

Minutes of Public Meeting
September 14, 2026

The New Castle Community School Board of Trustees met in the Boardroom at Community Education Center located at 322 Elliott Avenue, New Castle, IN 47362 on September 14, 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; Sherri Bergum, Curriculum Director; Joel Harvey, Attorney; Megan Bell, CFO Corporation Treasurer.

Also present: Approximately 10 in person and virtual attendee community members.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 pm
 - A. Roll Call - All 5 board members present
 - B. Public Comments on Agenda Items - No comments
 - C. *Approval of Agenda - Jaci Hadsell made a motion to approve the amended agenda, with a second from Josh Estelle. Motion carried 5-0
 - D. *Approval of Minutes - Jamey Marcum made a motion to approve the meets from both sessions, with a second from Nan Polk. Motion carried 5-0
 - a. Regular Session – August 10, 2026
 - b. Special Session - September 3, 2026
- II. COMMUNICATIONS/ROUTINE/CONSENT ITEMS ITEMS/REGULAR RECURRING REPORTS/OTHER
 - A. *Routine Consent Items: Approval of Reports: Travel; Monthly Personnel; Bill List; Payroll Claims; Donations; and Field Trip Requests - Josh Estelle made a motion to approve, with a second from Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 5-0.
 - B. Submission of Monthly Corporation Extra-Curricular Receipt and Disbursements; and Fund Reports
- III. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Trojan Award of Excellence
 - a. Community Service Award: REMC - Cory Bennett presented a plaque to Andrea Melton and Cory Murphy from REMC in appreciation of their work and resources provided for softball and baseball lights installation.
 - B. Retiree Recognition - none

- C. *Approval of the Claude Davis donation agreement and naming of the weight room the Claude Davis Athletic Performance Center. - Nan Polk made a motion to approve with a second from Josh Estelle. Motion carried 5-0
- D. *Toshiba Copier Lease Agreement - State Contract - Nan Polk made a motion to approve with a second from Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 5-0
- E. *Approval of overnight field trip - Jaci Hadsell made a motion to approve, with a second from Josh Estelle. Motion carried 5-0
 - a. NCCC to Newport Aquarium
- F. Work-Based Learning - Abraham Halder - presentation and slides. Lyla Shue, a student intern, commented on her experiences, positive, takeaways.
- G. *Approval of naming the Fieldhouse Floor, Alford Court - Jaci Hadsell made a motion to approve with a second from Josh Estelle. Motion carried 5-0.

IV. BUILDING/GROUNDS/TRANSPORTATION/SUPPORT SERVICES

- Flood updates and repairs are continuing
- Working with transportation department to help the needs of displaced families due to floods
- NCHS flooring replaced due to floods
- Storage barn for athletics and the arts is almost finished
- NCCC roof is almost finished
- Softball complex project is in development with thanks and collaboration with the City and Community.
- We are in need of a courier for the corporation
- NCHS is undergoing some painting and branding updates at the main entrance and the athletic entrance

V. BUDGET

- A. *Approve Transfer from Education to Operations Fund - Josh Estelle made a motion to approve with a second from Jaci Hadsell. Motion carried 5-0
- B. Public Hearings
 - 1. 2027 Budget Hearing
 - 2. 2027 Capital Projects Hearing
 - 3. 2027 Bus Replacement Hearing

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Literacy Achievement - NCCSC is #1 with 94.1%
- Mackenzie Jackson with NCCC received program of excellence for the adult education program
- NCCC Robotics and Automation
- NCHS Golf History
- Golden Hoosier Award
- NCMS Volleyball
- Class in 3d - Health Occupation
- Donuts with Grown Ups at Wilbur Wright
- Habit Houses at Parker
- Bulldogs in Green at Riley

- 100% Pass Rate at Westwood
- NCHS Hoco 2026
- Baby Jack and the Trojan Chicken

VII. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - 8:01 pm

***Requires Board Action**

President: _____

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____

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