



Spencer-Owen Community Schools
Board of School Trustees Meeting
November 10, 2022
McCormick's Creek Elementary School
Multipurpose Room
Executive Session 5:30 p.m.
Showcase 6:30 p.m.
Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

President Cooper gave a voluntary prayer.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Nathan & Kaleb Summitt led in the pledge

I. Call to Order

President Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present:	Jack White	Amber Willen
	Rick Smeltzer	Chad Cooper
	Sonia Brinson	Derek Morgan
	Mark Rogers	

II. Recognition of Visitors/Patron Comments

Officer Opie Rhienhart made comment's concerning VI. New Business item 1.

A. Recognition

1. You Make a Difference Award

Arnolia Cherry, Custodian for McCormick's Creek Elementary School received the You Make a Difference Award.

III. Additions to the Agenda:

No Additions to the agenda.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Reports

B. Claims

C. Minutes

1. Regular Session: October 20, 2022 & Public Hearing : November 1, 2022.

D. Food Service Report

E. Facilities Report

F. Transportation Report

G. Principal Reports

H. Curriculum Director Report

I. Communications Director/ROI Report

Mrs. Willen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Rogers seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

V. Old Business

1. Request second reading and approval of the following NEOLA policies:

Policies:

Volume 34, No. 2 -

- Bylaw 0167.3 Public Participation at Board Meetings (Revised)
- Bylaw 0142.3 Vacancies (Revised)
- Policy 1213.01/3213.01/4213.01 Staff-Student Relations (New)
- Policy 2221 Mandatory Curriculum (Revised)
- Policy 2370.02 Flex Program (Revised)
- Policy 5460 Graduation Requirements (Revised)
- Policy 5511 Dress and Grooming (Revised)
- Policy 6110 Grant Funds (Revised)
- Policy 6114 Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds (Revised)
- Policy 6325 Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds (Revised)
- Policy 8450.01 Protective Facial Coverings During Pandemic/Epidemic Events (Revised)
- Policy 8500 Food Service Program (Revised)
- Policy 9150 School Visitors (Revised)
- Policy 5722 School Sponsored Student Publications and Productions (Revised)
- Policy 2370.03 Indiana Course Access Program (New/Revised)
- Policy 2260 Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Opportunity (Revised)
- Policy 7544 Use of Social Media (New)

Volume 35, No. 1 -

- Bylaw 0131.1 Bylaws and Policies (Revised)
- Bylaw 0142.2 Oath (Technical Correction)
- Bylaw 0167.3 Public Participation at Board Meetings (Revised)
- Policy 1521/3121/4121 Personal Background Checks, References, and Mandatory Reporting of Convictions and Substantial Child Abuse and Arrests (Revised)
- Policy 2431 Interscholastic Athletics (Revised)
- Policy 2432 Transgender Girls in Athletics (New)
- Policy 2435 Driver Education (Revised)
- Policy 2464 Programs for High Ability Students (Revised)
- Policy 3120.02 Adjunct Teachers (New)
- Policy 3120.11 Public Hearing Before Commencement of Collective Bargaining and Public Meeting Before Ratification of Tentative Agreement
- Policy 3220.02 Supplemental Payments for Teachers (Revised)

- Policy 5420 Reporting Student Progress (Revised)
- Policy 5610 Suspension and Expulsion of Students (Revised)
- Policy 6250 Required ADM Counts for Purposes of State Funding and Verification of Residency for Membership (Revised)
- Policy 6550 Travel Payment and Reimbursement (Revised)
- Policy 8120 Volunteers (Revised)
- Policy 8121 Personal Background Check – Contracted Services (Revised)
- Policy 8210 School Calendar (Revised)
- Policy 8229 School Day (Revised)
- Policy 8400 School Safety (Revised)
- Policy 8510 Wellness (Revised)
- Policy 8600 Transportation (Revised)

Mr. Rogers made a motion to waive the reading. Mr. White seconded it. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Cline Superintendent, had one change to the policies 1213.01/3213.01/4213.01 Staff-Student Relations. Under Inappropriate Boundary Invasions by Corporation Employees. Put letter A. “ hugging, kissing or other physical conduct with a student”, back in and have it read, “inappropriate hugging, kissing, or other physical conduct with a student.” Mrs. Brinson made a motion to approve all policies with the change requested. Mr. Morgan seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

VI. New Business

1. Request to accept a donation for \$10,000.00 from the Owen Co. Sheriff’s Dept. for Backpack Buddies program. Mrs. Brinson made a motion to approve. Mr. White seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.
2. Request to accept a donation for \$5,088.08 from Our Community Bank for the Backpack Buddies program. Mrs. Willen made a motion to approve. Mr. Morgan seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.
3. Request to acknowledge Smithville Charitable Trust Grant for the amount of \$20,000.00. Mr. Morgan made a motion to acknowledge. Mrs. Brinson seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

The board took the next three items together.

4. Request to accept the 2022-2023 Digital Learning Coach Mini Grant for the amount of \$2697.00.
5. Request to approve the 2022-2023 Title I Grant for the amount of \$520,683.88.
6. Request to approve the 2022-2023 Title IV Grant for the amount of \$39,024.26.

Mr. Rogers made a motion to approve. Mr. White seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

7. Request to approve OVHS Commencement for May 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve. Mrs. Brinson seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

8. Request to approve PES to host an Indiana Hunter Education course. Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve. Mr. White seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

9. Request to approve the 2023 - 2024 Academic Calendar. (Copy of calendar included in the minutes.) Mrs. Brinson made a motion to approve. Mr. Morgan seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

10. Request to approve 2022 - 2023 eLearning Guidelines. (Copy of guidelines included in the minutes.) Mrs. Willen made a motion to approve. Mr. Rogers seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

11. Request to ratify the 2022-2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement. (Copy of agreement included in the minutes.) Mr. Rogers made a motion to approve. Mr. Morgan seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

VII. Personnel

The board took items A-E together.

A. Resignations

1. John Garrison, Math Teacher for OVMS. (#11520)
2. Brandi Sears, Speech/Language Teacher for MCES. (#11813)
3. Dara Woods, Bus Driver for route 24. (#12927)
4. Denise Siblisk, Cook for SES. (#12406)
5. Charlie Campbell, Assistant Wrestling Coach for OVMS.

B. Position

1. Request to approve adding position control # 11711 Speech & Language Pathologist.

C. Retirement

1. Request to approve the retirement of Deana Stickels, Inclusion Teacher at MCES. Effective end of the 2022-2023 school year. (#11831)

D. Leave

- 1. Request to approve a Medical Leave for Peggy Johnson, Cook at OVHS. 10/23-11/29/2022. (#12604)

E. Employment

- 1. Rebecca Nagy as an Instructional Assistant for SES. (#12430)
- 2. Alisha Nichols as an Instructional Assistant for OVMS. (#12530)

Mrs. Willen made a motion to approve all. Mr. Morgan seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

VIII. Other Items from the Board (Board Comments)

IX. Administrator Comments

X. Superintendent’s Report/Comments

XI. Adjournment

Mrs. Willen made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Morgan seconded it. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting ended at 7:50 p.m. The board remained at the table for patron comments. Sheriff Hobbs & Deana Stickels made patron comments. Comments ended at 7:54 p.m.

As a matter of record December 8, 2022.

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