NORTH PUTNAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION NOVEMBER 16, 2023 MINUTES

The members of the Board of School Trustees of the North Putnam Community School Corporation held a regular session meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2023, 7:00 P.M. at North Putnam High School, Large Group Instruction Room, 8869 N CR 250 E, Roachdale, Indiana.

Board members present in person: Joanie Knapp

Mark Hoke Ron Spencer David McCollough Amber Greene Heather Lawson

Board members absent: Eric Oliver

Superintendent present: Dr. Carrie Milner

Attorney present: Tyler Nichols

I. SUPPORT

A. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

Joanie Knapp called the meeting to order at 7:14 P.M. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Joanie Knapp, Mark Hoke, Ron Spencer, David McCollough, Amber Greene, and Heather Lawson.

B. Approval of Agenda:

There were no changes to the agenda.

C. Public Comments:

Kristie Rambis thanked the Board for all they do for the school corporation and allowing her to speak on behalf of wrestling. They currently practice in the cafeteria because they do not have another option. When the Board goes into planning and budgeting for new projects ahead, equal opportunities need to be provided for wrestling. They deserve a wrestling area.

D. Consent Agenda:

Mark Hoke motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. David McCollough seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-0 vote.

E. Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teacher's Association:

Dr. Milner noted they met several times with the Teacher's Association and we have a good agreement in place. Ron Spencer thanked everyone for their hard work on this.

Ron Spencer motioned to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teacher's Association. David McCollough seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-0 vote.

F. Approval of Administrator Raises:

Ron Spencer motioned to approve the administrator raises as presented. Mark Hoke seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-0 vote.

G. Approval of Classified Staff Raises:

Heather Lawson motioned to approve the classified staff raises as presented. Ron Spencer seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-0 vote. The raises will be retro to July 1, 2023.

H. 2024-2025 Academic Calendar (DRAFT):

We worked to make sure it is aligned with the county schools. This is a draft and has been shared with administrators and teachers.

Ron Spencer motioned to approve the 2024-2025 academic calendar (DRAFT) as presented and subject to changes. Heather Lawson seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-0 vote.

I. Approval to Dispose of Surplus Books at the Middle School:

David McCollough motioned to approve the disposal of surplus books at the middle school. Heather Lawson seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-0 vote.

J. Permission to Sell Old, Unused Athletic Uniforms:

Amber Greene motioned to grant permission to sell old, unused athletic uniforms. Mark Hoke seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-0 vote.

II. PROTECT

A. Facility Use Policy:

This was discussed in a previous meeting and copies of the policy were provided to them. Mark Hoke said this came back up for the committee who previously worked on it and felt it left a loophole.

Heather Lawson motioned to keep the Facility Use Policy the way it is with no changes. David McCollough seconded the motion and it carried with a 5-1 vote (Mark Hoke nay).

III. ENGAGE

There were no topics.

IV. EDUCATE

A. Travel Program-Middle School and High School (San Francisco/Santa Barbara/Los Angeles)-Spring 2025:

Bucky Kramer commented that this is a great experience outside of the classroom.

Ron Spencer motioned to approve the above travel program as presented. David McCollough seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-0 vote.

B. Approval of Superintendent's Contract:

Dr. Milner introduced Dr. LeMay, new Superintendent, pending approval of the contract.

Mark Hoke motioned to approve the Superintendent's Contract as presented. Amber Greene seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-0 vote. Dr. LeMay took his seat with the Board and ran the rest of the meeting. He thanked Dr. Milner and the Board for all of their hard work and he cannot wait to get started.

The Board recessed at 7:19 p.m.

V. DEVELOP

A. Additional Appropriation Hearing:

The public hearing was opened at 7:20 p.m. The School Corporation is funding this project through the issuance of general obligation bonds. The proceeds from this bond issue must be appropriated prior to being spent on the project. Notice of this hearing was advertised in your local paper.

There were no questions or statements from patrons. The public hearing closed at 7:21 p.m.

B. Adopt Additional Appropriation Resolution (Exhibit A):

Mark Hoke motioned to adopt the above Additional Appropriation Resolution (Exhibit A) as presented. Amber Greene seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-0 vote.

C. Adopt Final Bond Resolution (Exhibit B):

Ron Spencer motioned to adopt the above Final Bond Resolution (Exhibit B) as presented. David McCollough seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-0 vote.

D. Adopt Reimbursement Resolution (Exhibit C):

Ron Spencer motioned to adopt the above Reimbursement Resolution (Exhibit C) as presented. David McCollough seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-0 vote.

E. Approval of Transfer Resolution for 2024 (Budget):

This resolution authorizes Tanya Pearson to transfer an amount not to exceed fifteen percent of the amount from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund to reimburse the Operations Fund for expenses that are not allocated to student instruction and learning for January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

David McCollough motioned to approve the above Transfer Resolution for 2024 as presented. Heather Lawson seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-0 vote.

VI. REPORTS

A. Interim Superintendent (Carrie Milner) and Superintendent (Dr. LeMay):

Dr. Milner enjoyed working with everyone. She congratulated Dr. LeMay. He enjoyed seeing the raises get approved and the opportunities provided outside of the county and state.

B. Assistant Superintendent (Rodney Simpson):

The door project continues. They will be training on the new program from VersaTrans called TransVersa. He is attending the transportation region meeting tomorrow. He has met with the company to discuss furniture for the buildings. He was able to attend the National FFA Convention. He is meeting with Five-Star to discuss virtual assistance for teachers. We are working to replace some equipment in the cafeterias. He is working with our uniform company to get new uniforms. The new water fountains have arrived for each building. The athletic building has been winterized, so it will be off limits until it warms up. We have a great opportunity with Beth Bendix and the Castle Project and getting arts into teaching in the classroom.

C. Business Manager (Tanya Pearson):

We will be audited soon by the State Board of Accounts.

D. Administrators:

Beth Waterman reported for Bainbridge as well as Roachdale. Both schools just had their Veteran's Day programs. The programs were great. Roachdale's Holiday Program is scheduled for December 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. and Bainbridge will be held on December 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Bucky Kramer welcomed Dr. LeMay. The Veteran's Day Program was great. December 18, 2023 is the band and choir concert. Middle school was designated as one of the top in the state. He thanked the Board for approving the trips.

Jason Chew welcomed Dr. LeMay. He attended the National FFA Convention. Six students received the highest degree. The Novice Parlie Team finished 4th in the nation. P.I.E. Coalition is partnering with county schools this week.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS:

The Board thanked Dr. Milner for everything and welcomed Dr. LeMay. Heather Lawson said the Veteran's Day Program was great. Ron Spencer congratulated the FFA members. We have great students, advisors, and parents. He thanked Rodney Simpson for his hard work. He noted the Putnam County Youth Development Commission is starting back up. David McCollough thanked administrators and staff. Joanie Knapp hopes everyone has a nice Thanksgiving and thanks for all the work that has been done.

VIII. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

There being no further business to come before the Board, Amber Greene moved for adjournment of the meeting. Ron Spencer seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-0 vote. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on December 21, 2023 at the high school.

Joanie Knapp, President	Eric Oliver, Member
Mark Hoke, Vice President	Ron Spencer, Member
Heather Lawson, Secretary	David McCollough, Member
Amber Greene, Member	