

NORTH MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 23, 2017
6:00 p.m.

The North Montgomery Board of School Trustees met at the Central Administration Office, 480 W 580 N, Crawfordsville, Indiana. Representing the Administration was Superintendent Dr. Colleen Moran and Director of Business & Transportation, Jim McBee. Members present: Gary Bohlander, Jess Cain, Kathy Crawford, Terresa Hatke, Karin Odle, and Michael Shepherd. Member absent: Gerald Hole.

REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Shepherd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Odle made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Cain made a second to the motion and the motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Moran introduced Mr. Beckett Martin as the Honorary Board member.
2. Dr. Moran introduced Mr. Anthony Tharp, Principal of Pleasant Hill Elementary. Mr. Tharp presented the Board a PowerPoint presentation on PBIS and the current steps with that project along with their partnership with the Purdue Extension Office.
3. Dr. Moran asked the Board to restore policy 9125 Public Comment as presented.

Mrs. Odle made a motion to restore policy 9125 Public Comment as presented. Mrs. Hatke made a second to the motion and the motion passed. Mrs. Crawford voted nay. Mrs. Crawford read a prepared statement that the policy is designed to silence the voice of parents and voters we are elected to represent. Mrs. Crawford supports at the end of each meeting, the opportunity for parents and voters to request to address the Board at the next meeting identifying their topic. Dr. Moran gave the history of the policy that was put into place over 15 years ago and has served the Board well. Mr. Shepherd responded by saying that we are not here to govern the staff's ability and should follow the chain of command in addressing issues. Mr. Cain asked about whom or where are these angry parents? Dr. Moran asked past presidents and current president if they have received a phone call from any parents/patrons who wanted to be placed on the Board agenda and they all responded by saying no. Mrs. Crawford responded by saying that the opportunity should be given at the current Board meeting for a person to request to be put on the next Board meeting and give the topic. Mr. Bohlander responded that the current and proposed policy has the provision to call the Board President and asked to be put on the next Board agenda if the item pertains to the School Corporation and is pertinent. Mr. Bohlander also responded by saying that the Board should have the right to give the item a place on the next agenda or not. Mrs. Crawford responded by saying that they would need to submit their request to the Board. Mr. Shepherd responded by saying that the policy has been set up that way. Mrs. Crawford then asked Dr. Moran to read the policy in its entirety to the Board. Mr. Bohlander reiterated that the policy has been set up that way. Mrs. Crawford provided a topic unrelated to the policy. Mrs. Crawford also explained that this issue or other issues could be asked to be put on the agenda at the end of a Board meeting for the next Board meeting to discuss. Dr. Moran once again explained that those types of requests in a public meeting are not appropriate and the current and proposed policy outlines the steps to take to be put on the agenda. Dr. Moran explained that we have the protocol for the taxpayer/patron to call the Board President and request for their item to be considered to be placed on the agenda.

4. Dr. Moran tabled the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) update to be given at a later Board meeting to the Board.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS & TRANSPORTATION REPORT

1. Mr. McBee updated the Board on the future facilities planning. Mr. McBee acknowledged that these improvements would make the facilities safer and improve the learning environment.

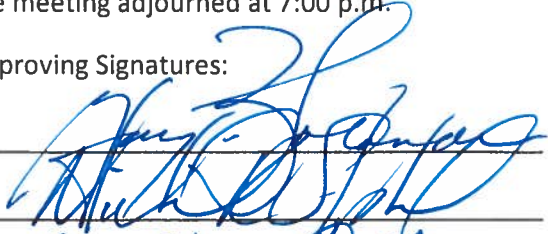
OTHER BUSINESS


1. None.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Mrs. Odle made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Hatke gave a second to the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Approving Signatures:





Karin Odle

Kathy Crawford

