

February 10, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:32 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, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Minard, Mr. Hahn, Mrs. Watkins, Mr. Butte, Mrs. Stoff, Mrs. Sisson, Mr. Cary, patrons, and news media representatives.

On motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Stanton, the Board unanimously approved the agenda, the memorandum of January 13, 2014, and the personnel report.

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Heather Townsend - resignation - PHS instructional assistant, effective January 14, 2014

B. LEAVES

1. Kylie Reading - PHS English - April 7 through the end of the 2013-14 school year

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS

1. Jennifer Lane - PJHS science teacher (previously a W-MAP assistant) licensed science and social studies teacher
2. Dreana Sparks - VOLUNTEER choir assistant

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Katrina Baker - Blair Pointe instructional assistant - temporary - filling leave of current IA
2. Julie Sturch - café - PJHS transfer to Blair Pointe, effective 2/3/14
3. Brenda Ward - café - PJHS promotion to head cook from cook, effective 2/3/14
4. Robin Selleck - café - from sub to PJHS cook
5. Patricia Cox - café - Elmwood promotion to head cook due to retirement of Pam Stitsworth, effective 2/3/14
6. Amber Flatland - café - from sub to Blair Pointe monitor
7. Ashley Constable - café - Elmwood monitor
8. Permission to hire additional maintenance person - per Mr. Hall the State has mandated documentation of preventive maintenance. He notes due to the volume of work orders this is difficult. Cuts in CPF funding make it even more important to maintain what we have, which is less expensive than fixing or replacement later. Plumbing will be a priority for this person. The position is in the 2014 General Fund budget.

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Lizzy Curtis - PJHS track distance coach
2. Rochelle Fakes - PJHS track throw coach
3. Jamie Wright - PJHS head baseball lay coach
4. Evan Laudenschlager - PJHS assistant baseball lay coach
5. Shaun Dwyer - PJHS baseball volunteer
6. Erich Yard - PJHS softball head lay coach
7. William Caldwell - PJHS assistant softball lay coach
8. Dustin Reich - PJHS wrestling volunteer
9. Jeremiah Snyder - PJHS soccer volunteer
10. John Crowe - PJHS soccer volunteer

F. REQUESTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES - no business.

G. REQUEST FOR FIELD TRIP

1. Blair Pointe 6th grade - Chicago Science & Industry Museum and Medieval Times in Schaumburg - Saturday, May 17 - transportation by charter bus

H. DONATIONS - no business.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - no comments.

II. PROGRAM

- A. CONSIDERATION OF REVISING 2013-14 CALENDAR - Mr. Brimbury stated Peru has missed 10 days of school which will need to be made up. Three days were built into the calendar for make-up days. He stated he met with teachers, students, parents, and administrators and recommended amending the calendar to use three holidays: Presidents' Day - 2/17, Friday before spring break - 3/28, and Good Friday - 4/18, with the caveat of excusing attendance because some families have scheduled appointments or have travel plans which can be confirmed. He stated principals will work with each one of them. The confirmed absences will not affect perfect attendance on Good Friday because of religion. He stated the staff is included. They can use personal day or sick day for absences if appropriate. Mr. Brimbury stated we will not be moving graduation at PHS. He pointed out if we have additional days, the State has given us other options from last Friday forward, to add one hour of time to six consecutive days to equal one make-up day. The good part is we did build in some snow days. He stated the concerning part is we are only in the beginning of February. Mr. Hanson informed the Board the Dept. of Education is allowing schools to extend the ISTEP+ window testing period to March 21. Mr. Stanton moved to approve the revised calendar, seconded by Dr. Quin. Dr. Quin asked that we be less liberal with our snow days. Mr. Brimbury stated we take the weather and cancellations very serious adding he will not get so tired of winter that we neglect safety. The calendar was unanimously approved.
- B. CONSIDERATION OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENT - Mr. Brimbury recommended adjusting the graduation credit requirement for a Core 40 diploma from 50 to 48. Mr. Brimbury stated when the high school went from the block schedule to the traditional schedule the credits were not adjusted. He recommended the credits be adjusted for the 2014-15 school year, which would be this year's junior class. He stated this allows the special education students who need resource to graduate with their class. He stated as PCS has done in the past, the superintendent may approve a student to graduate if the student has met the State of Indiana requirements for graduation (minimum of 40 credits) but due to extraordinary circumstances may not be able to achieve the 48 credits required by Peru Community Schools. Mr. Hanson stated when the State put restrictions on the schools last summer to deny student transfers, Peru lost the ability to consider earned credits when accepting students who met Peru's higher credit requirements. He also stated seniors are not allowed to graduate before the second trimester of their senior year. The State requirements are 48 for an honors diploma and 40 credits for a Core 40 diploma. Peru requires 50 credits for an honors diploma, one of the highest credit requirements in the area. Mr. Wolfe asked about increasing the summer school offering or if there is a trend. Mr. Hanson stated he will be reporting at the March meeting on summer school. Mr. Comerford moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Rice. Mr. Brimbury thanked Mr. Cary and Mr. Hanson for their research, consideration, and work.
- C. FINE ARTS FESTIVAL - Mr. Hahn invited the Board to the gym for a performance by the choir. Mrs. Stoff stated with the weather delays and cancellations the choir has not had many opportunities to prepare for the presentation but that has not diminished the excitement of the children. The choir sang the Korean folk song "Arirang" for the Board and audience. The students' enthusiasm was obvious! Mrs. Stoff returned to the library with the Board and said when she was told by Mr. Hahn she had to do a Fine Arts Festival as part of the tradition at Blair Pointe, she wondered what to do and decided to do what she does best, a production. She chose "Willy Wonka Kids," a 30 minute condensed story. The production will involve the PE, art, music, and technology departments. She said there will be a variety of opportunities for students to be involved whether designing, building, and painting the sets, marketing,

advertising, dancing, acting, technology, etc. There will be two performances on May 14, during the day for the students and in the evening for the parents and public. Mr. Brimbury stated we are fortunate Mrs. Stoff is part of the staff and is enthusiastic about building our Fine Arts program. He stated while many schools have made cuts in their fine arts programs, ours is growing. He feels the arts are an intricate part of our curriculum and enhance the overall academic program at PCS.

III. BUDGET

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

GENERAL FUND	90,938.28
CAPITAL PROJECTS	32,424.89
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	1,575.51
TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT	215.00
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	11,712.36
INSURANCE WELLNESS CLINIC	6.89
KEYS ACADEMY	1,001.21
ACADEMIC MONITORING PACKAGE	28.48
GIFTED AND TALENTED 2013/14	12.97
TITLE I 2013/14	1,531.57
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	52.40
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FUND	172.70
TITLE II PART A TEACHER IMPROV TOTALS	331.79
TITLE VI-B RURAL/LOW INCOME	96.00
FEDERAL TAX	36,554.65
SOCIAL SECURITY	28,169.85
PERF	67.41
ANNUITIES	12,425.42
AMERICAN FUNDS REPAYMENT	240.44
CHILD SUPPORT	706.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 218,263.82</u>

B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall reviewed the fund monitoring report for the month of January. He explained the circuit breaker impact for 2014. Mrs. Shuey asked about the cost of the snow removal and how that is effecting our budget. Mr. Hall replied EMA is applying for a grant and we might get some of that funding. Mr. Stanton moved to approve the report, seconded by Mr. Comerford. The Board unanimously approved the fund monitoring report.

C. RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS - Mr. Hall requested a temporary transfer of \$55,000 from the General Fund to the Debt Service Fund due to a negative cash balance. The funds will be transferred back to the General Fund when the 2014 tax levy distribution is received from Miami County. On motion by Mr. Comerford, seconded by Dr. Quin, the Board approved the resolution. A copy of the signed Resolution is in Supplementary Minute book #14, page 2.

IV. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

A. REQUEST TO USE FACILITIES

1. Tri Kappa - annual Easter Egg project - PHS kitchen and commons area - March 21 and 22
2. HYWAY Wrestling Tournament - sponsored by Peru Wrestling Club - Tiger Den and Tig-Arena - Saturday, March 29 - 6:00 AM - 4:00 PM
3. Travel basketball league - 5th/6th grade team in Tipton league coached by Pat Polk, Kip Chandler, & Matt Wilhelm - Blair Pointe gym for practices - will coordinate the schedule with BP Administration.

Mr. Brimbury noted these are all annual requests. Custodial fees will be charged. Mr. Stanton moved to approve the request to waive facility rental fees, seconded by Dr. Quin, unanimously approved.

V. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Brimbury was pleased to share with the Board PHS was represented very well at the recent Scholastic Art show in Fort Wayne. Peru students received 35 awards: 21 Gold Keys, 7 Silver Keys, 5 Honorable Mention as well as once student, Ashta Ross, receiving not only one but two Gold Key portfolios!! The art work will be on display at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art February 9 through April 6. All of the Gold Key art work will go on to New York for the National competition. Mr. Brimbury stated congratulations go to the students as well as Mr. Applegate and Mr. Zwiebel.

Mr. Brimbury was also pleased to announce Mr. Applegate was awarded the Dick Blick Outstanding Teacher Award at the Scholastic Awards ceremony. There were more than 600 teachers to consider for this honor. Peru is very proud of Mr. Applegate and this recognition. He is an outstanding teacher.

Mr. Brimbury informed the Board the Fine Arts program is growing at PJHS. Mrs. Terry is very impressive. The numbers at PJHS have increased to more than 30% of the kids at PJHS involved in music. He stated we will continue to encourage and provide Fine Arts. Dr. Quin stated it reflects students academic achievements that we have kept the Fine Arts programs active.

Mr. Brimbury stated the wrestling team will be recognized at the March meeting. They are doing awesome. They won MIC, sectional, and regional this year. He stated Coach Hobbs will be inducted into the Wrestling Hall of Fame later this month.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Brimbury informed the Board we offered our first Saturday success remediation program this past Saturday. Busing and lunch were available at no charge to the students. He stated it was a success and kids wanted to participate. Some students didn't show up thinking because school was out Friday the Saturday remediation was cancelled as well. Mr. Hanson stated we will be sure to communicate that better in the future. This program will be offered the remainder of the month. Mr. Brimbury stated we want to get our kids caught up for ISTEP.

B. BOARD - Mrs. Shuey thanked Mr. Hahn and Mrs. Watkins for hosting the meeting tonight.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Quin moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Secretary,

Tim Comerford

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