seclusion and Restraint with Students
C425 Student Suicide Prevention & Awareness
C550/C550-R Student Search and Seizure
D325 Personal Background Checks and Mandatory Reporting
D375 Employee Discipline

APPROVAL OF THE 2025 SUMMER SCHOOL PROPOSAL

LaMar/Blaase moved to approve the 2025 Summer School Proposal as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MOU BETWEEN NETTLE CREEK SCHOOLS AND INDIANA UNIVERSITY EAST FOR COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITY

Blaase/Sankey moved to approve the MOU between Nettle Creek Schools and Indiana University East for College Credit Opportunity. This MOU allows juniors and seniors who meet the academic qualifications to take up to two college credit courses per semester at IU East. This will be our third year offering this opportunity to students. Motion carried 7/0.

APPROVAL OF A DONATION FROM THE NETTLE CREEK EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND, WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION

Schraub/Sankey moved to approve the donation. Each year the Wayne County Foundation provides funds from the Nettle Creek Educational Endowment Fund. The funds must be used to support student learning at either building. This year, we received \$1,506.15. Motion carried 7/0.

APPROVE OF A DONATION FROM THE BARTEL & ROHE FUND, WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION

Sankey/Blaase moved to approve the donation. Through the Wayne County Foundation, there was a fund set-up in the name of Bartel & Rohe to provide support to the public elementary schools in Wayne County. Such support shall be used to purchase school supplies. This year we received \$2,883.35 from the foundation. Motion carried 7/0.

OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

The next meeting will be May 7, 2025 at Hagerstown Elementary School LGI Room at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 7:08 pm.

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