

NORTH PUTNAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

JUNE 18, 2009 MINUTES

NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTH MEETING

The members of the Board of School Trustees of the North Putnam Community School Corporation held their Nine Hundred Sixty-Seventh (967) Meeting, Regular Session, on Thursday, June 18, 2009, 7:00 P.M. at North Putnam Community School Corporation, Administration Office, 300 North Washington Street, Bainbridge, Indiana.

Board members present: Debra Sillery
 Mark Fordice
 Andy Beck
 Charlie Boller
 Jon Buser
 Dale McGaughey

Board members absent: Carl Blau

Superintendent present: Murray F. Pride

Administrative Assistant present: Kevin Emsweller

Attorney present: Gene Hostetter

President Debbie Sillery called the meeting to order at 7: 10 P.M.

President Sillery stated that this would be Mr. Pride’s last meeting as Superintendent and thanked him for the past 15 years of service to the school corporation. She encouraged everyone to attend the open house in his honor at the middle school on June 27 from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Superintendent Pride expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the students, parents, patrons, staff and Board members for the past 15 years. He stated that he has been surrounded by good people and everything that was done over the past 15 years was a team effort. He looks forward to being able to support the school system in the future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Sillery asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes.

Mark Fordice motioned to approve the following School Board minutes.

- A. Executive Meeting May 21, 2009 (Before & After the Meeting)
- B. 965th Regular Session Meeting, May 21, 2009
- C. 966th Special Session Meeting, June 4, 2009

Charlie Boller seconded the motion and it carried with a 5 – 0 vote, with Mr. McGaughey abstaining.

COMMENTS FROM PATRONS AND STAFF:

President Sillery asked if there were any comments from the patrons or staff.

Mr. Zerker stated that summer school was off to a great start.

Ms. Sillery stated that Dr. Lovejoy was present at the meeting and that they had toured the buildings. Ms Sillery requested that the school administrators keep Dr. Lovejoy and the Board members informed of the summer activities planned in their buildings.

OLD BUSINESS

None

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Pride stated that the financial reports and technology report were included in the Board packets.

Superintendent Pride stated that the information on the stimulus package has remained much the same. North Putnam Community School Corporation is currently completing applications for special education, pre-school and Title I funds. These grant applications will be filed with the Indiana Department of Education in the next few days, and updates and approvals should be available for the next Board meeting.

Superintendent Pride stated that all the exchange documents for the land swap with the Nature Conservancy have been signed, and Mr. Hostetter has written his legal opinion. A closing date is currently being established.

Superintendent Pride shared information received on the 1782 Budget Order (information attached hereto). He stated that the tax rate is 0.7057. He also stated that the revenue projections are very conservative. He is currently making adjustments in funds and hopes to get things in line before the end of June. The Budget meeting has not yet been scheduled and is usually sometime in July.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

President Sillery asked if there were any comments or concerns to be brought before the Board.

Andy Beck stated that the North Putnam Alumni Association has met and will have a booth at the Putnam County Fair, where North Putnam Community School Corporation graduates can join for a \$10.00 fee. The funds will go to a scholarship fund.

Mr. Beck also stated that the Discussion Committee called a special meeting to discuss possible ways to include parent/teacher conferences in the 2009-2010 school calendar. Mr. Pride stated that the teachers

were in favor of including the parent/teacher days in the 2009-2010 school calendar. State Superintendent, Dr. Bennett, informed Mr. Pride that the legislature will not allow half days to be counted as instructional days as they were in the past.

Charlie Boller asked how many students who signed up for summer school are actually attending. Terry Tippin replied that 65 students registered and 62 are attending. He further stated that he feels the Rural Transit System is helping get these students to school.

Ms. Sillery extended sympathy to the family of the former Old National Trail Director, Carolyn Davidson, who was recently killed in a tragic automobile accident.

Ms. Sillery asked that Don Lytle tell the custodians how much the Board appreciates the work they are currently doing in an effort to get the buildings ready for the next school year.

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Pride requested permission to advertise for the corporation insurance package. He stated that our current coverage, which ends August 30, covers liability, auto, errors & omissions and worker compensation.

Dale McGaughey motioned to grant permission to advertise for the corporation insurance package as requested by Superintendent Pride. Andy Beck seconded the motion and it carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

Superintendent Pride requested permission to hire personnel between board meetings. He stressed the importance of filling vacancies as quickly as possible, allowing Dr. Lovejoy to be able to send intend-to-employ letters stating the board has given her authority to hire personnel between board meetings.

Andy Beck motioned to grant permission to hire personnel between board meetings as requested by Superintendent Pride. Mark Fordice seconded the motion and it carried with a 6 – 0 vote

Superintendent Pride recommended the temporary loan bid for up to \$3,000,000.00 from Tri-County Bank at 2.14% be accepted. Tri-County Bank was the only bank to submit a bid for the loan that will mature on December 31, 2009 or when the December tax settlements come, whichever is later. He also recommended approval of the Tax Anticipation Warrant and Resolution Authorizing the Temporary Loan.

After discussion Dale McGaughey motioned to accept the temporary loan bid for up to \$3,000,000.00 at 2.14% from Tri-County Bank, the Tax Anticipation Warrant and Resolution Authorizing the Temporary Loan as recommended by Superintendent Pride. Jon Buser seconded the motion and it carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

Superintendent Pride recommended approval of the coaching handbook as presented (attached hereto).

Mark Fordice motioned to approve the coaching handbook as recommended by Superintendent Pride. Charlie Boller seconded the motion and it carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

Superintendent Pride recommended the approval of the 2009-2010 salary schedule for ECA. He stated that a committee of 12 individuals worked on deleting and adding positions (schedule attached hereto).

Mark Fordice motioned to approve the 2009-2010 deletions and additions to the salary schedule for the ECA. Dale McGaughey seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 5 - 1 (1 nay-Andy Beck)

Superintendent Pride recommended approval that the Fundamentals of Agricultural Science and Business Class be offered in the 8th grade and that students be allowed to earn high school credit for the course. This would allow students two years of dual credit classes while in high school, and North Putnam Community School Corporation would receive additional federal funds for each student enrolled in the class.

Mark Fordice motioned to approve the Fundamentals of Agricultural Science and Business class be offered in the 8th grade and that students be allowed to earn high school credit. Charlie Boller seconded the motion and it carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

Superintendent Pride recommended approval of textbook rental and student fees for the 2009-2010 school year (lists attached hereto). Administrative Assistant Kevin Emsweller stated that the biggest change in fees is due to the cost of the newly adopted Social Studies textbooks approved at the May meeting.

Jon Buser motioned to approve the textbook rental and student fees for the 2009-2010 school year as recommended by Superintendent Pride. Mark Fordice seconded the motion with a 6 – 0 vote.

Superintendent Pride recommended approval of the bids for cafeteria products as follows:

Bread & Bun Bid:	Aunt Millie’s Bakeries
Milk Products	Prairie Farms
Commodity Foods	McFarling Foods
(chicken, beef, pork, cheese)	
Supplies/WCIESC	Fox River Foods
(grocery, frozen, meat, supplies)	

Dale McGaughey motioned to approve the bids for cafeteria products as recommended by Superintendent Pride. Jon Buser seconded the motion and it carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

Superintendent Pride recommended approval of cafeteria meal prices for the 2009-2010 school year. They will remain the same as last year.

Lunch Prices		Breakfast Prices	
High School	\$2.25	All Schools	\$1.25
Middle School	\$2.25	Adults	\$1.65
Bainbridge	\$2.15	Reduced	\$.30
Roachdale	\$2.15		
Adults	\$3.10		
Reduced	\$.40		

Charlie Boller motioned to approve the cafeteria meal prices for the 2009-2010 school year as recommended by Superintendent Pride. Mark Fordice seconded the motion and it carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

Superintendent Pride requested permission to use instructional assistants to meet ratios in the early learning classrooms, grades K-3 (formerly Primetime).

Andy Beck motioned to grant permission to use instructional assistants to meet ratios in the early learning classrooms as recommended by Superintendent Pride. Mark Fordice seconded the motion and it carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

Superintendent Pride recommended approval of the Roachdale PTO fund raiser for next fall. They will be selling trash bags, and the fund raiser will not conflict with the fund raisers at Bainbridge or the Middle School. There will be no door-to-door or internet sales.

Mark Fordice motioned to approve the Roachdale PTO fund raiser as recommended by Superintendent Pride. Charlie Boller seconded the motion and it carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

PERSONNEL

Superintendent Pride recommended the following certified staff personnel items:

A. Certified Staff:

1. Maternity Leave of Absence:

- a. Hilary Vaughan Roachdale Elementary
Teacher
Effective approximately Nov. 2, 2009, returning
March 1, 2010 (as per the contract)

2. Employment:

- a. Nancy Dickerson High School
Summer School English
Replaces Monique Fields, who is
unavailable to teach this summer

- b. Sandy McDaniels Bainbridge Elementary
Teacher, Title I
New Position
Effective beginning of 2009/10 School Year

3. Transfer:

- a. Jill Schreiber From: MS Instructional Assistant-Half Time
To: HS Health Teacher-Half Time
(Mrs. Schreiber will remain as Half Time PE
Teacher at Roachdale Elementary)

Andy Beck motioned to approve the above certified staff personnel as recommended by Superintendent Pride. Mark Fordice seconded the motion and it carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

Superintendent Pride recommended the following support staff personnel items:

A. Support Staff:

1. Resignation:

- a. Kathy Winslow Middle School
Instructional Assistant
Effective June 2, 2009
- b. Jean Badten High School
Secretary
Effective June 7, 2009
- c. Mendy Shrout Corporation Office
Payroll Clerk
Effective June 26, 2009

2. Transfer:

- a. Melissa Butcher Transportation
From: Bus Aide
To: Bus Driver
Effective beginning of 2009/10 school year
- b. Pam Sinnett Middle School
From: Old National Trail Instructional Assistant
To: North Putnam Instructional Assistant
Effective beginning of the 2009/10 school year

3. Employment:

- a. Naomi Davis &
- b. Forest Humbles Jr. Transportation
Bus Drivers
Effective beginning of 2009/10 school year

Andy Beck motioned to approve the above support staff personnel as recommended by Superintendent Pride. Mark Fordice seconded the motion and it carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

Superintendent Pride recommended the follow Extra-Curricular Staff personnel items:

A. Extra-Curricular Staff:

1. Employment:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Jon Buser moved for adjournment of the Nine Hundred Sixty-Seventh (967) meeting at 7:45 P.M. Dale McGaughey seconded the motion carried with a 6 – 0 vote

Debra Sillery, President

Jon Buser, Member

Carl Blau, Vice-President

Charlie Boller, Member

Mark Fordice, Secretary

Dale A. McGaughey, Member

Andrew Beck, Member