

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
OF  
CLAY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

A Special Session of the Clay Community Schools Board of Trustees was held in the Commons of North Clay Middle School, 3450 W State Road 340, Brazil, IN 47834, on Monday, September 20, 2021. Michael Shaw, Lynn Romas, Tom Reberger, Amy Burke Adams, and Charley Jackson were present. Ryan Keller and Andrea Baysinger were absent.

**I. Call to Order**

The special session meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Board President Tom Reberger.

**II. Budget Hearing on 2022 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and School Bus Replacement Plan**

Superintendent Fritz stated that this was a budget hearing, so no vote needed to be taken; budget adoption is scheduled to be considered at the school board regular session meeting at North Clay Middle School on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Director of Business Affairs Mark Shayotovich presented information in relation to the 2022 total budget in both non-local tax-supported funds and tax-supported funds as well as the maximum tax levy in those funds. He also reviewed potential projects at each of the school corporation's facilities. A copy of Mr. Shayotovich's information will become a part of the official minutes.

Questions asked of Mr. Shayotovich:

- Mr. Jackson: At Jackson Township Elementary, have we ever thought about doing a little bit differently on the traffic flow before and after school? Mr. Trunnell responded, stating that it had been investigated thoroughly, with very few options the school corporation has right now. The way it is works the best with what the options are. Superintendent Fritz added that even when he had been the principal there, they had done different things, and they're getting off the best they can. It has been suggested, but to put a road from the Harmony Road over would be very expensive, and it really becomes a safety issue because the road would be right behind the playground. There are not a lot of good options on that narrow road. Mr. Jackson shared that he had received another call today from a person who had concerns that someone would get hurt sitting there on Airport Road and those waiting in line won't let them in or out. Superintendent Fritz stated that they had talked to the commissioners and law enforcement about blocking roads and had asked to have signage put up; he had met with a commissioner late last school year on that very issue to see if some signage could be put up, but they didn't seem to want to entertain that. He has the question every year as to what he is going to do about the parents on that road, and his reply is that he really can't control that.

- Mr. Jackson: In regard to the concrete rails at Northview around the athletic building, is that a safety hazard? Mr. Trunnell replied that it is not a safety hazard, but that is on the list for concrete repair. Mr. Trunnell had a concrete contractor look at it, and it was determined that the railing is solid.
- Mrs. Adams: When the transportation building had been purchased several years back, one of the things considered was to build an additional wash bay; if the staff at the bus garage feel that is something they're still interested in, could that maybe be something that could be discussed and looked at? Mr. Shayotovich responded by stating that was something that had been talked about before, but it had been cost-prohibitive at the time. They can take a look at that.

Mr. Shayotovich concluded his presentation by stating that the school corporation continues to be very stable and healthy in all funds, and he hopes to keep it that way.

Prior to the opening of the budget hearing, Mrs. Adams stated that she had served on the school board for eleven years, worked with three superintendents and three business and financial affairs managers, and had helped oversee approximately \$380,000,000.00. She was always impressed with the level of expertise and professionalism with Mr. Shayotovich and Mr. Trunnell and Superintendent Fritz and the respect and consideration they have for the taxpayers of our community. It's always impressive how hard they work to make sure we're accurate, on target, and considerate. She thanked them for that.

Mr. Reberger opened the public budget hearing at 6:57 p.m.

No patrons had comments in regard to the proposed 2022 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, or School Bus Replacement Plan.

The public hearing was closed at 6:58 p.m.

### **III. Teacher Evaluation Handbook – Second Reading**

Mr. Jackson moved to approve the proposed changes to the Teacher Evaluation Handbook. Dr. Shaw seconded, and the motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

### **IV. Adjournment**

Having exhausted all agenda items, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

The meeting was audio recorded and copies may be requested by contacting the Central Administrative Office.