

February 13, 2012

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. Hahn, Mr. Polk, PHS MIC wrestlers, coaches and parents, Blair Pointe Bugle staff, patrons, and a news media representative.

On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, the Board approved the agenda as presented, the memorandum of January 9, 2012, and the personnel report. Approved by a 6-1 (Mr. Wolfe opposed).

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Katy Gray - resignation as art teacher at Blair Pointe effective January 31, 2012
2. Karron Butler - retirement as instructional assistant at Blair Pointe effective June 1, 2012
3. Richard Cole - retirement as PHS Director of Guidance effective end of the 2011-12 school year

B. LEAVES - no business

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS

1. Chelsea Wilkinson - art teacher at Blair Pointe, Bachelors 0 yrs exp.
2. Superintendent's contract extension

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Christina Varvel - School Nutritionist/Wellness. Ms. Varvel is a registered dietician. Sixty hours through end of school year at \$25 an hour through wellness grant.
2. Jennifer Hopkins - South Peru Parent Liaison
3. Brittany Sturch - Blair Pointe food service
4. Katina Capps - PHS food service
5. Nancy Brooks - PHS full-time food service to part-time

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Erich Yard - JV softball head (lay) coach
2. Gayle Raber - varsity softball assistant (lay) coach
3. Scott Kaufman - JV baseball head (lay) coach
4. Troy Hamman - varsity baseball assistant (lay) coach
5. Dan Sacre - varsity track assistant coach
6. Lori Frye - PJHS track (lay) coach
7. Jim Alwine - volunteer baseball coach
8. Larry Shaw - volunteer baseball coach
9. Matt Gibson - volunteer baseball coach
10. Troy Hudson - volunteer baseball coach
11. Kim Massey - volunteer softball coach

F. REQUESTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES

1. Kenneth Hanson, PHS principal - attend the PJHS NJHS Washington, D.C. trip April 18-22. Mr. Hanson would like to attend in preparation for the high school honors trip being planned for next year. Recommend hotel and meals be paid as an administrative chaperone (estimated \$807).
2. Sam Watkins, PJHS principal - PJHS NJHS Washington, D.C. trip as administrative chaperone (estimated \$807).
3. Stanley Hall - IASBO Annual meeting at French Lick - May 9-11, 2012, release time, registration \$320, and estimated lodging \$368.
4. Brian Strong - IIAAA Annual State Conference - Indianapolis - March 17-21, 2012 - registration \$100, estimated lodging and meals \$375.

G. DONATIONS

1. PHS band - \$200 for general band use from anonymous donor.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments

II. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Brimbury congratulated the wrestling coaching staff for their seven conference wins in 15 years! He stated Coach Hobbs has put together an awesome program and work ethic. Mr. Brimbury stated he loved the saying on the wall, "No Magic, Just Hard Work." Mr. Brimbury also congratulated Evan Loe as he has advanced to State competition this Friday and Saturday. Coach Hobbs stated the Academic All State honors were just released this afternoon. Peru has five All State Academic wrestlers. Andy Robinson, Colin Quin, Braxton Simpson, Kane Rockenbaugh, and Kaleb Hammersley.

Mr. Brimbury also recognized the fantastic job by the students in the PHS art department at the Saturday, January 17, Regional Scholastics in Fort Wayne. Ten portfolios were sent and all ten won! He stated this is a first time ever! Mr. Brimbury stated we also had 34 pieces make the show presented by 22 students with 12 pieces receiving a gold, six a silver, and 16 honorable mention. Mr. Brimbury stated all Gold Keys and Portfolios will head to Washington, D.C., for national competition in April. Their works will be on display at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art from February 11 to April 18. He noted a huge ceremony to honor the students was held yesterday at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Brimbury shared how humbled he was as superintendent of PCS at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner in January. He stated for the first time a school corporation won the 'Industry of the Year' award. He stated Mayor Walker said some very kind things about our students, corporation, and staff. The product we produce, PCS students, are outstanding! Mrs. Shuey stated this honor speaks volumes for the staff and students. We do build a good product, our students are our future.

III. PROGRAM

A. BLAIR POINTE NEWSPAPER - Mr. Hahn shared that Mr. Brimbury challenged the schools to be creative with ways to keep the students involved. Mr. Hahn introduced Mrs. Leslie Murphy, 6th grade teacher and sponsor of the Bugle, Blair Pointe School's newspaper. Mrs. Murphy stated Mr. Moskowitz, who has worked with the Peru Tribune for years, was walking the halls one day after school for exercise and noticed the student writings. She spoke to him about a school newspaper and the idea became print. There were originally 17 students who started with the program. The students were introduced and shared some of their experiences. The newspaper is online by the 15th of each month. The students learn lessons on writing, interviews, and life skills. There are a photographer and editor on staff. They like the idea of the paper being online so the parents and community can read the paper. It was noted printed copies are available for 10 cents. Mr. Moskowitz stated when the paper began he had four goals in mind: 1) make sure the kids have fun, 2) learn how the media works, 3) challenge them, 4) teach them some life lessons, such as responsibility, being a part of a team, meeting deadlines, etc. He stated due to various reasons (grades, transportation, other activities, financial, etc.) the staff is down to six hardworking kids. Jeremiah DeRoziar, the Bugle editor, stated one of his biggest challenges was his schedule with other activities and his school work.

Mr. Moskowitz stated it has been a pleasure to work with the students, hear their ideas, and watch their progress. Mr. Brimbury thanked Mr. Moskowitz and Mrs. Murphy for their efforts with the students. The Board members were presented with a color copy of the next edition before it hit the news stand or the web.

- B. PHS COURSE PROPOSAL - Mr. Hanson presented a request for one additional course, year two for Biomedical, as well as a sequence change in math classes - Honors sections created for Geometry and Algebra II and a sequence change flip-flopping Geometry and Algebra II. Mr. Hanson stated Mrs. Doud has been certified for the Biomedical course. He stated he has heard nothing but positive comments about this course. He noted 40 students took the course this year. With the completion of this course, the students are ready for year two - Human Body Systems. Mrs. Doud will be attending 'boot camp' this summer to be trained to teach this course as well. She has no regrets in attending the week-long training last summer and truly enjoys teaching the course. He noted dual credit is pending as it has to be approved at the state level. He informed the Board the courses are not cheap but we have been creative in funding. He stated the math change proposal is an addition of Honors sections for Geometry and Algebra II. He recommended changing the sequence of recommended math courses based on testing the students must take. The students will begin with Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, and then Calculus. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved.
- C. APPROVAL 2012-13 AND 2013-14 SCHOOL CALENDARS - Mr. Brimbury recommended approval of the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school calendars. He stated the calendars are very similar to this year with the second calendar mirroring the first calendar except the school year starts one day earlier due to the fact Good Friday is not a part of the spring break week. There is a four-day weekend for fall break, three days for Thanksgiving break, two full weeks at Christmas, MLK Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, the Friday before spring break week, and three built in make-up days. The school year will end in May with graduation scheduled the first Friday in June. He stated approving two school calendars allows parents to plan ahead barring there are no legislative mandates. Mr. Comerford moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, unanimously approved.
- D. BOARD PARTICIPATION REPORT - Mr. Brimbury shared the Board participation report for the last quarter of the 2011 calendar year. He thanked the Board for their commitment level. Mr. Brimbury presented Mr. Stanton with a pin and congratulations from ISBA for his 16 years of service on the Board. A copy of the report is in Supplementary Minute Book #13, page 67.
- E. SCHOOL BOARD TERM REORGANIZATION RESOLUTION - Mr. Brimbury stated due to HEA 1074, the State is reorganizing School Board terms with all elections to be held in the fall and seating to take place in January. Mr. Brimbury stated he has talked with ISBA legal counsel, the State election board, Miami County's voter registration office, and our Board attorney as well as other school superintendents. Mr. Brimbury believes with this resolution we are compliant with HEA 1074. The resolution states per HEA 1074 the four Board members elected in the spring and seated in July will be moved to fall elections and seated in January. The successor to the three Board members currently elected in the fall will have a one-time 3½ year term so they can be seated in January. Mr. Brimbury stated we hope the DOE will certify the resolution in a timely manner for the 2012 November elections. Mr. Stanton, moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, unanimously approved. A copy of the Resolution is in Supplementary Minute Book #13, page 68.

IV. BUDGET

- A. CLAIMS - Mr. Hall presented and reviewed the claims for

Board approval. Ms. Rice moved to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved as follows:

GENERAL FUND	131,395.97
CAPITAL PROJECTS	16,001.04
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	33,594.70
TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT	214.00
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	67,042.09
KEYS ACADEMY	862.95
ACADEMIC MONITORING PACKAGE	455.90
GIFTED AND TALENTED 2011-12	275.79
TECHNOLOGY E-RATE REBATE	701.50
CLASSROOM INNOVATION GRANT	77.08
TITLE I 2011-12	2,273.50
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	503.28
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FUND	169.63
TITLE IV-A SAFE/DRUG FREE	347.00
TITLE II PART A TEACHER IMPROV	1,223.21
EDUCATION JOBS FUND	1,907.30
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN - GOV BD	6,610.00
FEDERAL TAX	42,304.54
SOCIAL SECURITY	24,118.42
STATE TAX	23,846.79
LOCAL TAX	16,399.15
GROUP INSURANCE	2,390.43
ANNUITIES	12,384.69
HARTFORD LOAN REPAYMENT	378.77
RETIREEES-TERM LIFE INSURANCE	295.20
CHILD SUPPORT	394.00
TOTAL	\$ 386,166.93

- B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall reviewed the fund monitoring report for the month of January. He noted two items in the general fund that were one-time expenses for the year. Ms. Rice moved to approve the report, seconded by Mr. Comerford, unanimously approved.
- C. RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS - Mr. Hall requested permission to transfer \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. The funds will be transferred back to the General Fund upon distribution of the 2012 tax levy from Miami County. Mr. Comerford moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved. A copy of the Resolution is in Supplementary Minute Book #13, page 69.
- D. VOID OUTSTANDING CHECKS - Mr. Hall informed the Board the Indiana Code has a very specific code to void outstanding checks. He stated Mrs. Mongosa prepared a list of outstanding, unpaid checks that are more than two years old as of December 31, 2011, which amount to just over \$1,400 in checks. He stated the Board of Finance of the school corporation is to approve the cancellation and removal of these checks. He noted this process is to be completed each year by March 1. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved.
- V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY
- A. REQUEST TO USE FACILITIES
1. Tiger Wrestling Club - Tiger Den and Tig-Arena - Indiana wrestling tournament, Saturday, March 24, 2012, 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 2. Miami County Child Abuse Prevention Council - PHS auditorium, annual Candle Light Vigil, Tuesday, April 17, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. with the program at 7:00 p.m.
 3. Miami County YMCA - PJHS parking lot, gym, café, and hallway - annual Healthy Kids Day/Miami County Kids Fair, Saturday, April 28, 2012, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the requests, seconded by Mr. Wagner, unanimously approved.

- B. PCS STAFF MEDICAL CLINIC UPDATE - Mr. Brimbury stated in keeping the Board updated, he has spoken with Novia and the Consortium. The projected opening date is August 8, 2012. Novia will front the building costs to make renovations. Construction will not begin until school is out. Miami County employees, Peru Municipal employees, and possibly other groups will be invited to buy into the consortium to use the clinic. Mr. Hall is looking at opening our insurance enrollment. Mr. Brimbury stated this could be a significant savings to staff and our insurance as employees with our insurance as well as their families would be able to visit the clinic at no charge. Blood testing and some medications will also be available and save out-of-pocket expenses. Mrs. Shuey stated this sounds like a win-win for everyone.
- C. FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE - Mr. Brimbury stated he has held public meetings that have been very beneficial. He stated he will come to the Board in March with a recommendation. He stated one option is kindergarten to Elmwood, 3rd grade to Blair, 6th grade to PJHS, and KEYS to South Peru. The other option is keep 6th grade at Blair Pointe making that building 3rd - 6th. He stated we have to consider options that will save this corporation money. He stated he does not want to RIF teachers. He noted the decisions will effect administrators and support staff. The decision of no movement will result in an effect that means will not be saving any money. He stated his goal is the least amount of movement with the biggest savings. He again stated he did not want to reduce teaching staff or programming.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

- A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Brimbury informed the Board graduation rates came out. We are again highest in the county.

Mr. Brimbury stated our basketball games have a positive student-centered atmosphere, cheer block, band, cheerleaders, crowd, etc. He wished the State of Indiana measured for student centered positive involvement. He shared with the Board a visiting scouting coach was recently at one of our basketball games and made a point to share with Mr. Brimbury how impressed he was with the students and atmosphere at Peru.

- B. BOARD - Mr. Stanton provided the Board with a copy of the November Art Collection Advisory Board meeting. Mrs. Shuey thanked Mr. Stanton for his involvement.

Mr. Wagner stated the golf course superintendent candidates were recently interviewed by the Park Board. He also noted the Park Board is still considering a water park and a renovation of Davis Park. He noted financing will be a big determining factor.

Mr. Wagner commended Mr. Brimbury and Mr. Hall for their work with the medical clinic.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Maxwell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Secretary,

Lowell Maxwell