

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

A regular session of the Clay Community Schools Board of Trustees was held at the Board Room of the Central Administrative Office, 1013 S. Forest Avenue, Brazil, IN, 47834, on Thursday, June 13, 2024. Ryan Keller, Michael Shaw, Charley Jackson, Andrea Baysinger, Tom Reberger, Amy Burke Adams, and Cheryl Schopmeyer were present.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board President Tom Reberger led those in attendance in the pledge, and Superintendent Rayle offered the prayer.

II. Comments from Patrons

None

III. Consent Agenda

A. Claims

B. Board Meetings

Executive Session: Wednesday, May 8, 2024

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C. Field Trips

NCMS Show Choir to perform at Disney World in Orlando, Florida from March 12-16, 2024. This is an overnight and out-of-state stay that required board approval.

D. Personnel

A. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

1. Certified

a. FMLA

CCHS

JW Clarence Johnson

b. FMLA

JTE/SES/FPE

Lauren Fagg-Latta

c. FMLA

NCMS

Sandra Clevenger

2. Non-Certified

None

B. RETIREMENTS

1. Certified

a. Business Teacher (5/23/25)

CCHS

Elissa Daniel Samuels

2. Non-Certified

None

3. Place on Retirement Index

None

C. RESIGNATIONS

1. Certified

None

2. Non-Certified

a. Bus Driver (5/22/24)

Trans

Karen Nickless

b. Custodian (5/17/24)

NHS

Taylor Young

c. Custodian (5/17/24)

NHS

David Wilson

d. Instructional Assistant (5/22/24)

ESE

Jacqueline Ward

e. Instructional Assistant (5/22/24)

MES

Lindsey Hendrix

f. Parent Liaison (5/22/24)

MES

Morgan Brewer

g. Instructional Assistant (5/22/24)

NCMS

Greg Hagen

h. Instructional Assistant (5/22/24)	NCMS	Olivia Spugnardi
3. ECA Resignations		
a. Middle School Head Cheer Coach	NCMS	Susan Maurer
4. ECA Lay Coaches	None	
D. TRANSFERS		
1. Certified		
a. 5 th Grade Teacher (VBE)	MES	Deborah Stallcop
b. Kindergarten Teacher (NHS)	ESE	Abigail Sirianni
c. Assistant Principal/Athletic Director (NHS) CCHS		Harley Skinner
2. Non-Certified		
a. School Nurse – North Campus	NCMS	Carlena Low
b. Custodian – NHS (185 day)	JTE (210-day)	Meranda Bryan
E. EMPLOYMENT		
1. Certified		
a. Speech Language Pathologist	CCHS/CCE	Christina Pickens
b. Speech Language Pathologist	Corp	Alexis Erst
c. Secondary Math Teacher	NCMS	Kenneth Fenneman
d. Elementary Art Teacher	ESE/MES/SES	Suzanne Finn
e. Kindergarten Teacher	FPE	Susan McCrocklin
f. Secondary Math Teacher	NCMS	Samantha Effner
g. Elementary Counselor	CCE/JTE/SES	Patrisha Marsh
h. 1 st Grade Teacher	CCE	Mary Sebastian
i. Secondary Guidance Counselor	NCMS	Stacy Lindsay
2. Non-Certified		
a. Secretary/Treasurer (200-day)	JTE	LaKyla Penrod
b. Transportation Mechanic (260-day)	Trans	Jeremiah Archer
c. ABE Instructor (6/17/24)	GOALS	Mary Graves
3. Other	None	
F. EXTRA-CURRICULAR		
1. Extra-Curricular Certified		
a. Varsity Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach	CCHS	Ryan Swearingen
2. Extra-Curricular Non-Certified	None	
3. Extra-Curricular Lay Coach		
a. JV Girls' Basketball Coach	CCHS	Nathan Stoelting
4. Supplemental	None	
G. CHANGES		
1. Certified		
	None	
2. Non-Certified		
a. Summer Cleaning (Supp. Maint.)	CCS	Larry Long
b. Athletic Secretary (Guidance Secretary)	NHS	Kristy Lutes

3. ECA-Lay Coaches	None	
H. VOLUNTEERS		
1. CLASSROOM		
a. Classroom Volunteer	SES	Stephen Vencel
b. Classroom Volunteer	SES	Rogene Morge
c. Classroom Volunteer	VBE	Caitlin Cuffle
d. Classroom Volunteer	NCMS	Shellie Jesus
e. Classroom Volunteer	NCMS	Ashley Stakeman
f. Classroom Volunteer	NHS	Kahleah Lawler
g. Classroom Volunteer	CCE/CCHS	Abigail Jo Grupe
h. Classroom Volunteer	SES/NCMS	Julia Stoelting
i. Classroom Volunteer	SES/NCMS	Nathan Jenkins
j. Classroom Volunteer	SES/NCMS	Mallory Jenkins
2. BAND		
a. Band Volunteer	NCMS/NHS	Eryn Boone
3. ATHLETICS/ECA		
a. VA Girls' Basketball Coach (Vol)	CCHS	Abigail Grupe
I. TERMINATIONS	None	
J. SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY	None	
K. NON-RENEWAL		
1. CLASSIFIED	None	
2. ATHLETICS/ECA	None	

Mrs. Schopmeyer moved to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Baysinger seconded, and the motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

IV. Old Business

None

V. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rayle noted the following:

- Welcomed the new hires
- Introduced the newest family member Wallace, who will be serving as a therapy dog at NCMS. He extended his gratitude to the Wabash Valley Community Foundation for the generous grant funding that made this initiative possible.
- Congratulations to Northview Choir Director Brenda Buchanan and the NHS Jazz Choir on their selection to sing backup for Foreigner during the July 26 Renegades & Juke Box Heroes show.
- Thank you to Dianna Knox and all of the volunteers who pulled off an excellent Summer of Learning Conference.
- Congratulations to the following athletes and teams:
Clay City:
 - Softball Team – Sectional and Regional Champions, Coach Jason Sindors
 - Lexi Crabb and Lexi Thompson – Academic All State Softball Team
 - Mallori Bettenbrock – State Track Qualifier for High JumpNorthview:

- Sectional Champions: Girls Track – James Grounds, Baseball – Craig Trout
- State Qualifiers: Girls Track 4x800 – Hannah Harrison, Reagin White, Aubrey Miller, Gnister Grant
- 1600 and 800 – Ellia Hayes
- 3200 – Gnister Grant
- High Jump – Karsyn Buck
- Lane Notter has a chance to qualify for State Golf at Regional.

**VI. New Business
School Update**

Throughout the 2023-24 academic year, the Board will receive monthly updates from a designated school. Mr. Brent Vaught, Principal at Clay City Elementary School, shared pictures of the wonderful events that were held during the school year.

A. Neola Policy Updates – First Reading

Information regarding the proposed updates to the Neola policy was included in the board packet. This was a first reading, so no vote was necessary. The policies will be brought back for a second reading and approval in July.

B. Board Policy 2605 – Program Accountability Report

Dr. Rayle shared highlights of the report by showing a video. The video can be viewed on the corporation website under the Superintendent's page and the School Board Recap section. A copy of the full report was included in the board packet.

C. Food2School Purchasing Cooperative Approvals for 2024-2025

Mrs. Adams moved to approve the permission to renew contracts for GPO/Distributor, milk, and bread for the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Jackson seconded, and the motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. A copy of the cooperative approvals was included in the board packet.

D. Permission to Accept Donation from Great Dane for Student OSHA Certifications

Assistant Superintendent Brady Scott requested board approval to accept a donation of \$3,000 from Great Dane. The Career Internship program will use the funds to provide OSHA certifications for CCS students.

Dr. Shaw moved to approve to accept the donation from Great Dane. Mr. Keller seconded, and the motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

E. Operations Fund to Rainy Day Fund Transfer Request

Information from Director of Business Affairs John Szabo was included in the board packet regarding a request to make a transfer from the Operations Fund to the Rainy Day Fund, related to turf maintenance at Northview High School. Mr. Jackson asked if this was an annual request; Mr. Szabo confirmed that is was.

Dr. Shaw moved to approve the transfer request from the operations fund to the rainy day fund. Mr. Jackson seconded, and the motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

F. Police Standard Operating Procedures – First Reading

Information regarding the proposed Standard Operating Procedures was included in the board packet. This was a first reading, so no vote was necessary. The policies will be brought back for a second reading and approval in July.

G. Textbooks and Supplemental Programs Adoption

Information from Curriculum and Grants Coordinator, Kathy Knust, was included in the board packet regarding a request to approve the adoption of textbooks and supplemental programs. Central Curriculum Committee, comprised of parents, students, teachers, and administrators met on the 15th of May to review and discuss all textbooks and supplemental programs information. All textbook and supplemental program recommendations were unanimously approved by the CCS Central Curriculum Committee members who were present at the meeting.

Mr. Keller moved to approve the adoption of textbooks and supplemental programs approved by the CCS Central Curriculum Committee. Mrs. Adams seconded, and the motion was approved a 7-0 vote.

H. Permission to Donate Playground Equipment to the YMCA

Mr. Jackson moved to approve the donation of the current playground equipment that is being replaced at East Side Elementary to the YMCA. Mrs. Baysinger seconded, and the motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

I. Consideration to Name the Clay City Jr/Sr High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

It was recommended to name Harley Skinner as the next Assistant Principal/Athletic Director. The position will consist of a 200-day contract, and Mrs. Skinner will receive the salary and benefits addressed in the CCS Administrator Handbook.

Mr. Keller moved to approve Mrs. Harley Skinner as the next Clay City Jr/Sr High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director. Mrs. Baysinger seconded, and the motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

VII. Board Member Comments

Charley Jackson congratulated the new hires, Mrs. Skinner, coaches, and athletes. He also wished everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

Michael Shaw welcomed the new hires and as always, thanked everyone for the support and dedication for all that they do for the students at CCS.

Ryan Keller offered a “ditto” to all that was previously said. He also thanked Great Dane for their donation.

Cheryl Schopmeyer offered a “ditto” to all that was previously said and congratulated Mrs. Skinner on her new position.

Amy Burke Adams mentioned how wonderful the graduations were.

Tom Reberger noted the great things happening in the maintenance department including a new chiller arriving ahead of schedule, the NHS bleacher project being on schedule, and new buses and maintenance trucks.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Mrs. Schopmeyer asked for a follow-up regarding the consults that had recently been hired by CCS.

IX. Adjournment

Having exhausted all agenda items, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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