

Central Nine Career Center Governing Board Meeting

James Hixson Board Room
Thursday, November 10, 2011
7:00pm

Present: Stephen Hagen; Cindy Payton; Sherene Donaldson; Mr. Chris Wood, Franklin Township Community School Corporation; Mr. Steve Moan, Greenwood Community School Corporation; Ms. Gwen Freeman, MSD Perry Township; Mrs. Carol Tumey, Center Grove Community School Corporation; Howard Young, Clark Pleasant Community School Corporation; Mr. Greg Waltz, Nineveh Hensley Jackson United School Corporation; Mr. Bill Maschmeyer, Franklin Community School Corporation; Stan Wilkison

Absent: Ms. Beth Prindle, Beech Grove City Schools

1 Pledge and Welcome

Mr. Chris Wood

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 by Chris Wood, President at 7:08 p.m. Mr. Wood led the pledge of allegiance, cited the mission statement and welcomed everyone.

Carol Tumey arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Bill Maschmeyer arrived at 7:25 p.m.

2 Request for Additions or Amendments to Agenda

Minutes


Dr. Hagen informed the Board that there were no additions or amendments to the agenda. Dr. Hagen suggested that because two of the members of the Board would be arriving late, that they move to the informational portion of the agenda. It was the consensus of the Board to begin the meeting with the Director's Comments and Items of Information.

3 Approve Consent Agenda Items - ACTION

3.1 Financial Report and Claims

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 [Financial.2.PDF](#)

 [Financial.3.PDF](#)

Minutes

Gwen Freeman moved to approve Consent Agenda Items. Greg Waltz seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

3.2 Personnel Recommendations

 [11-4-11 Personnel.pdf](#)

3.3 Approval of October 13, 2011 Minutes

 [minutes.10.13.11.pdf](#)

3.4 Donations



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4 Items of Action - ACTION

4.1 2012-2013 School Calendar

Dr. Hagen



[2012.2013 Calendar Draft 11.4.11.pdf](#)



[Balanced Calendar.pptx](#)

Minutes

Dr. Hagen presented a PowerPoint to make the case for a calendar he believes to be in the best interest of all Central Nine students given the fact that dramatic changes are being considered and made by local boards. He asked the Board to consider this proposal as a member of a cooperative. He noted that a decision one way or the other on moving to a balanced calendar will be strongly considered by at least 3 of the districts that are still taking input.

Steve Moan explained that this calendar is very similar to the calendar that is being looked at by J. Everett Light Career Center. Mr. Moan also stated that he believes that the balanced calendar is the direction that Greenwood is going. Carol Tumey confirmed that Center Grove is starting to get input from the community on their stance of the balanced calendar. Bill Maschmeyer explained that Franklin Community has already approved their calendar for 2012-2013 and are taking the stance of being reactive in regards to the balanced calendar. Chris Wood stated that Franklin Township is still surveying their community and staff but believes that they will ultimately go balanced. Greg Waltz said that NJH is looking at surveying the community but will not act until the survey is complete. Mr. Waltz stated that he would not be voting in favor of the calendar this evening. Gwen Freeman stated that it is on for Monday's vote at MSD Perry Township and she assumes that it will pass. Dr. Hagen noted that the fall is a crucial time for teachers and students; more so than the spring typically. He has assurance from most superintendents that students will be expected to come to C-9 when we are in session, especially in the fall. Making students come during their fall and spring break could be very detrimental to enrollment.

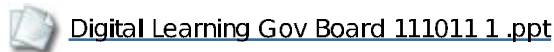
Mr. Wood stated that before a motion or vote was made, he would like to open up the floor for discussion on the subject. Discussion continued about 1. how difficult it will be to work around 6 or even up to 8 significantly different calendars, 2. the realities of a community's resistance to change sometimes, 3. being pro-active or re-active, 4. board members' role in representing their local boards, 5. the ability of a Board to alter a calendar as needed, 6. the need to establish a calendar since students will soon be enrolling and this may weigh in their decision, and 7. how unfortunate it is to be moving away from cooperatively-determined calendars.

Dr. Hagen assured the group that our teachers have always had to work with differences in arrival times, departure times, leave dates and dramatic interruptions of plans. They are continually asked to provide individualized and small group learning experiences. Steve Moan echoed these sentiments as a teacher who works in a similar situation.

Chris Wood stated that he appreciated Dr. Hagen's effort to be proactive instead of reactive to the calendar issue.

Further discussion ensued about a different start date, whether or not Perry and Franklin Townships approve their calendars, and a need for additional time to consider the array of dynamics involved.

Gwen Freeman moved to table the item with the understanding that they will be asked to approve a calendar at the December 8, 2011 Board Meeting. She stated that she is very concerned with the major differences with the balanced and traditional calendars and their affect on Central Nine. Bill Machmeyer seconded the motion to table until the December 8, 2011 Board Meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

**Minutes**

Dr. Hagen explained that he had presented the concept of Digital Learning to the Board at the September, 2011 Governing Board Meeting. Dr. Hagen shared promotional flyers on the Digital Learning program. He stated that he is requesting approval to offer the Digital Learning class to Central Nine Students. If approved, he stated that the concept will be presented at the November 30, 2011 Prospective Student Open House. He shared that Ms. Donaldson and Mr. Wilkison had attended a Virtual Schools Symposium on November 10, 2011.

Ms. Donaldson shared that the virtual academic courses will be offered to our students through a partnership with Ivy Tech Community College. She said that we will be targeting junior and senior students that are in good standing and plan to seek Core 40, Technical Honors, and Academic Honors Diplomas. The emphasis of the Online at Central Nine Program will be on the attainment of Technical Honors Diplomas. This program will also provide students who would not have been able to attend Central Nine due to schedule conflicts or who are in need of advanced academic classes that are offered on a limited basis at their home school.

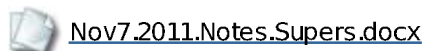
Ms. Donaldson is hopeful that by offering these virtual courses, students will have fewer barriers preventing them from attending Central Nine. This program has the potential to significantly increase enrollment in the coming years. She explained that students will have the potential to earn dual college credits for these academic credits.

It was asked by the Board if the students who take these courses will lose affiliation with their home school. Ms. Donaldson assured them that by taking the courses they would not lose the affiliation with their home school since the students will still be enrolled at their home school. It was also asked if she had researched various platforms for offering virtual learning. Ms. Donaldson said that the classes will mainly be offered online through Ivy Tech Community College as well as the Indiana Online Academy. The academic needs of the students will determine which platform will be used (e.g. Athletics).

The cost of the program was discussed and Dr. Hagen said that he is currently negotiating the prices with Ivy Tech but believes that the worst case scenario may be \$100 per credit hour. Dr. Hagen assured the Board that he would not offer the courses if the cost is too much and that he plans to keep the dollars separate from Central Nine.

Mr. Wilkison added that the digital learning program aligns with the Mission of Central Nine Career Center.

Howard Young moved to approve offering Digital Learning (Virtual Academic Plan) Carol Tumey seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

5 Director's Comments and Items of Information**Dr. Hagen****5.1 Superintendent Advisory Council Notes****Minutes**

Dr. Hagen presented the Board with the monthly Superintendent Advisory Council Notes.

5.2 Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalist**Minutes**

Dr. Hagen explained that his recommendation for Teacher of The Year was Mr. Tom Jacobs, Graphic Imaging Technology Instructor. He was proud to announce that Mr. Jacobs had been named as a semi-finalist among those nominated as Teacher of the Year. He explained that Tom was a student here in then Printing Technology program and returned to teacher here. He has earned several awards, served on several committees

and is highly regarded by his peers, students and colleagues. Dr. Hagen said that Mr. Jacobs is the kind of individual that you cherish in a teacher and the Board should be proud to have on staff. Mr. Greg Waltz explained that he knew Mr. Jacobs in high school and he displayed all of the same qualities. Mr. Jacobs will be honored at a banquet that will be held on Monday, November 14, 2011.


The Board asked that Dr. Hagen extend their sincere congratulations to Tom Jacobs.

5.3 Teacher Evaluations

Minutes

Dr. Hagen explained that the law had changed on Teacher Evaluations. Ms. Donaldson is leading the administration in this initiative. She has met several times with the teachers in regards to the new process. The Board will be receiving a proposal for Central Nine's own evaluation tool. The committee believes that a better evaluation tool can be created for our teachers than the one proposed by the State. He explained that a consultant through Success Practices Network (SPN) is also working on the evaluation tool.

5.4 Student of the Month

 [SOM November.pdf](#)

Minutes

The Board was presented with the Students of the Month for November, 2011.

5.5 Safe Halloween Update

Minutes


Mrs. Showalter gave the Board an update on the success of the 4th Annual Safe Halloween. She stated that approximately 4,500 people attended the event. She thanked everyone for their help and support.

5.6 Centralizer

Minutes

The Board was given the current issue of the Centralizer. Dr. Hagen encouraged the Board to read the publication and stated that he was very proud of our students.


5.7 High School Division Update

 [HS Monthly Report November.pdf](#)

Minutes

The Board was presented with the monthly High School Division Update.

5.8 Adult Education Division Update

 [AE Monthly Report November.pdf](#)

Minutes

The Board was presented with the monthly Adult Education Division Update.

5.9 Upcoming Events

- November 24-25, 2011 Thanksgiving Vacation
- November 30, 2011 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Prospective Student Open House
- December 20, 2011 Holiday Break for Students at End of Day
- December 21, 2011 1/2 Teacher In-Service Day (AM)
- January 3, 2012 Teacher In-Service Day
- January 4, 2012 Classes Resume
- January 16, 2012 Martin Luther King Day - No School
- February 20, 2012 Presidents' Day - No School

- March 8, 2012 Governing Board Banquet

6 Board Member Comments

Minutes

Bill Maschmeyer informed the Board that he had met with Dr. Hagen, Dan Everett, Building Trades Instructor, Eric Fredbeck, Attorney, and Steve Baker, president of Building Trades, Inc. He stated that they discussed if Building Trades, Inc. should operate as a separate entity or as part of Central Nine Career Center. Dr. Hagen expressed that he was concerned that the by-laws of Building Trades, Inc. were not being followed and that insurance had become a concern because our insurance company would like to see Building Trades, Inc. separate from the school due to a number of insurance claims. It was decided that Building Trades, Inc. Advisory Board would meet and decide how they wanted to operate and bring their recommendation to the Central Nine Governing Board after the first of the year. Dr. Hagen stated that they did agree to examine their bylaws and get back with him to further discuss how they could be amended. Bill Maschmeyer stated that he informed the representatives of Building Trades, Inc. that this Board would make a decision based on their recommendation and let them know by the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

7 Public Comments

Minutes

Sherene Donaldson presented the Board with gift of Banana Bread on behalf of Adult Education thanking them for their service.

8 Adjournment