
**CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

MEETING MEMORANDA

Date and time of meeting: August 2, 2016, 7:30 p.m.
Place of meeting: Room B-8, Clarksville Middle School, 101 Ettel Lane,
Clarksville, Indiana

Attendance: Mr. Bill Wilson, Board President
Mr. Jim Bemiss, Board Vice President
Mr. Doug Wacker, Board Secretary
Mr. Justin Hansford, Board Member
Mr. Andy Bramer, Board Member
Dr. Kimberly Knott, CCSC Superintendent
Ms. Holly Rupprecht, CCSC Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Brian Allred, Renaissance Academy Director
Ms. Adrienne Goldman, CHS Principal
Ms. Nikki Bullington, CMS Principal
Ms. Mindy Dablow, CES Principal
Ms. Pam Cooper, CCSC Teacher
Ms. Anne Bird, CCSC Teacher
Ms. Nikolette Langdon, CCSC Information Specialist
Mr. Jason Carter, CCSC Athletic Director
Ms. Janet Wagner, C.E.A. President
Ms. Debbie Hoover, Clarksville Resident
Ms. April Hauber, Clarksville Resident
Mr. Tom Hauber, Clarksville Resident
Various Renaissance Academy Students

Call to Order

Mr. Wilson called the planning session to order at 7:30 p.m.

Amend and/or Adopt Agenda

Mr. Bemiss made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Hansford seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Superintendent's Reports

Dr. Knott updated the Board on the building usage fees and the relationship with the Clarksville Parks Department. She stated the current agreement shows no building usage fee but the payment of custodial fees has been unclear. She asked the Board to clarify. Mr. Wilson said CCSC has never charged the Parks Department for custodial fees but that the language should be added into the reciprocal agreement. Board members said if other groups in the future ask for waived fees they will have to show what benefit they offer to CCSC.

Dr. Knott reported that the 2016-2017 Coop Agreement is being reviewed by CCSC Counsel.

Dr. Knott reported that the district is in process of looking at health insurance options as renewal approaches in January. She said she is investigating the advantages of a new Agent of Record. She noted this is in exploratory stages and involves no fees.

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Dr. Knott said it was a great start to the school year despite the teacher shortage. She commended the fifth grade teachers for stepping up and helping with the shortage at the start of school.

Comments

C. E. A. Communications: Ms. Janet Wagner said the opening breakfast was very motivational and uplifting. She said she is happy to have the open positions filled and noted the teachers did what was best for the kids at the start of school. She said she was happy to be part of the insurance meeting and thanked Dr. Knott for the invite.

There were no comments from citizens.

Comments from Board Members: Mr. Bramer congratulated everyone on a great first few days of school. Mr. Wacker said things are off to a great start. He said he appreciated the fifth grade teachers for stepping up and helping. Mr. Bemiss said the fifth grade situation of teachers stepping up to help shows the level of leadership at Clarksville Middle School. Mr. Wilson warned that the shortage is only going to get worse. He said it has to do with legislation and that fewer people are going into education. He noted that it is not just in CCSC but everywhere.

Renaissance Academy Update

Dr. Knott introduced Dr. Brian Allred, Director of Renaissance Academy to update the board. He said currently 131 learners are enrolled from ninth to eleventh grades, 43% are from out of district. The learners enrolled say there is a positive culture at the school. Five learners talked about their experiences. They discussed projects and ideas, how it helps them build leadership skills and the real world experience they are getting. Dr. Allred named several consistent academic partners and consultants. He also discussed several new partnerships. Dr. Allred said moving ahead there is increased emphasis on project rigor and more promotion from within.

Mr. Bemiss said the learners' presentations were outstanding. Mr. Bramer suggested having a booth available at events around town. Mr. Wilson asked how much dual credit is currently available. Dr. Allred reported that there are more than 20 hours in Speech, Fine Arts, English, Pre-Calculus, Chemistry, World Language and U.S. History. Mr. Bramer asked if there has been feedback from learners who left RA. Dr. Allred said some reported the New Tech model is not for them, that they missed books and their friends.

Special Education Coop Update

Dr. Knott updated the Board on the Special Education Coop. She said Greater Clark and West Clark have notified CCSC that they want to leave. She outlined the costs for Special Education and said CCSC has several options including possibly joining another Coop. Some Board Members said they didn't think we need to vote to leave, adding that it is a moot point. Mr. Bramer questioned if we don't vote to leave could we get stuck with anything as the remaining member.

2017 Budget Update

Dr. Knott updated the Board on the 2017 Budget. She noted that there could be an increase to the CCSC circuit breaker caps in this budget. She noted this increase could wipe out transportation and capital projects levies in 2017, and the district has no control over this impact.

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New Bond Project for 2016

Dr. Knott updated the Board on the new bond project for 2016. She shared that the estimated impact to taxpayers, pending final assessed valuations and financing options approved, ranges from \$.77 to \$.91.

Gifted and Talented Grant Update

Dr. Knott updated the Board about the Gifted and Talented Grant, showing that the grant is not a simple as "filling out a form" as board members previously were told by individuals in Indianapolis. She also shared the lengthy application process with the Board.

Administrative and Classified Statement of Benefits

Dr. Knott reviewed the Administrative and Classified Statement of Benefits. She noted they are mostly the same as previous years except a few employees may fall within the new overtime law threshold. She suggested Board Members ask questions if they had any before next week.

Review of Fiscal ECA Reports and Bonding of School Treasurers

Dr. Knott asked the Board to review the Fiscal ECA Reports and Bonding of School Treasurers. This is required for the internal controls process.

Fund Raising Requests


Dr. Knott discussed 2 fund raising requests.

2016/2017 Non-Resident Student Transfer Applications


Dr. Knott discussed 52 new Non-Resident Student Transfer Applications for the 2016/2017 school year. Dr. Knott said she hoped to have enrollment numbers soon.

Adjourn


With no further business to discuss, Mr. Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.




William P. Wilson, President



James H. Bemiss, Vice President



Justin Hansford, Member



Andy Bramer, Member