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

February 11, 2019

Mr. Chad Herzog, Member

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Mr. Doug Hunter, Vice President

Mr. Jason Beck, Secretary

Mr. Kevin Cates, Member

# COVINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on February 11, 2019 in the Covington High School Library located at 1017 Sixth Street Covington, Indiana 47932

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Mrs. Carolyn Lloyd at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL: Mrs. Carolyn Lloyd Present

Mr.Doug HunterPresentMr.Jason BeckPresentMr.Kevin CatesAbsentMr.Chad HerzogPresent

OFFICIAL Dr. Kevin Smith, Superintendent Present

Mr. Phil Cunningham, HS Principal Absent
Mr. J.R. Haskins, Assistant Principal/AD Absent
Mr. Steve Reynolds, MS Principal Absent
Mrs. Alison Karrfalt, EL Principal Absent

**NEWS MEDIA:** 

GUESTS: Loren Glascock

Jason Waddell

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD – February 11, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.

#### 2019-03-027 **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## 2019-03-028 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made that the agenda of the February 11, 2019 regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees be approved as presented.

Motion by

Mr. Doug Hunter

Seconded by Mr. Chad Herzog

Vote

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# 2019-03-029 EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

The presentation on ILEARN was moved to the March meeting.

# 2019-03-030 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made that the minutes of the January 14, 2019 regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees be approved as presented.

Motion by

Mr. Chad Herzog

Seconded by Mr. Jason Beck

Vote

4-0

A motion was made that the minutes of the January 28, 2019 special work session meeting of the Board of School Trustees be approved as presented.

Motion by

Mr. Doug Hunter

Seconded by

Mr. Chad Herzog

Vote

4-0

#### 2019-03-031 CLAIMS

Claims 7610, 7615, 7621, 7648, and 7666 were questioned and reviewed by the board. A motion was made that claims numbered 7564 to 7670 be approved as presented.

Motion by

Mr. Jason Beck

Seconded by Mr. Doug Hunter

Vote

4-0

#### 2019-03-032 **PERSONNEL**

A motion was made to approve the following personnel items:

Retirement (effective June 7, 2019)

Phyllis Starkey

Food Service Director

Resignation

Phil Cunningham

High School Principal

Home Bound Instructor

Ashlie Grissom

Elementary School

**ECA Assignments** 

Ryan Sowers Brad Short Varsity Softball Coach Assistant Softball Coach

Damon Hegg

Girls Track Coach

Ian Powell

Volunteer Track Coach (Boys & Girls)

Andrea Ragsdale

CMS Girls Track Coach

Jodee Brown Shelby Livengood CMS Volunteer Track Coach (Boys & Girls)
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Motion by

Mr. Chad Herszog

Seconded by

Mr. Jason Beck

Vote

4-0

#### 2019-03-033 PROJECTS UPDATES

# **CTE Automotive Facility Remodeling**

A pre - bid conference was held on site at the second street automotive facility, on Wednesday, February 6, 2019. The current target date for final bids are due on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. However, due to an illness to the design engineer it is possible that this will be bumped back to allow time for contractor questions to be properly addressed.

The remodeling project bid focuses on the addition of 1960 square feet of classroom space, as well as enhancements to roofing, walls, the front entrance, windows, and overhead doors. Four alternate bids are also being pursued in an effort to ensure a cost effective remodeling project.

Construction work is projected to occur during March through July 2019.

# **District Office Project**

The final alternate design for the new district office and boardroom project has been determined. The project is ready to move into the contractor bid phase.

#### **Facility Planning and Study**

The CCSC facility study project continues to move ahead in a timely manner. A working board session, which included the Superintendent's Advisory Council, occurred on January 28, 2019, with nearly 20 individuals in attendance. During the meeting, representatives of Gibraltar Design and the Steftenagel Group presented a list of Priorities - Of - Focus for the purpose of beginning to outline a plan for investment in our educational facilities.

A second working session will be scheduled in the upcoming weeks.

We are closing in on the establishment of a long term facility enhancement strategy, with short term investments included. Our target is to have the immediate re-modeling plan identified in March, with fine tuning occuring in April.

From the beginning, the board has maintained a focus on ensuring a fiscally responsible plan to enhance our educational facilities, with a focus on providing the absolute best possible environment for our children and staff members. I am confident we are on the path to meet this commitment.

## **Board Policy 436**

The board heard the second reading of Board Policy 436. This policy relates to our Family and Medical Leave policy. The proposed changes are necessary due to the previous policy revision being outdated. A motion was made to approve Board Policy 436 as presented.

Motion by Mr. Jason Beck Seconded by Mr. Doug Hunter

Vote 4-0

## **Board Policy 424**

The board heard the second reading of Board Policy 424. This policy contains updates to the staff performance evaluation plan, again to bring the policy current. A motion was made to approve Board Policy 424 as presented.

Mr. Chad Herzog Motion by Seconded by Mr. Jason Beck

4-0 Vote

#### Non-Certified Handbook

The board heard the second reading of the new Non - Certified Employee Handbook. A motion was made to approve the handbook as presented.

Mr. Jason Beck Motion by Seconded by Mr. Doug Hunter

Vote

4-0

#### **Transportation Contracts**

Referencing the transportation bid process CCSC conducted late in the fall and early winter of 2018, submitted bids would result in an overall increase in our transportation costs of \$57,510, or 21.4%. In an effort to minimize cost increases for the two (2) year period of the transportation contract, the submitted bids have been rejected, with negotiations opened up with the interested contractors. A motion was made to reject the transportation bids, and to conduct route negotiations accordingly.

Motion by Mr. Chad Herzog Seconded by Mr. Doug Hunter

Vote 4-0

#### 2019-03-034 NEW BUSINESS

# MONTHLY RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE EDUCATION FUND TO THE OPERATIONS FUND

A motion was made to approve the transfer of \$134,700 from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund, per the resolution presented. This resolution represents a transfer for January and February 2019.

Motion by

Mr. Doug Hunter

Seconded by Mr. Jason Beck

Vote

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#### **BOARD POLICY 407**

A revision to Board Policy 407 was presented for first reading. This update relates to the employment of substitute employees.

#### 2019-03-035 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT OUT

# **Pathfinding**

With the 2019 budget session of the Indiana General Assembly now in its' fifth week, bills that would impact K - 12 education in the state, continue to be at the forefront of the discussion. There is at least one bill being reviewed that reduce the mandates, which would benefit all of us a great deal.

Funds for ensuring school safety continues to be a point of emphasis during this session of the General Assembly, as well.

An introduction letter was mailed to our parents on February 6, 2019, rolling out the corporation's E - Learning strategy. A set of Frequently Asked Questions was included in the mailing in order to provide information on what our students and parents should expect when using the E - Learning approach. An E - Learning web page will be created to allow school - community stakeholders to reference, at their convenience.

## **Aligning**

In order to make up the five (5) days of school lost due to winter weather, CCSC schools will be in session on the following dates:

February 18, 2019 March 18, 2019 March 19, 2019 March 20, 2019 March 21, 2019

E - Learning Days are being considered for utilization in completing at least a portion of our make-up schedule.

# **Empowering**

## **Modeling**

Last week was National School Counseling Week. Dr. Smith recognized and thanked Ms. Laura Myers and Ms. Yessi Girdler for the manner in which they serve our community. These ladies represent the children, parents, staff, and school - community with a professional and caring manner that is second to none.

## Dates - of - Interest

2019 - 2020 Freshman Scheduling Night	February 11
National Honor Society Induction (1 P.M.)	February 16
School Make-Up Day #1	February 18
Boys Basketball Sectional - Delphi	Feb 26-Mar 2
Superintendent Open Office Hours (5 P.M.)	March 4
End Grading Period 3	March 8
School Board Meeting (6:30 P.M.)	March 11
CHS Honor Banquet (7:00 P.M.)	March 14
School Make-Up Day #2	March 18
School Make-Up Day #3	March 19
School Make-Up Day #4	March 20

## 2019-03-036 STATEMENTS FROM EMPLOYEES/PUBLIC

None

## 2019-03-037 STATEMENTS FROM BOARD

Jason Beck asked about the E-Learning process and roll out. Loren Glascock asked about students with no internet and Dr. Smith addressed his question. It was noted that opportunities for students to have lesson work loaded onto their desktop, prior to an E-Learning Day will be utilized with students and for planned E-Learning Days having the opportunity to utilize our educational facilities for internet access. Further, students will be provided up to five (5) days to complete and submit their assignment for grading.

A question was asked about contact with other schools during school closings. It was noted that CCSC does collaborate with a number of schools related to decisions around modifying operational schedules in an effort to evaluate the risks associated when travel to a CCSC campus may be deemed unsafe.

# **2019-03-038 ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by

Mr. Jason Beck

Seconded by

Mr. Doug Hunter

Vote

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An executive session was held immediately following the regular meetiung to discuss personnel.

Secretary of the Board