

January 10, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Shuey. Mrs. Shuey led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present except Mr. Wolfe. Also present were Mr. Brimbury, Dr. Thompson, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Minard, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Hobbs, Ms. Fellers, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Hull, Rev. Reed, patrons, and local news media representatives.

On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented, the memorandum of December 13, 2010, and the personnel report.

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Mike Applegate - 8<sup>th</sup> grade football coach, resignation
2. Denny Sipe - assistant varsity football coach, resignation
3. Dan Scott - PJHS science teacher - retirement effective January 14, 2011
4. Marvin Lilla - part-time custodian - resignation effective December 27, 2010
5. Monica Berry - food service worker - resignation effective January 14, 2011

B. LEAVES

1. Mandi Bielanski - PHS English, March 14 - May 6, 2011

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS - No business

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Dana Ammerman - part-time custodian
2. Bobbi Kern - food service worker
3. Wellness Coordinator - posting of Wellness Coordinator at each of the five schools.

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS - No business

F. REQUESTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES - No business

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments

II. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Brimbury recognized Mr. Andy Hobbs, PHS Industrial Arts teacher and head varsity wrestling coach, by presenting him with a plaque for 300 career wins. Mr. Brimbury stated Coach Hobbs is one of the many faces of Peru Schools who goes above and beyond. He has been recognized by the State for his outstanding career of 300 wins. Mr. Brimbury stated we want the community and Coach Hobbs to know we are very appreciative of the people we have. Coach Hobbs stated he has talked with many teachers and administrators from other school corporations. He stated we do many things to help our students both in and out of the classroom that others are not doing. He stated he was proud to work for Peru Schools.

Mr. Brimbury read a letter from Representative Friend recognizing and congratulating the school corporation on our outstanding achievement growth. Mr. Brimbury stated on behalf of the school corporation he was presenting the certificate to Deb Hull as the representative of the teachers for their outstanding efforts.

III. PROGRAM

- A. ANTI-BULLYING PRESENTATION - Mr. Brimbury introduced Ms. Fellers, PJHS guidance counselor. Ms. Fellers stated bullying is an issue nationwide. She stated two jr. students, Isaac Badry and Nolan Brimbury, came to her and stated they wanted to do something to make a difference.

The boys proposed a plan to invite a speaker to PJHS. Ms. Fellers stated the fee was high but the boys had fund raiser ideas to help. She stated the boys went to the Maconaquah and North Miami to talk with their student councils and administrators to make this a county-wide event. T-shirts and bracelets were sold. Mr. Virgil Barker, Project Ed coordinator, wrote and received a grant to help pay for the speaker. Ms. Fellers stated she received a call earlier today from REMC stating they would donate \$300. Ms. Fellers shared with the Board these two boys had a vision and would not take no for an answer. She was very proud of them. Isaac and Nolan shared information about the speaker, Jeff Yalden, and invited the Board to come to the presentation at PHS in Tig-Arena on Tuesday, January 18, at 9:00 a.m. The Board stated it was evident they were passionate about making a difference and thanked them for their presentation and enthusiasm. Ms. Fellers stated T-shirts were still available for \$10 if any of the Board members were interested.

B. SINGLE GENDER PE PROPOSAL - Mr. Brimbury introduced Mr. Hanson and Mr. Edwards. Mr. Hanson stated Mr. Edwards and Ms. Fakes, PHS PE teachers, recommended single gender PE classes for the basic PE credit requirement. He noted there is apprehension in some of the activities the classes participate in when there is mixed gender participation. He stated he has talked with the guidance department and there will not be a scheduling conflict. He noted there will not be a need for an additional teacher nor any additional costs involved. Mr. Edwards noted many schools have the single gender PE classes. He stated the students are going through an awkward age and we need to build confidence in what they are doing. On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, the Board approved the proposal. Mr. Hanson stated this class will begin with scheduling for the 2011-12 school year.

C. NEW COURSE PROPOSALS - Mr. Brimbury stated each year the high school proposes new course proposals. He stated he asked the high school administration and department heads to address this issue with the understanding student selection, staffing, and financing will determine if the classes are actually filled. Mr. Brimbury shared the selection of classes: Business 1) Community Service Leadership and 2) Web Design English/Social Studies 1) American Studies Engineering and Technology Education 1) Civil Engineering and Architecture (PLTW) Science 1) AP Environmental Science (APES) and 2) PLTW Biomedical Sciences (BMS) Mr. Hanson reviewed what the courses would involve and noted schools teaching these classes were visited. Mr. Brimbury stated we have to continue to challenge our students. He also noted the state is making course changes. He stated Peru High School is ahead of the state changes which effect our funding as well. On motion by Mr. Comerford, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, the Board unanimously approved the proposed course offerings.

IV. BUDGET

A. CLAIMS - Mr. Hall presented and reviewed the claims for Board approval. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved as follows:

GENERAL FUND	117,423.15
RETIRE/SEVERANCE BOND DEBT SERV	146,640.25
CAPITAL PROJECTS	19,991.55
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	113.92
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	33,241.20
TECHNOLOGY E-RATE REBATE	701.50
TITLE I 2010/11	<u>2,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 320,611.57

- B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall reviewed the fund monitoring report for the month of December. Mr. Hall stated we were able to reduce disbursements at our targeted level of 11%. He noted there was \$37,000 more in the general fund than a year ago. He added this was a glimmer of good news. Mr. Comerford moved to approve the report, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, unanimously approved.
- C. RAINY DAY TRANSFER - Mr. Hall presented a resolution for Board approval to replace the money which was spent in December from the Rainy Day Fund. He stated approval of the Resolution would allow \$100,000 held in the Bus Replacement Fund to be transferred to the Rainy Day Fund. On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, the Board unanimously approved the resolution. A copy is in Supplementary Minute Book #13, page 47.

V. OPERATIONS

A. REQUESTS TO USE FACILITIES

- 1. IVY TECH Community College - Region-wide Awards Ceremony - PHS auditorium - Friday, May 6, 2011 - noon -9:00 p.m. (program at 7:00 p.m.)

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Stanton, the Board unanimously approved the request for a waiver for use of the facility.

- B. COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE QUOTES - Mr. Hall stated two quotes were received for insurance renewal for property, general liability, inland marine, crime, auto, employment practices, excess liability and educator's legal liability insurance. He stated one quote was from Saine and Summers Insurance (WMA America) for \$79,521. The other quote was from Webster Insurance (Trident) for \$69,872. Mr. Hall reviewed the loss run and past premium history. He recommended going with Trident through Webster Insurance again this year. Mr. Allen, from Webster Insurance, was present to answer questions. He stated the renewal is for a one-year period beginning January 13, 2011. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously carried.

- C. ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT UPDATE - Mr. Hall stated the kiosks have been delivered and will be installed soon. The kiosks will be mounted in each building and show the savings as well as comparisons. He stated final bills have not been paid as the project has not met the completion deadline.

- D. FITNESS CENTER UPDATE - Mr. Brimbury was pleased to inform the Board we received a grant through Dukes Hospital to help pay for equipment for the new fitness center. The amount of the grant was \$66,830.50. He stated we hope to have the fitness center open in March.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

- A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Brimbury stated we may be facing dire circumstances with the budget. He stated he is meeting with Mr. Hall to review the budget and funds and will keep the Board apprised of the situation.

Mr. Brimbury stated Dr. Thompson has had several corporations in lately for a presentation of our data program. Dr. Thompson stated eight corporations have committed. He noted four or five more are coming later in the week. He said the program helps students and that is what it is all about.

- B. BOARD - Mr. Wagner informed the Board Mr. Pat Cox is the new golf pro at Muni.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Maxwell moved to

adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Secretary,

Lowell Maxwell

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