

Minutes of Public Meeting
January 12, 2026

The New Castle Community School Board of Trustees met in the Boardroom at the Community Education Center located at 322 Elliott Avenue, New Castle, IN 47362 on January 12/2026.

Board Members Present: Seth Lee, President, Nan Polk, Vice President, Jaci Hadsell, Secretary, Josh Estelle, member and Jamey Marcum, member.

Central Office Administrators Present – Matthew Shoemaker, Superintendent, Adam McDaniel, Assistant Superintendent, Joel Harvey, Attorney and Gail Edwards, School Support Specialist.

Also Present – Approximately 25 in person and virtual attendee community members.

- I. Call to Order – by President Seth Lee at 6:38 p.m.
 - A. Roll Call – All five Board Members were present
 - B. Public Comments on Agenda Items – There were no comments on Agenda Items
 - C. *Approval of Agenda – Dr. Shoemaker made one addition to III.J.
Josh Estelle made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended with a second by Jaci Hadsell, motion carried 5-0.
 - D. *Approval of Minutes
Regular Session – December 8, 2025
Nan Polk made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with a second by Jamey Marcum, motion carried 5-0.
- II. Communications/Routine Consent Items/Regularly Recurring Reports/Other List
 - A. * Routine Consent Items: Approval of Reports: Travel; Monthly Personnel; Bill List; Payroll Claims and Donations; and Field Trip Requests.
Josh Estelle made a motion to approve the Routine Consent Items as presented with a second by Jamey Marcum, motion carried 5-0.
 - B. Submission of Monthly Corporation Extra-Curricular Receipts and Disbursements; and Fund Reports: No action necessary.
- III. New Business
Dr. Shoemaker introduce Craig Belt who will be the Principal of New Castle Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy and New Castle Virtual
 - A. Retiree Recognition – None
 - B. *Board Reorganization – Voting of Officers
 - a. President – Josh Estelle nominated Seth Lee with a second by Jamey Marcum, motion carried 5-0
 - b. Vice President – Jaci Hadsell nominated Nan Polk with a second by Josh Estelle, motion carried 5-0
 - c. Secretary – Nan Polk nominated Jaci Hadsell with a second by Josh Estelle, motion carried 5-0
 - C. *Approval of Date, time and Location for Regular Session Board Meeting
Jaci Hadsell made a motion to continue with the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the CEC Boardroom with a second by Josh Estelle, motion carried 5-0

D. *Board Appointments

- a. Legislative Liaison: Nan Polk
- b. RDC – Jamey Marcum
- c. Vocational Board: Jaci Hadsell
- d. Corporation Treasurer: Megan Bell
- e. Deputy Treasurer: Leah Melton
- f. Board Attorney: Hayes Copenhaver Crider Harvey, LLP

Josh Estelle made a motion for the Board Appointments as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell, motion carried 5-0

E. Annual Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- a. Matthew Shoemaker – His wife and brother are employees of St. Vincent network which is our carrier for healthcare. There is no financial gain on any individual.
- b. Jaci Hadsell – Employee of Indiana Association of School Principals, sister is a school employee and husband is on the Miracle League Board
- c. Seth Lee - Owner of Elite Gear, a company that sells athletic, promotional products and athletic apparel to schools in the area including New Castle. Works at Citizens State Bank (No financial gain) and family members are School employees.
- d. Josh Estelle - Josh Estelle – McGowan Insurance – Annual insurance & employee benefits consulting. Also a NCMS coach

F. *Board Compensation – New Rate \$2,300. Per year

Nan Polk made a motion to approve the Board Compensation as presented with a second by Josh Estelle, motion carried 5-0

G. Spotlight – Music Business

Presentation by students and staff from the Music Business class

H. *NCMS Curriculum – to change codes to allow NCMS students to receive credits for Choir and Band. Jaci Hadsell made a motion to approve the NCMS Curriculum change as presented with a second by Jamey Marcum, motion carried 5-0

I. *Approve E-rate Category 1

Nan Polk made a motion to approve the E-rate Category 1 as presented with a second by Jaci Hadsell, motion carried 5-0

J. Reminder that the February 9, 2026 Board Meeting will start at 5 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m.

IV. Building/Grounds/Transportation/Support Services

- NCHS Restrooms are still in the mist of reno
- Multi-Purpose Restrooms are getting close
- Fieldhouse Scoreboard are currently going through electrical work. Waiting for a response from 2nd engineer
- In need of Bus Drivers

V. Superintendent's Report

- Riley Instructional Assistant Retirement – Janet Schmeisser 14 ½ years
- Parker Panther Christmas
- Eastwood – Chris Kringle & the Jingles
- Westwood – Hoosier Hysteria
- Wilbur Wright Builds Corporation Music Program

- NCHS – Aubrey Lapp named Lilly Scholar
- NCCC – Community Partners
- Fieldhouse – One Thousandth Game
- Fieldhouse – 12 Drummers Drumming – Jamey Marcum joined in
- NCHS – Holiday Classic Champs – Lady Trojans
- New Castle Wrestling – Three girls went to the Sectional Tournament
- Lady Trojans had Boomer to hype up the crowd
- Gift of Community Support – Citizens State Bank donated \$1,500 to support our NCMS girls Basketball program
- Four-Time Spartan Classic Champion – Tylin Thrine making history
- HHC Coach of the Year – Kristin Owens
- Low Rider – Boys Basketball, Pep Band and Cheerleaders

VI. Budget

A. Report Transfer from Education Fund for December 2025

B. *Approval to Void Stale Dated Checks

Josh Estelle made a motion to approve voiding stale dated checks as presented with a second by Jamey Marcum, motion approved 5-0

VII. Public Questions and Comments

Jennifer McGowan thanked Dr. Shoemaker for all of the work on the TAG Grant.

VIII. Adjournment – With no further questions – Adjourned at 7:43

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____