

January 24, 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. Also present were Mr. Brimbury, Dr. Thompson, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Minard, Mr. Conner, Mrs. Badry, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Mongosa, a patron, and a local news media representative.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Stanton, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented, the memorandum of January 10, 2011, and the personnel report.

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

No business

B. LEAVES

1. Bill Anderson - PJHS teacher - January 25-28, personal days - Peru Circus participating with Shrine Circus in Fort Wayne.

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS

1. Avriel Mullett - Elementary Librarian/Blair Pointe Computer teacher - temporary contract from February 14 - May 16, 2011.

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Wellness Coordinators -
Cassie Smith - PHS
Mike Herrell - PJHS
Shawna Grund - Blair Pointe
Sharon Dillman - Elmwood
Sally Piper - South Peru

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS - No business

F. REQUESTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES - No business

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments.

II. BOARD OF FINANCE

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Mr. Brimbury stated this meeting is required by law. The purpose of the Board is to review investments. Mr. Hall stated the Board must annually elect a president and secretary to the Board of Finance. Mr. Maxwell nominated Mrs. Shuey as president and Mr. Stanton as secretary. Mr. Wagner seconded the nomination, unanimously carried.

B. REPORT ON FINANCES - Mr. Hall reviewed the report of investments. He reported of the total dollars to invest, \$1,000,000 is reserved for teacher pensions. The interest earned on that stays in that fund. Mr. Hall stated unfortunately the interest earned is minimal. He noted all financial institutions have an opportunity to present quotes for investment business. Mr. Hall and Mrs. Mongosa answered Board questions.

III. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Brimbury stated Peru has a tradition of having a fine arts program. He noted the high school and for the first time jr. high school students recently entered artwork in the Fort Wayne Regional Scholastic Art Show. Mr. Brimbury stated Peru continues to have an excellent program and talented students who won 27 of the 325 awards given. He noted 100 schools participate with 2,500 exhibited. Mr. Brimbury was pleased to share we had six Gold Key winners from PHS - Bethany Hemrick, Arianna Loshnowsky, Leanne Jamison (2), Kaylee Ross, Savannah Harvey, and Meghan Rose. Nine students won Silver Key awards and five certificate of merits. He was pleased to share we

also had two senior portfolio award winners - Leanne Jamison and Bethany Hemrick. The portfolios and Gold Key winning pieces of artwork will be going to Washington, D.C. to compete at Nationals against 15,000 other pieces from around the U.S. The jr. high school submitted 23 pieces of artwork and had four winners. Kayla Baldwin won a Gold Key for her ceramic piece. There were two Silver Key winners and one Certificate of Merit winner. Mr. Brimbury noted the art work will be on display from February 13 - April 10 at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art. He stated it is outstanding to see our 7th-12th grade students being recognized for their work.

Mr. Brimbury recognized Ms. Fellers, Mrs. Murphy, and Mr. Watkins for their efforts with the anti-bullying presentation held in Tig-Arena on January 18. All county 6th - 8th graders were engaged in listening to the presenter Jeff Yalden and his message about anti-bullying and feeling good about yourself.

IV. PROGRAM

A. NORTH CENTRAL INDIANA LITERACY CONSORTIUM - Dr. Thompson, Tim Conner, and Lori Badry shared with the Board their idea on forming a literacy consortium. Mr. Conner stated Dr. Melin had a vision to push literacy ~ better readers, writers and thinkers. Mr. Conner stated he and Mrs. Badry have been driving to Kendallville to participate in a literacy consortium. They agreed they were tired of the drive and felt they could start our own consortium for schools within a 50 mile radius. Mr. Conner stated the charge would be a \$1,000 fee per corporation. The fees would help bring in national speakers. He noted through the consortium they would also like to help send teachers to conferences. He noted there would be elementary and secondary opportunities.

Dr. Thompson stated eight years ago Dr. Thomas McKaig had a vision of Peru being a beacon on the hill. It is time for our beacon to shine. Dr. Thompson stated if the consortium is cost prohibitive or there is not an outside interest, then what monies are received will be returned and it will go no further.

The initial meeting will be in March with the first actual consortium meeting of members in May. Meetings will be held in the Art Gallery from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. six times a year. Mrs. Badry stated Mr. Conner and she have been talking about this for some time. She felt the difference in travel time would allow teachers the opportunities for members to visit the classroom and see best practice at work. She stated she was not apprehensive about any portion of consortium concept.

Mr. Maxwell moved to proceed with the development of the North Central Indiana Literacy Consortium with a report back to the Board in three months, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved. The Board thanked Mrs. Badry and Mr. Conner for their enthusiasm and hard work.

B. BOARD PARTICIPATION REPORT - Mr. Brimbury reported the Board spent 100 hours in meetings and community activities during the last quarter of the year. He stated he is very proud of this Board and their investment in the students, staff, and community. A copy of the report is in Supplementary Minute Book #13, page 48.

V. 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. Comerford, unanimously approved as follows:

GENERAL FUND	448,700.65
CAPITAL PROJECTS	131,476.49
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	50,713.31

TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT	804.25
RETIRE/SEVERANCE BOND DEBT SERV	174,527.49
POST RETIRE/SEVERANCE FUTU	10,885.83
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	3,963.91
KEYS ACADEMY	2,999.40
LSEO TEACHER GRANT - SCIENCE	500.00
PROJECT EXTENDED DAY	1,512.33
TITLE 1 2010/11	3,904.97
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	385.87
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FUND	1,435.02
TITLE IV-A SAFE & DRUG FREE	703.00
TITLE 11 PART A TEACHER IMPROV	847.96
IDEA STIMULUS PART B-SPEC ED	988.79
TITLE I STIMULUS-GRANTS TO LEA	10,903.73
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN-GOV BD	5,010.00
FED TAX	38,808.43
SOCIAL SECURITY	21,328.13
STATE TAX	39,138.00
LOCAL TAX	27,082.70
TEACHER RETIREMENT	153,213.48
PERF	42,654.83
GROUP INSURANCE	65,385.37
ANNUITIES	12,914.78
CHILD SUPPORT	440.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,251,228.72</u>

- B. 2008-2010 AUDIT - Mr. Hall reviewed the 63 page audit summary submitted by the State Board of Accounts for their bi-annual review of PCS completed in November 2010. He noted the auditor reported this was a very good audit and was complimentary of Mr. Hall and Mrs. Mongosa. Mr. Hall reviewed the exceptions and corrective action taken. Mr. Comerford moved to approve the report, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, unanimously approved.
- C. TRANSPORTATION FUNDS - Mr. Hall reported on the magnitude of the financial problems with the transportation fund. He stated we are losing \$64,709 due to the circuit breaker. We need to cut 31% of our disbursements. He noted that cut is in addition to not considering raises, not considering an increase in diesel fuel, and looking at the same number of students to transport. Mr. Brimbury stated there are negatives to every option we are looking at to balance the transportation budget. He informed the Board we have talked with other corporations and other administrators to be sure we are looking at all options. The Board discussed different transportation options. Mr. Brimbury stated we need to be very careful we do not disrupt our educational process. He felt strongly many families depend on the transportation to get their kids to school. We need to consider the financial status of families, safety of children, and the impact of attendance.

VI. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

A. REQUESTS TO USE FACILITIES

1. Miami County Child Abuse Prevention Council - PHS auditorium - Candle Light Vigil - Tuesday, April 26, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
2. Peru Little League - Blair Pointe gym - Saturdays - February 12 and 19 - 10:30 - 1:30 - Little League registration and PHS Tig-Arena - Saturdays - February 26 and March 5 - noon - 5:00 p.m. Little League tryouts
3. PAL volleyball - PHS Tig-Arena - Sundays beginning Feb. 13 - end of May - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Rochelle Fakes, PHS PE teacher, will be in charge. Open to all 6th - 8th grade girls.

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

VII. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

- A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Brimbury informed the Board he told a

state representative two years ago that the Board, teachers, and administrators stood strong and worked hard together to make education work with the budget and legislation passed down. He stated he believed we will continue to be one of the best school corporations in the state. We have met the challenge in the past and we will continue to meet the challenge.

- B. BOARD - Mr. Maxwell stated he will be going to Washington, D.C., February 5-8 as a member of the FRN Board for ISBA. He asked for input and concerns to relay to legislators in Washington.

Mr. Stanton congratulated Mr. Strong and his vision with the Hall of Fame.

Mr. Wolfe stated he saw Mr. Ramsey's Tiger show and stated is very good. Mr. Brimbury stated he has received nothing but positive comments from the community.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Maxwell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Secretary,

Lowell Maxwell

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