

NORTH PUTNAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

MAY 21, 2026 MINUTES

The members of the Board of School Trustees of the North Putnam Community School Corporation held a regular session meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2026, 7:00 P.M. at North Putnam High School, Large Group Instruction Room, 8869 N CR 250 E, Roachdale, Indiana.

Board members present in person: Joanie Knapp
Nathan Scott
Zac Williams
Travis Lambermont
Randy Bee
Maria Brewer
Ron Spencer

Board members absent: None

Superintendent present: Dr. Dustin LeMay

Attorney present: Tyler Nichols

I. SUPPORT

A. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Joanie Knapp, Nathan Scott, Zac Williams, Travis Lambermont, Randy Bee, Maria Brewer, and Ron Spencer.

B. Approval of Agenda:

Ron Spencer motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Travis Lambermont seconded the motion and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

C. Recognition:

Dr. LeMay recognized Bucky Kramer as the Region 7 Middle School Principal of the Year. Under his leadership North Putnam has launched things to provide new experiences for students and expanded credits to high school. He works hard for the students, staff, and community. He was presented with an award. Bucky Kramer appreciates the gratitude of the Board. This is due to the work of many people and without fantastic students and staff striving to be the best this would not be possible. He thanked his wife for her support and is thankful for the people he works with in this corporation.

D. Public Comments:

There were no comments.

E. Consent Agenda:

Cathy Proctor was hired in 1978 and is retiring. We wish her the best and appreciate her years of service. Travis Lambermont noticed that the baseball season is almost over, but we are approving a volunteer coach. Bart Jochim noted we had someone eager to help out and we wanted to do it the correct way and get him approved to be involved in the program.

Ron Spencer motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Zac Williams seconded the motion and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

Dr. LeMay introduced Kenneth Weaver, new Coach for boys' basketball. He thanked Bart Jochim for leading the search for a new coach. Coach Weaver comes to us from Fishers High School after a state championship appearance last winter. He has experience coaching at high school and collegiate levels. He is excited to grow and build a winning basketball program while establishing a positive culture of developing young men at North Putnam High School. We are very excited to have Coach Weaver at our high school

pushing the boys' basketball program at North Putnam to the next level. We look forward to the future of the North Putnam basketball program. Bart Jochim is very excited to have Coach Weaver in the corporation. Coach Weaver introduced his family and is ready to hit the ground running. He appreciates some of the basketball team attending the meeting tonight. He thanked the Board and can see the importance of the program. He's excited to get started and proud to be North Putnam Cougar.

F. Approval of Summer School Program (Elementary Schools and High School):

Summer school will take place at Bainbridge Elementary May 26, 2026 through June 5, 2026. Summer school for the high school will offer credit recovery for specific classes and the Summer Agriculture Experience. This will take place June 4, 2026 through July 19, 2026.

Zac Williams motioned to approve the Summer School Program as presented. Ron Spencer seconded the motion and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

G. Disposal of Old Library Books at Roachdale Elementary:

Rodney Simpson noted that we went through the entire library at Roachdale Elementary and there are 769 books that need discarded. Some are from the 1960's and are old, outdated, and damaged. The list of books to be disposed of is on file at the Central Office. Joanie Knapp asked if they could be recycled. Rodney Simpson said yes some can and we will offer to students as well.

Travis Lambermont motioned to approve the disposal of old library books at Roachdale Elementary as presented. Randy Bee seconded the motion and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

II. PROTECT

A. Approval of Cougar Cub Developmental Preschool Handbook and Little Cougar Community Preschool Handbook:

The Cougar Club Developmental Preschool Handbook had minimal updates. The Little Cougar Community Preschool Handbook is for the new program. Dr. LeMay thanked Jess Wilson, Bridget Campbell, and Rodney Simpson for their work on this. We are very excited.

Travis Lambermont motioned to approve the above handbooks as presented. Zac Williams seconded the motion and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

III. ENGAGE

A. 2026-2027 Sponsorship Plan Levels-NPHS Athletic Department:

Nathan Scott motioned to approve the above 2026-2027 Sponsorship Plan Levels as presented. Ron Spencer seconded the motion and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

IV. EDUCATE

There were no topics.

V. DEVELOP

There were no topics.

VI. REPORTS

A. Superintendent (Dr. LeMay):

He thanked the Board for the support this year and providing more opportunities for our schools. He thanked the staff and congratulated Bucky Kramer and the Class of 2026. He's looking forward to graduation. He welcomed Coach Weaver and thanked the basketball players for being there.

B. Assistant Superintendent (Rodney Simpson):

He is proud of the opportunities we have had with the race care. SSC was a sponsor of the second race car as well as others. He appreciates all of the sponsors. The students love it. One car placed second and they wrote a STEM paper that placed third. SSC wrote an article about the race car. It highlights the students and Principal, Amanda Williams. They did a great job and it's nice to see them work together. He shared the article with the Board members. Dr. LeMay commented that this is only our second year in the program

and we compete against schools who have been doing it for multiple years and who have more resources. Rodney Simpson has been the driving force behind this and made sure they have everything they need to be at the top level. Joanie Knapp thanked Rodney Simpson. He noted that students will have an opportunity get receive free lunches for summer school at Bainbridge Elementary and they are provided by Chartwells.

C. Business Manager (Tanya Pearson):

The issues with the drain at Roachdale Elementary are getting resolved. Dr. LeMay appreciates Tanya working with the Town of Roachdale on this.

D. Administrators:

Jess Wilson commented that it has been a great first year. Bucky Kramer said the students are doing great academically. They recently made a mini barn and will be selling it. They won multiple county championships. The teachers are doing great. Bart Jochim welcomed Coach Weaver and his family. Softball and baseball won against Greencastle tonight. Athletes are running in regionals and boys' golf is doing well. It has been very busy.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS:

Ron Spencer congratulated Bucky Kramer. Appreciates all he does. He welcomed Coach Weaver. He looks forward to good things happening with the basketball program. He appreciates all that Bart Jochim has done and understands he has been under some pressure with all of the construction. Congrats to the Class of 2026. Maria Brewer congratulated Bucky Kramer and welcomed Coach Weaver. Nathan Scott welcomed Coach Weaver and Maria Brewer. He thanked Bucky Kramer. Construction looks like it's going great. Randy Bee welcomed Coach Weaver to North Putnam and the community. He congratulated Bucky Kramer. He is appreciative of the staff and all of the great things they have been doing. Zac Williams welcomed the Weaver family. He is very excited to have Coach Weaver. He congratulated Bucky Kramer and the 2026 seniors. He thanked the staff for all of the hard work. Travis Lambermont attended the senior awards last Friday. It was nice to see how many scholarships and awards the seniors were awarded. He welcomed Coach Weaver and congratulated Bucky Kramer. He also congratulated North Putnam Alumnus Matt Clodfelter for being selected as the Middle School Principal of the Year for Ben Davis. Joanie Knapp congratulated all of the graduates, Coach Weaver, and Bucky Kramer. She thanked the Central Office staff. Congrats to Cathy Proctor and Monique Fields on their retirement.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Maria Brewer moved for adjournment of the meeting. Ron Spencer seconded the motion and it carried with a 7 – 0 vote. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 18, 2026 at the high school.

Joanie Knapp, President

Travis Lambermont, Member

Nathan Scott, Vice President

Maria Brewer, Member

Zac Williams, Secretary

Randy Bee, Member

Ron Spencer, Member