NORTH PUTNAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION FEBRUARY 23, 2021 MINUTES

The members of the Board of School Trustees of the North Putnam Community School Corporation held a regular session meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 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: Travis Lambermont

Joanie Knapp Amber Greene Eric Oliver Mark Hoke

Board members present by Google Meet: Rachel Mandeville

Board members absent: Ron Spencer

Superintendent present: Nicole Singer-Allee

Attorney present: Darren Chadd

I. PUBLIC MEETING

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

Travis Lambermont called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Travis Lambermont, Joanie Knapp, Amber Greene, Eric Oliver, and Mark Hoke. Rachel Mandeville was present by Google Meet.

B. Approval of Agenda:

There were no comments.

C. Public Comments:

Five patrons spoke regarding the success of the athletic program and the athletic director. A letter was submitted by a patron at the meeting. A copy of the letter will be scanned and sent to Board members.

II. CELEBRATING SUCCESS

A. Celebrating Success – Scott Miller, Principal, NPMS (Honoree: Scott Spencer):

Scott Spencer, Teacher at the North Putnam Middle School, is the recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award for February.

Scott Spencer graduated from Hanover College and Indiana Wesleyan University. He has taught students for 16 years and been an administrator for 9 years at North Putnam. He does an amazing job with the students and is respected by the staff. He has a great way of teaching students and connecting with them. He enjoys movies and TV, fishing, coin collecting, genealogy, board games, reading, fantasy football, watching/attending sporting events, boating, and vacationing. He is very valuable to North Putnam Middle School. Congratulations to Scott Spencer. We are very proud of him.

III. <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u> (All Board Approvals for Personnel are Pending an Expanded Criminal History Check and completion of appropriate new hire paperwork)

- A. Approval of Minutes-January 14, 2021, Regular Session Board Minutes
- **B.** Approval of Minutes-February 2, 2021, Executive Session Board Minutes
- C. Approval of Minutes-February 9, 2021, Executive Session Board Minutes
- D. Approval of Claims for Payment and Payrolls
- E. First Reading of Board Policy Criminal Gangs and Criminal Activity in Schools
- F. Donation Report
- G. Fundraiser

H. Personnel Report

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

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Boyce Systems Software License Agreement:

We need to update our current financial system. We have used the current system since the 1990's. The new system will allow our information to be stored in the cloud and accessed from anywhere. This enables us to work from home when needed. All uploads are done virtually and any updates are loaded by the vendor. This is a one-time expense to convert from DOS to Excel.

Joanie Knapp motioned to approve the above Boyce Systems Software License Agreement as presented. Eric Oliver seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-0 vote.

B. Approval of Summer School Programs for North Putnam High School:

Jason Chew noted this is similar to what we have done in years past. The only difference is no onsite classes this year.

Joanie Knapp motioned to approve the summer school programs as presented. Amber Greene seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-0 vote.

C. Approval of Amendments to Course Description Guide for High School (2021-2022 School Year):

In November or December, Jason Chew informed the Board he would come back later with more course offerings. They will see if enough students are interested in the courses and then we will try to offer them. There is a building trades/construction trades program and they believe there are enough students interested in this course to be able to offer it.

Amber Greene motioned to approve the amendments to the high school Course Description Guide as presented. Joanie Knapp seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-0 vote.

D. Approval of Pay Agent and Registrar:

Tri-County Bank resigned as our trustee when their trust department dissolved. Huntington Bank is our new trustee, so the Board needs to sign a new agreement allowing them to handle payments of any principal from the bonds.

Mark Hoke motioned to approve the Pay Agent and Registrar. Amber Greene seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-0 vote.

V. REPORTS

A. Superintendent:

We received good, positive feedback recently from the advertising we have been doing on the carts at Kroger. The contract came up for renewal and we have the opportunity to advertise at the Kroger store in Greencastle and Crawfordsville as well as continuing at Danville.

The 21st Century Learning Community Center Grant is a chance to help middle school, high school, and elementary students. The focus will be on the upper grades and graduation, but could benefit the elementary too. The program helps students meet state and local student standards in core academic subjects. We will write the grant in the spring or summer and we will know the status of the grant in late fall.

There is a Financial Presentation tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m. at the high school in the Large Group Instructional room. The administrators will be presenting to the Board tomorrow evening also.

We had some recent repairs to the heating and cooling units at Bainbridge Elementary and the middle school. We are gathering information for a permanent repair or maintenance. We will share this with the Board as we get closer.

The United States Department of Commerce and the Census Bureau awarded the corporation a certificate for our support with the census. We exceeded the national rate. We exhibited enormous dedication and she thanked the community members for their responses to the census.

She thanked everyone for their patience last week during the weather and natural gas issue.

B. Treasurer:

Tanya Pearson was unable to attend the meeting.

C. Director of Operations:

They worked with the Safe School Commission on an Advanced School Safety Specialist. Each county has to have one of these. The Commission wanted to know if we would be willing to advise for others schools, since we have had a specialist. He was honored they asked us to help.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS:

Amber Greene commented on how well the bus drivers are doing. She has heard a lot of good things. She thanked the public for their attendance and said it's appreciated. She congratulated Scott Spencer on being selected Teacher of the Month. She thanked Terri Tippin for his response during the recent bus accident. Mark Hoke thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight. It's good to see a lot of people who care and it's appreciated. Eric Oliver thanked everyone for coming and showing their support. This is the kind of community he is proud to live in. He remembers growing up and all of the good memories with Mr. Spencer. He thanked him for everything. Joanie Knapp congratulated Scott Spencer for his dedication and passion. We have a great community and it's nice to see people come together. She thanked Terry Tippin and Nicole Singer-Allee on how the bus accident was handled. Travis Lambermont agreed with the other Board comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Joanie Knapp moved for adjournment of the meeting. Eric Oliver seconded the motion and it carried with a 6-0 vote. The next meeting will be held at the high school.

Travis Lambermont, President	Joanie Knapp, Member
Mark Hoke, Vice President	Eric Oliver, Member
Rachel Mandeville, Secretary	Ron Spencer, Member
 Amber Greene. Member	