

February 12, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mrs. Shuey. Mrs. Shuey led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present except Ms. Rice and Dr. Quin. Also present were Mr. Watkins, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Minard, Mrs. Watkins, Mr. Durrwachter, Mr. McClure, Mr. Morris, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Psimos, and several parents and students.

On motion by Mr. Comerford, seconded by Mr. Mullett, the Board approved the public agenda with one addition, the memorandum of January 8, and the personnel report by a 5-1 vote (Mr. Wolfe opposed).

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V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

D. APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Bob Prescott - resignation as weight coordinator, effective immediately January 31, 2018
2. Louanne Berryman - retire - 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, 35 years experience, effective May 29, 2018
3. Paula Gray - retire - Special Needs teacher, 24 years experience, effective May 29, 2018

B. LEAVES - no business

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS - no business

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Niki Fisher - Tiger bus driver/sub bus driver/sub bus monitor
2. Kylie Hall - sub Tiger bus driver/sub bus monitor
3. Jake Williams - sub Tiger bus driver
4. Transportation Director substitute rate - \$150 per day
5. Cheyenne Webb - PHS Special Education math aide, effective (permission to fill position was granted at the January 8 meeting)

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Romison Saint-Louis - male strength coach, effective immediately
2. Stephanie Bennett - female strength coach, effective immediately
3. Morgan Gold - PHS boys' golf volunteer
4. Larry Shaw - PHS baseball volunteer
5. Bryan Edwards - PJHS assistant track (lay) coach
6. Brooklyne Wood - PJHS assistant track (lay) coach
7. Jeff Dicken - PJHS head baseball (lay) coach
8. Alex Dicken - PJHS assistant baseball (lay) coach
9. Julie King - PJHS head soccer coach
10. Caleb Bragg - PJHS assistant soccer (lay) coach

F. REQUEST FOR CONFERENCE

1. Greg Badry - Great Lakes Athletic Trainers Association Winter Symposium - March 15-17, 2018, at Westin Chicago North Shore - costs: conf. \$125, hotel \$277.48, and mileage - 356 miles plus tolls \$25.
2. Sam Watkins - PJHS NJHS Washington, D.C., trip as administrator chaperon - April 4-7 - no expenses, just time away from office. (Neither Ms. Spiker nor Mr. McClure will be going on this trip.)

G. REQUEST FOR TRIPS

1. PHS baseball team and coaches - March 29-31 (spring break) to play at Huntingburg, IN; Central City, KY; and Hopkinsville, KY. All meals and hotel rooms will be covered by the team's fund raising efforts.

H. DONATIONS

1. \$100 - Blair Pointe library - in memory of Amanda Buffington

2. Water - Kroger - one pallet (40 cases), Walmart Wabash - one pallet, Walmart Logansport - one pallet, Dollar General (Washington Ave.) - one pallet, Shoppers Value - ten cases, Walgreens - four cases
3. \$200 - donation to hot lunch fund for delinquent accounts, in memory of Charlene Miller
4. \$200 - PHS music dept (\$100 each band and choir) anonymous donor
5. \$1,000 - Remedy Live - grant from Dukes Health Care Foundation - final funding needed for the Systems of Care Governance Coalition in coordination with the three county schools to schedule a suicide prevention convocation, which meets a state statute.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - no comments.

II. RECOGNITIONS - Mr. Watkins stated it gave him great pleasure to present Black and Gold awards. He explained Black and Gold Awards are Board and Superintendent awards for people going above and beyond in their jobs, doing extra, and making an unbelievable difference for our corporation.

Mrs. Ellen Terry, PJHS music teacher, was pleased to share the results of the recent ISSMA band solo and ensemble contest. She explained the process the kids go through at the contest. She noted 36 gold and 5 silver medals were earned. Kiara Converse scored a perfect score with her trumpet selection of "Country Garden" which she played for the Board and the audience. Fiona Davis sang "Poor Wayfaring Stranger" which she received a perfect score. Mrs. Terry noted seven students were within half a point of a perfect score. She shared one of our students offered his drum to a student from another school district because she forgot her drum. She stated it is this kind of teamwork, leadership, and camaraderie across school boundaries that make our music programs at PCS so special.

Mr. McClure, PJHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, recognized Gayle Raber, PJHS girls' basketball coach. He was happy to announce the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team is the Miami/Fulton County girls' basketball champions, however, he is even more humbled they are champions on a much greater scale. Coach Raber shared a story that happened at the tournament. After the championship game the girls were shaking hands with the Caston girls. One of Caston's players has Down Syndrome. She did not play in their game but played in a game they watched earlier in the day. The girls shook her hand after the game and each complimented her on the great job she did when she played earlier. This positive sportsmanship did not go unnoticed by fans and the Caston coach. The Caston coach told Coach Raber, "That shows what great character your girls have." Coach Raber stated our girls are learning life lessons.

Officer Keller, Mrs. Watkins, and Mr. Durrwachter presented Black and Gold awards to the 2017-18 Blair Pointe Safety Patrol. Officer Keller stated he is very proud of these 30 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

III. PROGRAM

A. BLAIR POINTE STEM LAB AND PLTW PRESENTATION - Mrs. Watkins introduced teachers Christy McGuire, 4th grade teacher, and Britni Psimos, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. They informed the Board they went to a summer class to learn about PLTW (Project Lead the Way) and were able to share their training with fellow teachers so all the Blair Pointe teachers are now qualified to teach PLTW. Mrs. McGuire explained the program noting the hands-on program allows the students to work with kits and materials. The APB Instruction Approach is used. The students are given different activities and a problem to solve. Mrs. McGuire stated the students are scientists during their instruction time. They noted each grade level works on a different module with the VEX kits: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - related to simple machines and 4<sup>th</sup> grade - related to energy and collisions. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade module was related to how germs are spread. They did not use the VEX kits. Mr. Watkins asked if

this type of hands-on work engaged the students. Both teachers replied, "Yes!" The Board thanked the teachers for their enthusiasm and presentation.

- B. ENROLLMENT NUMBERS - Mr. Watkins briefly reviewed our enrollment trends. He stated we started the year with 2,155 students. Our ADM count on September 15 was 2,032 students. Our ADM count on February 1 was 1,981 students plus our 20 mid-year graduates for a total of 2,001 students. He asked where did 123 students go? He reviewed a snapshot of our numbers. He stated, what do we need to do to keep and attract students: great teachers, climate and culture, academics and technology, fine arts and athletics, buildings and grounds, and advertising all of the above. Mr. Hanson added we are in the top 15 corporations in the state losing student population. Mr. Hanson stated 30 students moved out of state. Mr. Watkins stated we need to think outside the box on ways to attract kindergarten students. Mr. Hanson added we do work hard with Economic Development to produce graduates with skill sets as well as attract businesses. Mr. Wolfe asked about the 106 students who leave, do we ask them why they are leaving. Mr. Watkins responded we ask some questions but probably need to do a better job of asking questions. Mr. Watkins stated we provide a very good product for our students and we provide what we say we are going to provide; we're honest. Mr. Hanson stated the district line for student attendance is in the past. The district lines are basically used for tax purposes now. Mr. Watkins stated he will continue to address this concern.
- C. HCC OPERATING AGREEMENT- Mr. Watkins stated we send approximately 75 students to Heartland Career Center. He briefly reviewed the agreement that has been revised by the HCC Superintendents and Mark Hobbs, HCC Director. Mr. Watkins stated he will request consideration of approval of the agreement at the March meeting and asked if the Board has any questions to contact him.

IV. BUDGET

- A. CLAIMS - Mr. Hall presented and reviewed claims. A few questions were asked and answered. Mr. Comerford moved to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, unanimously approved.

GENERAL FUND	158,705.22
DEBT SERVICE	117,750.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	200,559.40
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	17,820.46
TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT	844.00
CONSTRUCTION 2016 GO BOND	107,955.13
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	70,176.95
TEXTBOOK RENTAL FUND	4,820.10
KICKS FOR KIDS	382.45
DONATION/SPECIAL ED. TEACHERS	96.68
PBIS	404.86
GIFTED TALENTED FUND 2008-09	303.72
TECHNOLOGY FUND	10,757.60
COLLEGE SUCCESS COALITION	36.20
TITLE I 2017-18	492.22
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	414.49
TITLE II GRANT CFDA 84.367A	2,829.25
GROUP INSURANCE	343.37
RETIREEES-TERM LIFE INSURANCE	1,063.40
BOOK RENT	4,486.39
FRINGE BENEFITS	387,556.42
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,087,798.31</u>

- B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall reviewed the fund monitoring report for the month of January. He noted our budget order did not have a lot of changes. The general fund has a 10.6% cash balance. He noted the annual Casual and Property was the big expenditure at \$87,000. He stated the school lunch account has a positive balance. Mr. Mullett moved to approve the fund monitoring report, seconded by Mr. Wagner, unanimously approved.

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

A. REQUESTS TO USE FACILITIES

1. Tig-Arena - Cal Ripken youth league tryouts and coaches' clinic - Sunday, March 4 from noon - 6:00 p.m. Coach Brimbury and baseball staff will be there, no custodians are needed.
2. Blair Pointe kitchen and cafeteria - annual Tri Kappa Easter Egg project - March 9-10, 2018 (cafeteria and custodial fees will be paid)
3. South Peru classroom - Miami County Amateur Radio Club - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for remainder of the 2018 year. Dave Moon and Kenny Hanson are members and will be present at meetings rather than a custodian. They used the PHS team teaching room last year. The stairs were an issue for some of the club members. However, as a back up they would like to request use of team teaching room if their club membership increases.
4. Blair Pointe gym & Tig-Arena/Tiger Den - Circus City Club Volleyball - Peru 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders - Tommie Beattie and Brooke Sheets (PHS secretary) would like to continue the club started last year to continue to grow understanding, technique, competitiveness, and coachability. Practice at BP as gym space is available February to mid-April. Host a tournament, date TBD in March, at PHS. The 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will also participate in PAL and NCIPL to better prepare them for high school volleyball. Bleachers will not be needed. Will pay custodial fees.
5. Elmwood 3 classrooms, gym, & playground - Four County Summer Camp - June 4 through July 26, Mondays through Thursdays - noon - 3:00 p.m. PCS transportation will be provided to PCS students and fully reimbursed by Four County. Lunch provided. (Same request as last year.)

Mr. Watkins stated we like community entities using our facilities. On motion by Mr. Comerford, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the Board unanimously approved the requests to use the facilities with a waiver of the facility rental charge.

- B. BUS PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION - Mr. Hall stated the budget order gives us the authority to spend \$180,707. He shared Mr. Frushour's recommendation to purchase a new 2019 model 78-passenger conventional bus from Kerlin Bus Sales for \$86,596. The low bid on the Wilson Education Center summary sheet was the same bus from Kerlin. However, Kerlin deepened the discount and added more equipment. Mr. Hall stated we will sell one of our spare buses for cash. Mr. Wagner moved to accept the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Mullett, unanimously approved.
- C. APPROVAL OF CYBER LIABILITY POLICY - Mr. Hall recommended approval of a cyber liability policy to be administered through Webster Insurance. He stated cyber incidents are now one of the top liability exposures for corporations. He reviewed the coverage offered with option #1 for \$500,000 Policy Aggregate Limit of Liability at a cost of \$4,151.25 from Beazley Insurance Company. Mr. Morris explained the need to have a cyber liability policy for the data saved on our servers. Mr. Mullett moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, approved by a 4-1 vote (Mr. Wagner abstained).
- D. APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT - Mr. Watkins stated this agreement was received by Terry Fuller, Food Service Director, on Friday afternoon. It must be signed and returned to the State by March 5. Mrs. Fuller states we participate in the Wabash Education Center for purchasing. This is a new purchasing opportunity to save on purchase for food and supplies. On motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Comerford, the Board unanimously approved the agreement. A copy is in Supplementary Minute Book #14, page 76.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Watkins informed the Board about several accomplishments/acknowledgments within the corporation.

- Terry Fuller and several area retailers for their donation of bottle water during our recent water boil order. Mrs. Fuller received a phone call from Mr. Hall on a Saturday morning and she began making personal contact as well as phone calls to have bottled water available for students and staff for three days. A big thank you to Kroger for donating one pallet, Walmart in Logansport and Wabash each one pallet, Dollar General on Washington Ave one pallet, Shoppers Value ten cases, and Walgreens four cases. Mrs. Lori Meier, PHS café head cook, also helped Mrs. Fuller. Mr. Watkins also thanked our high school and jr. high school custodians for bagging the water fountains and putting up signs.
- Diane Haley and PHS students - ISSMA Solo/Ensemble contest winners - ten students won gold medals and will be going to State February 24. Five students won silver medals and a clarinet trio received a bronze medal.
- Jason Gornto and PHS choral students - district vocal contest winners - two students won gold and will be going to State on February 17. The Swing Choir received a silver and four individual students received silver medals.
- Ellen Terry and PJHS choir students - ISSMA Solo/Ensemble - 17 students received gold, 13 silver, and 8 bronze medals. Fiona Davis received a perfect score. One member didn't have a contest outfit and the group worked together with their change of clothing to piece together an outfit.
- Mike Applegate and Adam Zwiebel and PHS art students recently participated in the Scholastic Art show - PHS had their highest participation with 30 Gold Key winners, 23 Silver Key winners, and 32 Honorable Mention winners. All the work is on display at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art through April 8. The Gold Key winners will go on to National competition.
- Andy Hobbs, Daric Fuller, and PHS wrestling - conference champions, sectional champions, regional and semi-state qualifiers, and Trey Sturgill and Jordan Rader qualified for State competition this weekend.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade boy's basketball team won the RRC championship. Their season record was 18-3.
- PHS speech team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Central Indiana Forensics League behind Culver. Sectionals will be Saturday, February 24.
- Mr. Watkins thanked Paul Frye and Kristi Eddy for their work with the Title I Basic Grant. The grant was approved for \$561,165.03.
- Mr. Watkins expressed appreciation to Sheri Spiker for coordinating our Black History month presentation by Amber Harris-Reed.
- Mr. Watkins acknowledged Miami County Community Foundation for their continued efforts in overseeing the Eugene and Martha Fikes Memorial Scholarship fund. Thirteen PHS graduates received a combined \$15,000 for the 2017-18 academic year.
- Mr. Watkins thanked Mrs. Watkins, Mr. Durrwachter, and Blair Pointe for hosting the meeting this evening.
- Mr. Watkins thanked Christy McGuire and Britni Psimos for their work with the STEM and PLTW and their presentations this evening.
- Mr. Watkins also thanked the Board for their support for fine arts, academics, and athletics.

B. BOARD - no comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Mullett moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Secretary,