

Central Nine Career Center

Governing Board Meeting

Beech Grove City Schools Administration Building - 5340 Hornet Avenue, Beech Grove, Indiana 46107
Thursday, February 25, 2016
5:45pm

Present: Mrs. Carol Tumey, Center Grove Community School Corporation; Mr. Greg Waltz, Nineveh Hensley Jackson United School Corporation; Mrs. Gwen Freeman, MSD Perry Township; Mrs. Beatrice Dunn, Clark-Pleasant Community School Corporation; Ms. Dawn Downer, Franklin Township Community School Corporation; Mr. Michael Metzger, Greenwood Community School Corporation

Absent: Mrs. Cindy Payton, Business Manager, Central Nine Career Center; Ms. Beth Prindle, Beech Grove City Schools; Ray Basile, Legal Counsel; Bill Maschmeyer, Franklin Community School Corporation; Dr. David Edds, Director, Central Nine Career Center

1 Pledge and Welcome

Mr. Greg Waltz, President

Mission Statement: We provide the necessary facilities, appropriate equipment, technological instruction and learning environment relevant to business and industrial needs in order to enhance student success.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:47 P.M. by Greg Waltz, President.

Attendance:

Greg Waltz, President

Gwen Freeman, Vice President / Acting Secretary

Carol Tumey

Dawn Downer

Mike Metzger

The pledge of allegiance was led by Greg Waltz. There were approximately 20 members of the public in attendance, instructors and students.

2 Items of Action - ACTION

Mr. Greg Waltz, President

2.1 Consideration of the Principal's Contract

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Mr. Waltz then advised the board members, per Dr. Edds, Lawrence Courtney had resigned earlier that afternoon. The board chose to continue the agenda for the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwen Freeman for the non-renewal of the Central Nine Principal contract at the end of the school year. The motion was seconded by Dawn Downer.

There was no discussion by the board, and Mr. Waltz called for the vote. The vote was 4 yes votes and 1 no vote.

3 Board Member Comments

Minutes

There were no comments by board members.

4 Public Comments

Minutes

The public then was asked for comments:

Clint Smith was first to talk. He noted he heard Mr. Courtney's job might be in jeopardy, and he confirmed that with Mr. Courtney. He later discovered the contract was going to be "eliminated". He stated he did not know the details, or have a lot of information. He was going to talk at the next board meeting, and learned of the special meeting today. He stated that right now is the best environment since working at C-9 (approximately 3 years). Morale is high, and a very small amount of "drama" occurs. He talked to Dr. Edds to see if it was okay to say something on Lawrence Courtney's behalf. He said Mr. Courtney was not perfect, and he is not perfect. C-9 gets better and better with Mr. Courtney there. Mr. Courtney may be "flawed", but is exactly what they (the students) need. He noted Mr. Courtney knows everyone by name. Mr. Smith then read two of five letters from instructors (attached). Mr. Smith closed with the statement that C-9 needs someone like Mr. Courtney to keep things, the culture, the same as these last years.

Lisa Pfeiffer then spoke. She introduced herself as an instructor, a student that went through C-9, as well as her husband and children attended C-9. She stated she does not know anyone that has done more work than Mr. Courtney for the students.

Next, Roger Fields spoke. He is a first year teacher, and he noted that one thing that defines Mr. Courtney is energy. He got close to the kids.

Mr. Waltz then noted that if the board so chooses, Mr. Courtney could be hired for another position at another time. He stated he understands not knowing all the information is difficult, but by law we cannot discuss the details, even if he was doing the best job in the world.

5 Adjournment

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Motion to adjourn was made by Gwen Freeman, and Mr. Waltz adjourned the meeting at 6:01 P.M.

Greg Waltz, President

Date

Beatrice Dunn, Secretary

Date