

CENTRAL NOBLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 7:00PM

Wolf Lake Elementary Library

1283 South Main Street, Wolf Lake, IN 46796

Board President Rodney Stayner called the April 21, 2015 school board meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Board Members present: John Fitzpatrick, Jackie Knafel and Chris Brazel.
Board Member John McGill was unable to attend.

Superintendent Chris Daughtry, corporation secretary Stacey Kline, Wolf Lake Elementary principal Troy Gaff, Albion Elementary principal Shannon Gleason, Jr./Sr. High principal Geoff Brose, assistant principal Jeff Harper and assistant principal Shawn Hoover were also in attendance.

There was a large turnout from the staff and public.

Presentation of the Wolf Lake Music Department

Students from the music department performed for the board. The choir, recorder and ukulele performances were very well done.

Regular Board Business

Mr. Fitz moved, seconded by Mr. Brazel to approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2015 Board Meeting.
The motion passed, 4-0.

Ms. Knafel moved, seconded by Mr. Brazel to approve the Accounts Payable Vouchers from the period March 18, 2015-April 21, 2015.
The motion passed, 4-0.

Mr. Brazel moved, seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick to approve the Pay Affidavits for the Construction Project.
The motion passed, 4-0.

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, seconded by Mr. Brazel to approve the proposed 2015-2016 School Calendar.
The motion passed, 4-0.

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Patron Comments

There was no comment from the public.

Mr. Brazel moved, seconded by Mrs. Knafel to approve the following:

Recommendation for Employment

- Hazel Tracy, Long Term sub for Megan Eash's leave of absence.

Request for Leave of Absence

- Brian Wesson, on or around May 11, 2015, to return June 1st, 2015.

Request for Continued Job Share

- Jamie Yates and Brittany Stump currently share the Albion Elementary 1st grade teaching position. They would like this to continue for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Brazel noted that the summary of proposed Job Share was nicely put together and very informative.

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Mr. Brazel moved, seconded by Mrs. Knafel to approve the following:

Request for School Bus Use

- KiPS summer program-This is an annual partnership program with the Noble County Library. Central Noble will provide transportation for the program. KiPS will be Wednesdays from June 10-August 5, 2015.
- Trinity Day Care –May 6th to Merry Lea.

Request to travel Out of State and Overnight

- Band, Theater and Choir –Travel to Indianapolis May 3-4, 2015.
- Archery Team –Travel to Louisville, KY May 7-9, 2015.
- Destination Imagination – May 19-May 24, Knoxville, TN for DI Globals.

Request for Use of Facility

- Chain O' Lakes Festival –June 13, 2015. They are requesting the use of the Albion Campus parking lots.
- Albion Community Theater –June 13-Aug 2 (dates attached). ACT is requesting waived rental fees.
- LEAP of Noble County, use of Albion Elementary Classrooms as needed.

The motion passed, 4-0.

Request for Purchase of Buses

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, seconded by Mr. Brazel to approve:

- Purchase of two new school buses from Kerlin Bus. Kerlin is once again extending their quote of \$82,739.00 per bus. Traditionally, Central Noble has replaced two buses per year. The trade-in amounts have yet to be determined.

The motion passed, 4-0.

Request Permission for RFP for Food Service Contract

Mrs. Knafel moved, seconded by Mr. Brazel to approve:

- Request for Proposals for the Food Service Contract.
It was noted that there have been issues with compatibility with PowerSchool and Meal Magic.

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A Q&A document is attached.

Superintendent's Report

Modification of School Day

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, seconded by Mrs. Knafel to modify the school day to 7:50-3:20 to make up two school days. The change will be effective April 27, 2015. School will end on June 2, 2015.
The motion passed, 4-0.

Central Noble Jr./Sr. High School Building Project Update

The Jr/Sr offices should be moved in by April 30th. There are still punch list items that will continue to be worked on into the summer. The gym ground layer still is affected by the winter weather. Contingency money and completion percentage is on track.

Update on Fiber at Wolf Lake

Maplenet Wireless will do a buyback of the recently installed tower, however their price is not sufficient. Chris and James will look at other companies.
If there were 100MB of Fiber, it would be a \$600/month increase on top of what we currently pay. If there were a 200MB increase for the district, there would be a \$3,000/month increase.

Next board meeting:

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Administrative Office, in the Board Room.

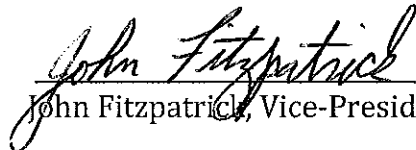
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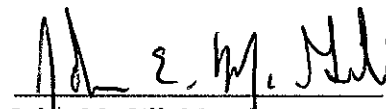
The next regular meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administrative Office, in the Board Room

Mr. Stayner closed the meeting at 9:15pm.


Rodney Stayner, President


John Fitzpatrick, Vice-President


Jackie Knafel, Secretary


John McGill, Member


Chris Brazel, Member

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Q: What is the cost?

A: The finance committee will receive that information.

Q: What is the timeline?

A: By August of 2015, to roll out the 15-16 school year. Apple has a different start up.

Q: Will all programs now in existence convert?

A: Most will windows based programs will not. Project Lead the Way, CAD, etc. do not have Apple capabilities at this time.

Q: What was the result of the Bright Bytes survey?

A: It is on file with the Superintendent.

Q: What is the buyback plan?

A: Currently, there are no buyback vendors for Windows based computers. There is an Apple vendor, however.

Q: What if we cannot go 1:1 K-12? Where do we cut from first?

A: We need to look at State requirements. If we do not go 1:1, we will have to have labs in the schools. We need to look where the testing is needed.

Q: Where does the funding come from? Going 1:1 is not the issues. It's the cost, and where will we have to cut from other places in the budget to make it happen. We have carpets to replace, roofs to repair, etc.

A: One way or the other, we are not off the hook. iPads won't work.

Q: It seems that we have waited until our labs are no longer functioning to present this. Why is this?

A: We had a tech plan a few years ago, and there has been planning. There has been Capitol Project outlay and textbook rental. We have to look at how to pay the 30% of the Free/Reduced student fees.

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Q: What will we do with the iPads we currently have? Can we use them for the elementary?

A: The majority of them we cannot add new accounts to. We can revoke them according to the new information, but 4 to 5 years from now, the apps won't work. We are looking at a 3 year replacement plan for the new devices.

Q: If someone is willing to buy a refurbished device, why isn't that good enough for our younger students?

Q: The iPads that we purchased were damaged more than anticipated or budgeted for. How are we preparing for damage to new devices?

A: We haven't talked protection for devices that we don't know if we are getting. There is a 4-year Apple Care plan. We plan on leasing the devices, which Apple will buy back after 4 years for \$1/device.

Q: Why the separation? Why not purchase the same device for K-12?

A: The K-5 do not need something that hearty. Currently the elementaries have new mac labs.

Q: I have top quality children, and I want the best for them.

A: We all want the best, but we need to know what we can afford. We've spent \$600K-\$700K on iPads alone in the past 4 years.

Q: What about training parents? It's great that the students can bring the devices home, but what if the parents don't know how to use them?

A: There will be parent training.

Q: Are the programs compatible with our vocational programs?

A: All programs but CAD work on Apple.

Jeff Harper, Jr/Sr High School Assistant Principal addressed the following:

As far as costs, we have the initial cost information to pass to the finance committee. It will be up to the finance committee to determine if this is something we can financially do.

Chris Brazel, Board Member addressed the following:

Someone from the Curriculum Committee will need to meet with the Finance Committee regarding costs. I would like to see not just Option A, but Option B and C as well as 3 year roll out process. Is this the most cost effective way to 1:1?

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James Swihart, Technology Director addressed the following:

In regards to repair, we will be sending the devices back to Apple. We have also looked at becoming Apple Certified Technicians, so we can use certified Apple products, and receive a technician fee for repairs. We also have looked at the possibility of adding hours to the two 6 hour technology assistant positions we currently have.

Geoff Brose, Jr/Sr High School Principal addressed the following:

The current labs have trouble turning on. We had to put two mini mac labs for APEX due to current computers not working. With additional testing, we may need to add another lab, for a total of 4 labs. With our current labs, we have a lot of issues, and have to call the Tech Team frequently.