



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COVINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

**August 9, 2021**

**VOLUME 2021 No. 8**

Mr. Doug Hunter, President

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Mr. Jason Beck, Vice-President

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Mr. Kevin Cates, Secretary

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Mr. Chad Herzog

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Mr. Ryan Tolley

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## **Minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting**

Monday August 9, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Covington Elementary School Conference Room 1110 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Covington, IN 47932

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Doug Hunter at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

### **Board Member Attendance Verification**

- Doug Hunter, President – Present
- Jason Beck, Vice President – Present
- Kevin Cates, Treasurer – Present
- Chad Herzog, Board Member – Present
- Ryan Tolley, Board Member – Present

### **Officials:**

- Dr. Kevin Smith, Superintendent
- Vicki Jones, Corporation Treasurer

### **Guests:**

- Megan Elmore, Community Member
- Samantha Fye, Community Member
- Gene Fye, Community Member
- Katherine Hunter, Community Member
- Leah Keele, Community Member
- David Riffel, Steftenagel Group
- Jason Stonecipher, Community Member
- Allen Strawser, Community Member

## **2. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Hunter reviewed the agenda for the meeting with no changes being proposed following board member consideration.

Following review of the agenda of August 9, 2021 regular board meeting a motion was made to approve as presented.

Motion by: Kevin Cates

Seconded by : Chad Herzog

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

## **3. Educational Excellence**

Travis Brown, athletic director, presented an overview of the athletic department budget for the 2021 - 2022 school year and the impact the athletic finances experienced last year.

## **4. Consent and Approvals**

### **a. Review and Approve Minutes**

Following review of the minutes from July 27, 2021 Special Session Meeting, a motion was made to approve as presented.

Motion by: Jason Beck

Seconded by: Chad Herzog

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

### **b. Review and Approval of Claim Dockets**

Following review of the claim dockets a motion was made to accept claims 11983 – 12060 as presented.

Motion by: Jason Beck

Seconded by: Kevin Cates

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

**c. Consideration of Human Resources**

The following Human Resources items were presented for board consideration.

**i. New Hires**

Kaylee Cooper, CES Music Instructional Aide  
Hannah Hegg, CHS Aide  
Amy Townsend, CMS Aide  
Logan Myers, CMS Volunteer Football Coach/CHS Aide  
Brad Lewsader, Transfer from Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach  
to Boys Assistant Soccer Coach  
Mariah Kagels, CMS Cheerleading Sponsor  
Chase Griswell, CH/MS Custodian  
Kara Taylor, CES After School STEM Sponsor  
Paci Whittington, CES After School STEM Sponsor

**ii. Retirements**

**iii. Resignations**

Cindie Holliday, Maternity Leave Instructor  
Thomas Weeks - Barnitt, CHS Instructor

**iv. Professional Leave**

Following discussion, a motion was made to accept Human Resources recommendations as presented.

Motion by: Chad Herzog  
Seconded by: Kevin Cates  
Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

**d. Review and Approval of Travel Requests**

**i. Field Trips**

**ii. Professional Development**

## **5. District Project and Business Updates**

### **a. Administration**

- i. ECA Compliance Letter

### **b. Finance/Business**

### **c. Curriculum/Technology**

### **d. Building/Grounds**

### **e. Transportation**

### **f. Projects**

David Riffel, representing the Steftenagel Group, reviewed the status of the classroom facility improvement project.

Dr. Smith indicated that the athletic complex restroom project is nearing completion, with final work expected to be done by the end of this week. The facility is targeted to be open for events scheduled on August 17, 2021.

### **g. Other**

## **6. New Business**

### **a. Administration**

- i. Out – of – District Student Transfer Requests

A motion was made to approve four (4) out – of – district transfer students as presented.

Motion by: Ryan Tolley

Seconded by: Chad Herzog

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

## **b. Finance/Business**

### **i. Preliminary 2022 Budget for Advertising**

A motion was made to approve the preliminary 2022 budget for advertising as presented.

Motion by: Jason Beck  
Seconded by: Kevin Cates  
Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

### **c. Curriculum/Technology**

### **d. Buildings/Grounds**

### **e. Transportation**

### **f. Other**

#### **i. Purdue IN-Mac Design & Innovation Studio**

A motion was made to approve acceptance of a \$20,000 grant from the Purdue In-Mac program as presented.

Motion by: Chad Herzog  
Seconded by: Kevin Cates  
Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

#### **ii. Adult Meal Prices**

A motion was made to accept the recommended 2021 – 2022 Adult meal food pricing as presented.

Motion by: Jason Beck  
Seconded by: Kevin Cates  
Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

## **7. Superintendent Report Out**

### **a. Pathfinding**

**b. Aligning**

Dr. Smith expressed his appreciation to everyone involved in the preparations for the start of the new school year. “May God Bless one and all as we are excited for the new year, and may it be a Positive, Successful, Effective, Safe, and Fun year.”

**c. Empowering**

**d. Modeling**

**8. Public Comments**

**9. Board Comments**

**a. Dates - of – Interest**

**First Staff Day and CES Back to School Night – August 10, 2021**

**Second Staff Day – August 11, 2021**

**First Day of School – August 12, 2021**

**Labor Day Holiday - September 6, 2021**

**Athletic Department Golf Scramble – September 19, 2021**

**10. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Motion by: Jason Beck

Seconded by: Ryan Tolley

Motion Carried by a vote 5-0

**An executive session board meeting was held at 5:45 p.m. to discuss the following:**

I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(3) To discuss the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans, and systems.

I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(6)(9) Employee, student, or contractor status

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Secretary of the Board

***“Everyone Matters, Everyone Counts”***