NORTH PUTNAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
JULY 16, 2020 MINUTES

The members of the Board of School Trustees of the North Putnam Community School Corporation held a regular session meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2020, 7:00 P.M. at North Putnam Middle School, Media Center, 8905 N CR 250 E, Roachdale, Indiana.

Board members present in person:	Ron Spencer Amber Greene Mark Hoke Joanie Knapp Dustin Osborn Darrell Wiatt
Board members absent:	Travis Lambermont
Superintendent present:	Nicole Singer
Attorney present:	Dan Taylor

I. PUBLIC MEETING

A. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance:
Ron Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Ron Spencer, Amber Greene, Mark Hoke, Joanie Knapp, Dustin Osborn, and Darrell Wiatt.

B. Approval of Agenda:
There was a change to the claims. The claim to Huntington Bank was removed.

C. Public Comments:
Rachel Mandeville addressed the Board regarding the In-Class COVID 19 Health and Safety Considerations for Indiana School 16 page docket. She had questions returning to school, E-learning, students being able to participate in ECA. Dr. Singer asked her to leave her phone number and she would call her on Friday. She was welcome to come the Administration Building to pick up a copy of the plan.

II. CONSENT AGENDA *(All Board Approvals for Personnel are Pending an Expanded Criminal History Check and completion of appropriate new hire paperwork)*

A. Approval of Minutes-June 18, 2020, Regular Session Board Minutes
B. Approval of Minutes-June 30, 2020, Special Session Board Minutes
C. Approval of Minutes-July 9, 2020, Special Session Board Minutes
D. Approval of Claims for Payment and Payrolls
E. Personnel Report:

Mark Hoke motioned to approve the above consent agenda with the exception of Claim #22. Joanie Knapp seconded the motion and it carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Appointment of Stephen Edwards to the Roachdale Library Board:
Dr. Singer said Jana Brothers had served her two term limit. Stephen Edwards came forward to replace Jana Brothers.

Joanie Knapp motioned approve the above appointment. Darrell Wiatt seconded the motion and it carried with a 6 - 0 vote.

B. Virtual Classroom Handbook Approval:

Dr. Singer said the first reading was at the July 9th Board meeting. She reviewed the highlights of the policy. She addressed Scott Miller and Jason Chew if they had any comments to the policy. Joanie Knapp asked the limit of students that could attend the virtual school. We have 40 potential students so far with a limit of 100. We would prioritize those students based on health risks, family situation, and requesting. If we would get more than 40, we would look at hiring an additional teacher or a teacher of record. Chromebooks would be issued to the students attending virtually. Dustin Osborn asked about the current handbook situation and if COVID 19 disappears what would we do with the teacher. Dr. Singer replied that the virtual teacher could become a permanent sub for the school year. We would not open a new school to become virtual. If we had to close down we would be continuing with E-learning. Dustin Osborn made the motion to approve, Joanie seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Dustin Osborn motioned to approve the above handbook. Joanie Knapp seconded the motion and it carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

IV. REPORTS

A. Superintendent:

Dr. Singer said the administrators would return next week. The buildings will open July 27th. Construction has made a lot of progress. Furniture is to be delivered next week. A walk-through is schedule July 27th. We will be having an Open House. Dr. Singer said she had follow up questions regarding Beth Bendix's presentation over the school given during the July 9, 2020 Special Session Board meeting. This is at no cost to the school. Dustin asked how this filming would be aired. It could be aired on Netflix, PBS or online. Beth Bendix said in her previous presentation that it would depend on who was producing it. It would be an opportunity for the school to receive additional grants. The Board agreed they would like to see a presentation.

B. Treasurer:

Tanya Pearson stated on April 16, 2020 the Board approved to Authorize Approval of the Rainy Day Resolution for Emergency Purposes. The School Pension Debt account was in the negative $15,619.81, so she transferred from Rainy Day to get the account out of the red. She also stated the confirmation filing for the Electronic Municipal Market Access System (EMMA) had been received. A financial report that has to be filed for Continuing Disclosure.

C. Director of Operations:

Terry Tippin commented on the cafeteria fund balance being in the positive. The custodians are working on the building and should be ready for August 1st.

D. Administrators:

Jason Chew noted that Harmony will be rolling out next week for parent registration. Counselors will be returning to help students with their schedules.

V. BOARD COMMENTS:

Joanie Knapp said she is excited for a high school tour. Dustin Osborn asked Jason Chew about the progress of the construction. Jason Chew said everything is progressing. Dustin Osborn said there would be a lot of unknowns with the starting of school with the possibility of the school closings. Good luck and thank you. Mark Hoke commented on the Harmony Portal being opened back up. Ron Spencer said a big thank you for all staff.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Joanie Knapp moved for adjournment of the meeting. Dustin Osborn seconded the motion and it carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

Ron Spencer, President

Dustin Osborn, Vice-President

Darrell Wiatt, Secretary

Amber Greene, Member

Travis Lambermont, Member

Mark Hoke, Member

Joanie Knapp, Member