

February 9, 2015

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. Watkins, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Minard, Mr. Hahn, Mrs. Watkins, several patrons, students, and a local news media representative.

On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board unanimously approved the agenda with one change, the memorandum of January 12 with one correction, and the personnel report with one addition. Mr. Watkins stated there was a change on a date for a facility rental due to scheduling conflict and a classified resignation added to the consent agenda since the Board received their packets last week. Dr. Quin corrected the memorandum of January 12 stating he voted no on the SRO issue. He did not abstain as recorded.

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. David Hahn - retirement - Blair Pointe Upper Elementary Principal, effective end of 2014-15 school year.
2. Ron Mullett - retirement - Elmwood Primary Learning Center Principal, effective end of 2014-15 school year.
3. Bob Cruikshank - resignation - varsity volleyball coach, effective January 26, 2015
4. Christel Dziengel - resignation - PHS attendance secretary - effective end of day March 2, 2015

B. LEAVES

1. Allison Mathews - Blair Pointe 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher - March 23, 2015, through end of 2014-15 school year.

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS

1. James Guthrie - PJHS Social Studies teacher
2. Linda Watkins - Blair Pointe Upper Elementary Principal
3. Paul Frye - Elmwood Primary Learning Center Principal and Title I Director
4. Permission to post full assistant principal position at Elmwood

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Tara Slagel - temporary Elmwood Title I tutor

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Daniel Wyant - varsity assistant softball (lay) coach
2. Mike Gapski - JV head softball (lay) coach
3. Jacob Bockover - JV assistant baseball (lay) coach
4. Troy Hammond - volunteer assistant baseball coach
5. Scott Kaufman - volunteer assistant baseball coach
6. Patrick Schoenberger - volunteer assistant baseball coach
7. Wes Young - volunteer assistant tennis coach
8. Dean Ousley - PJHS assistant baseball (lay) coach
9. Shawn Dwyer - PJHS head baseball (lay) coach
10. James Guthrie - PJHS assistant track coach
11. Adam Zwiebel - PJHS assistant track coach
12. Nathan Campbell - PJHS head soccer coach
13. Michael Haney - PJHS volunteer soccer coach
14. Luke Labare - PJHS volunteer soccer coach
15. Jeremiah Snyder - PJHS volunteer soccer coach
16. Chris Zorn - PJHS volunteer soccer coach
17. Mike Meeks - PJHS head softball (lay) coach
18. Erich Yard - PJHS assistant softball (lay) coach

F. REQUESTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES

1. Dave Moon - Video Insight Inc. Security Symposium - Houston, Texas - February 26 and 27 -total expense \$295 (company picking up rest of charges)

G. DONATIONS

1. Music department - \$50 anonymous donation

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments.

II. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Watkins recognized Andy Hobbs and the wrestling coaching staff for winning the wrestling sectional and placing third at the regional. He stated this is another outstanding performance by our students and coaching staff.

Mr. Watkins recognized Jason Gornto and music students who recently competed in the ISSMA piano and vocal contest. Two students were selected to move on to State competition with their piano pieces and one student will be competing at State in vocal.

Mr. Watkins stated Diane Haley and the high school band students performed at the recent district solo/ensemble contest at Kokomo High School and did extremely well. Several students will be competing in Indianapolis at the end of the month in the State contest.

Mr. Watkins shared that Mike Applegate and Adam Zwiebel, PHS art teachers, were proud to announce several high school art students competed in the Fort Wayne Regional Scholastics art competition in January. Peru students received 16 Gold Keys, 12 Silver Keys, and 4 honorable mention awards. Peru proudly had three portfolio winners. The artwork will be on display at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art through the middle of March. The Gold Key winners' artwork will compete in New York for nationals later in the year! Kudos to Mr. Applegate, Mr. Zwiebel, and the art students.

Mr. Watkins congratulated Ellen Terry and PJHS band and choir members for their performances at Kokomo High School (band) and Northwestern High School (choir) in recent solo and ensemble contests. Forty-eight band students performed and received 46 gold and two silver ratings. Four students received perfect scores. Twenty choir students performed and received 14 gold and six silver ratings. Two students received perfect scores. Mr. Watkins stated this is the highest percentage of gold ratings PJHS has ever seen. Accolades to Mrs. Terry and the PJHS students.

Mr. Watkins noted the PJHS 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team is performing very well.

Mr. Watkins recognized the high school KEYS Academy students for volunteering their time to help carry food from the truck to inside a church basement and then back outside again to patrons' vehicles on a very cold and icy day for the November Food Finders pantry. He also noted the jr. high KEYS Academy students rang the bell for the Salvation Army in December.

Mr. Watkins congratulated the girls' varsity basketball team as co MIC champions. He also pointed out Josie Murphy has now scored over 1000 points and joins the 1000 point club!

III. PROGRAM

A. BLACK AND GOLD AWARDS - Mr. Watkins recognized Salma Arnett, a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Elmwood Upper Elementary School. During the December school food drive for the Salvation Army Salma donated over 300 food items. Mr. Watkins extended his appreciation to Salma and her parents who were in attendance for Going Above and Beyond for school efforts. He stated this is a great community service!

B. BLAIR POINTE PRESENTATION - Mr. Hahn introduced Ms. Wilkinson, Blair Pointe art teacher, along with several students from the art club. Ms. Wilkinson stated she has taught the students to be a working artist you often have to be an entrepreneur, marketing executive, promoter, and business manager all in one. She stated the Cardinal Craft Village gives the students a taste of what that kind of life is like. The students had to decide on a product someone would want to purchase, supplies needed for their project, come up with a business

name, take out a loan, purchase materials, market the product, sell the product, make change for their sales, pay back their loan, pay themselves their wages, and consider their profit margins. The students displayed their products and shared their experiences with the Board. Ms. Wilkinson stated there was also a donation can for the 'business owners' to contribute to give back to their community.

Business owners Karissa Cox, Katelyn Cox, and Chloe Holler named their business Smurf Blizzard and sold snow globes using recycled glass bottles, water, food coloring, glitter, and sea shells. Their product was very popular and sold out many times!

Business owners Kamon and Tobin Blong continued the third year for their business Frame-O-Mania. They put together frames from scrap pieces at their parents' store and sold framed pictures or glued mats to use for framing pictures. This was Kamon's third year for the business. He groomed Tobin and is handing the business over to him to continue.

Business owners Jada Floor and Isabella Murphy named their business Purdue and sold decorated magnets using magnets, puffy paint, glitter, and beads.

Business owner Kara Baker was present to share the product the Mayflowers made. She stated they also made magnets but theirs were made out of magnets with fuzzies, googly eyes, and beads.

The students stated in addition to learning how to begin a business after selling their products they also learned how to set up displays so the items weren't too accessible to the customers, they should look at the customer when selling, and learned to take the money first and then hand the product to the customer. They said they lost some money because they were given the incorrect amount and the customer took off with the product, quickly! They also discussed what they would do with the products that did not sell and decided they could refurbish the items and either sell them later or donate them.

Ms. Wilkinson stated she did have some over achievers and had to limit the number of hours the students could work at their business! She noted the students also made a donation of \$90 to Sandy Hook through United Way, and they have donated to the Miami County Toys for Tots program for the last three years. She added they will also be donating to Lizzy Curtis, Blair Pointe teacher, to help her with her battle with cancer. She stated she was very proud of the students for their efforts and their willingness to give from their earnings and from their businesses to the community. The Board thanked Ms. Wilkinson and the students for their presentation and asked to be informed when the next Cardinal Craft Village would be open for business.

Mr. Hahn took the Board on a tour of the renovated storage room the academic aides use to work individually and privately with the students. The room was converted into four private rooms with an open area with a table and chairs for group work. The Board was impressed with the efficient use of space. Mr. Hall stated our own maintenance team of Chuck Enyeart, Ron Youngblood, and Terry Wray completed all of the renovation work except for the carpeting.

#### IV. BUDGET

A. CLAIMS - Mr. Hall presented and reviewed the claims for Board approval as well as a new AP invoice listing report. Mr. Hall addressed several questions. Mr. Stanton moved to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Comerford, unanimously approved as follows:

GENERAL FUND	383,709.06
DEBT SERVICE	120,500.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	147,385.19
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	9,732.66

TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT	418.00
RETIREMENT/SEVERANCE BOND FUTU	137,623.33
POST-RETIREMENT/SEVERANCE FUTU	12,188.26
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	74,231.18
INSURANCE WELLNESS CLINIC	2,364.92
EARLY INTERVENTION FUND	1,404.00
READING BOOKS - L BADRY	253.93
DONATION/SPECIAL ED TEACHERS	180.00
GIFTED AND TALENDED 2015N	1,888.52
TECHNOLOGY FUND	1,043.59
TITLE I 2013/14	110.03
TITLE I 2014/15	2,456.68
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	442.11
ADULT EDUCATION	48.56
TITLE II 2015	642.59
HOT LUNCH CLEARING ACCOUNT	24,006.65
LOCAL TAX	18,960.53
GROUP INSURANCE	11,484.20
ANNUITIES	415.00
RETIREES-TERM LIFE INSURANCE	561.40
TOTAL	<u>\$ 952,050.39</u>

- B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall reviewed the fund monitoring report for the month of January. He stated this is a new budget year. He reported we have received the budget order. He stated the general fund receipts and disbursements are much closer together than they were last year which is a good thing. He noted most of what came out this month is routine. He stated the school lunch account increased in the fund balance. There is a 12% cash balance in the general fund. Ms. Rice moved to approve the fund monitoring report, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved.

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

A. REQUEST TO USE FACILITIES

1. Blair Pointe kitchen and café - Tri Kappa - annual Easter Egg making project - March 13-14, 2015.
2. Bidy Basketball - extend use of Blair Pointe and PJHS gyms until February 14 due to weather cancellations in January and request use of both gyms on Saturday, February 21 (regular times) and Sunday, February 22 (noon - 6:00 p.m.) for a tournament.
3. Cal Ripken (Peru Little League) - Tig-Arena - February 22 and Tiger Den March 1, 2015 - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for youth baseball evaluations.

On motion by Dr. Quin, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board unanimously approved the requests.

- B. ACCEPTANCE OF LAND DONATION - Mr. Hall informed the Board Mr. Russ Bellar donated two more parcels of land to PCS located south of the Roxy Theater totaling 1.241 acres. These two parcels do not border our existing property. He shared a picture of the location of the two parcels between Thorpe Drive and the Roxy Theater. He pointed out if Davenport Ave. were extended, it would be between the two parcels. Mr. Stanton moved to accept the land donation, seconded by Ms. Rice, unanimously approved.

- C. PERMISSION TO BID THE DEVELOPMENT OF 14 ACRES - Mr. Hall requested permission to take bids for the 14-acre lot north of the Roxy Theater for softball, football, and soccer fields as well as parking. He shared a drawing of the proposal. No lights, scoreboards, or bleachers are included in this phase. There is a concrete pad for concession stand, restrooms, and a bit of storage. There will be an 8' fence around the facility. Mr. Hall stated we have talked with Heartland Career Center to possibly build the concession stand. He informed by bidding at this time the fields should be usable in the fall of 2016. Bids would be presented to the Board at the April Board meeting. Mr. Hanson stated we are looking at extending our walking path eastward to connect to the Nickle Plate Trail. Mr. Hall said we would put in a well and

irrigate the three fields from the well. We will use city water and sewage for concession and restrooms. Mr. Wolfe confirmed the money for this project has already been set aside. Mr. Hall responded the money has been set aside as part of the bond approval. Mr. Stanton moved to grant permission to bid, seconded by Mr. Comerford, unanimously approved.

- D. GROUNDS CONTRACT AWARD - Mr. Hall stated he received three proposals for grounds services for 2015. He commended Hunt's Outdoor Upkeep on the work and attention they gave to our grounds the past two years adding we were very pleased with their work and the results. Mr. Hall noted their quote was higher than another quote he received. He recommended Black's Lawn and Maintenance for \$32,500. Mr. Hall stated Mr. Brimbury met with Zach Black and although he did not have experience with athletic fields, Mr. Brimbury is satisfied Zach will make every effort to be attentive to our needs. The quote from Hunt's Outdoor Upkeep, Inc. was \$35,925 (up from last year's \$34,185). Sports Turf Management's quote was \$38,725. Mr. Wagner moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Comerford, unanimously approved. Mr. Hall stated this is a one-year contract. He did not want to go with a two-year contract as we will have more grass to care for in the summer of 2016. Dan and Adam Hunt were in attendance and personally thanked the Board for the opportunity to service Peru Schools the past two years.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

- A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Watkins recognized the secretaries at the schools, Mrs. Brooke Sheets at PHS, Mrs. Kyletta Marburger at PJHS, Ms. Danyell Hillman at Blair Pointe, and Mrs. Miriam Bokan at Elmwood. He stated he appreciated their efforts, smiles, and professionalism in keeping the schools running smoothly.

Mr. Watkins thanked the Ms. Chelsea Wilkinson and the students for their outstanding efforts and their presentation this evening.

Mr. Watkins thanked Daniel Herda for the wonderful press Peru Schools have been receiving in the Peru Tribune.

Mr. Watkins thanked Mr. Hahn and Mrs. Watkins for hosting tonight's meeting.

Mr. Hanson stated the girls' sectional starts this week. The girls will be playing Tuesday night at West Lafayette. The semi-final game is Friday with the championship on Saturday.

Mr. Hanson pointed out we have six wrestlers who have advanced to semi-state this Saturday in Fort Wayne.

- B. BOARD - no comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Quin moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Secretary,

Tim Comerford

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