

February 13, 2017

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. Also present were Mr. Watkins, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Minard, Mrs. Watkins, Mr. Durrwachter, Mr. McClure, Mr. Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Enyeart, Rev. Reed, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. McCain, Mrs. Astrup, several parents and students, and a local news media representative.

On motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the Board approved the public agenda with one addition, the memorandum of January 9, and the personnel report by a 6-1 vote (Dr. Quin opposed).

ADDITION

Consent Agenda A. #8, Suzanne Gray resignation

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

C. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE BIDS FOR 21-ACRE PROJECT

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Chuck Enyeart - retirement, PCS head maintenance, effective March 7, 2017, employed by PCS for 29 years
2. Jerry Przybyszewski - resignation as boys' varsity soccer coach, effective immediately
3. Jessica Mast - resignation as JV head volleyball coach, effective immediately
4. Julie Sturch - retirement as café worker, effective January 27, 2017, employed by PCS for 24 years
5. Jennifer Prior - resignation as Elmwood Title I tutor, effective February 7, 2017
6. Kyletta Marburger - retirement as PJHS secretary, effective June 16, 2017, completing 27 years employment with PCS, 21 as PJHS secretary
7. Chris Butte - change in effective date of resignation - January 19, 2017
8. Suzanne Gray - resignation as Blair Pointe instructional aide, effective February 10.

B. LEAVES

1. Robin Roush - Elmwood pre-school special education teacher, April 5 - May 16, 2017
2. Samantha Ramirez - Blair Pointe aide, extended leave - three days earlier, now January 17 - March 17, 2017
3. Todd Fitzgerald - PHS custodian, FMLA from February 10-May 5, 2017

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS - no business

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Judd Hahn - full-time maintenance effective February 14, 2017
2. Chuck Hight - promote to maintenance foreman, effective March 1, 2017
3. Lucas LaBare - Elmwood Technology Assistant
4. Marie Guyer - Blair Pointe temporary instructional aide through end of 2016-17 school year
5. Kayleen Rose - Elmwood Title I tutor, effective February 14
6. Kasey Davis - substitute nurse
7. Brittnee Samons - part-time custodian, effective November 18, 2016
8. William Calfee - substitute custodian
9. Permission to hire temporary aide for Blair Pointe ED room to cover leave through March 17.

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Colleen Knickerbocker - PJHS Geography Bee sponsor
2. Lisa Hobbs - varsity girls' cross country coach
3. Lizzy Makin - PJHS assistant track coach
4. Chris Makowski - PJHS assistant track coach
5. Gayle Raber - PJHS head softball (lay) coach
6. Gabriele Molyneux - volunteer drama coach

F. REQUEST FOR CONFERENCE

1. Greg Badry - GLATA (Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Winter conf.) in Chicago March 9 and 10. Requests professional days only. Mr. Badry is paying expenses.
2. Thomas Elliott - PHS PLTW teacher, PLTW Indiana State Conference at IUPUI - March 13-14. Expenses: registration \$125, meals \$50, lodging \$300, and mileage.
3. Dave Frushour - Transportation Director, STAI conference at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne on June 18-21, 2017. Expenses: registration \$390 and lodging \$389.88.

G. DONATIONS

1. \$200 - \$100 each to PHS band and choir - anonymous donor
2. \$2,000 - (in four \$500 seasonal installments) Blair Pointe - discretion for classroom needs - Decision Information Systems, Inc. coordinated through Tracy Renfrow, instructional aide at Blair Pointe.
3. Basketball rims - Biddy Basketball donation of breakaway basketball rims for the main gym at PJHS.
4. Guitars - PHS art department for sculpting and drawing - Peru Music Center
5. Financial donations toward T-shirts for all Blair Pointe students and staff for the International Space Station astronaut day.

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. Mr. McClure, PJHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, recognized Mr. Scott Thompson, KEYS Academy teacher and athletic official. He stated one of the more challenging parts of his job as an AD is scheduling and more specifically scheduling officials. He knew the annual JHS basketball tournament on January 14 was going to be a well-contested tournament and unfortunately a few days before the games needed to fill three of their four officiating positions. Mr. Thompson helped bail him out, which he noted he has done on more than one occasion, and provided extra administrative supervision that was necessary since the tournament was being played in two different locations. Mr. Thompson showed him how important it is to have quality officials working and the influence the officials have in supervising games. He also reaffirmed his belief that officials also have a hand in the development of the players on the court. Mr. McClure stated he and Ms. Spiker agree they are blessed to have Mr. Thompson in our corporation.

Mr. Watkins stated he will stand in for Ms. Spiker and all administrators in recognizing Chuck Enyeart, head of maintenance, for his tireless work at all hours for roofs that are leaking, HVACs that aren't working, snow and ice removal, repairs of all kinds, and has kept our corporation running for 29 years, never complaining. Mr. Watkins noted Mr. Enyeart was even called in over the Christmas holiday, also Mr. Enyeart's holiday, to take care of leaking roofs. Mr. Watkins stated Mr. Enyeart has served Peru Community Schools well. He thanked Mr. Enyeart for all he has done and will do. Mr. Enyeart received a standing ovation. He thanked Peru Schools for providing him a job to support his family for 29 and now to help support his retirement. Mr. Watkins informed him he will be on call. Mrs. Shuey thanked Mr. Enyeart stating it has been great to have him on staff and noting he has been an asset to everyone. She too noted we have a maintenance substitute list!

Mrs. Watkins presented Black and Gold awards to two tenacious teachers, Terri McCain and Stephany Astrup. She stated Mrs. McCain contacted her asking if she had seen the program on robots which involved writing a grant. Mrs. McCain wrote the grant and received it! Mrs. McCain along with Mrs. Astrup decided to coach a 4th and 5th grade team after school and take them to competitions on Saturdays. Mrs. Watkins recognized them for their dedication and countless hours and being such awesome teachers! Mr. Watkins

also presented Black and Gold awards to the students.

Mrs. McCain stated this was the first year they participated so as teachers they were learning and asking a lot of questions too. She said the kids have been real troopers having extra practices at recess and after school and are not giving up. She said the competitions are 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and sometimes 1½ hours away making for a long day. She added they are very proud of the kids. The Board applauded the students for their efforts as the first elementary robotics team. The students are Tobin Blong, Briona Cline, Kaden Gilleland, Gavin Spencer, Hayden Astrup, Johnathon McCain, Emma Killion, Aireian Knight, Johnathan Friend, and Tony Arroyo.

III. PROGRAM

A. BLAIR POINTE ROBOTICS TEAM PRESENTATION - Mrs. McCain stated Mrs. Watkins asked her this summer to write a grant for a robot kit. Tech Point Youth Foundation was awarding 400 robot kits to start up teams in Indiana. The 2-year grant provided one robot kit and fees to pay for them to be a team. She stated through Mrs. Astrup's efforts in getting generous donations from businesses and people around the community, they were able to purchase another robot kit, support a second team, buy the game board and pieces, purchase the kids' team shirts, and cover their competition entry fees. She said they are very thankful for this community support. Some of the kids explained the team prepared, built the robot, learned how to compete, and practiced. They shared videos on how to play the game and score points as well as a video on the teams competing. They competed at Franklin Elementary in Logansport, IN on January 21st. There were 16 teams competing with the top two teams qualifying for state. The students competed in nine qualifying rounds working with another team to accumulate points. After all rounds were completed our 5th grade team ended up with the second highest average score automatically qualifying them for state which will be on February 25 against 95 other teams. The teams have competed at Plainfield High School with 49 teams and at Maconaquah Elementary. The students explained the judges inspect their robot, the strategy needed for the one-minute competition, and demonstrated how the robot works. Mrs. Shuey commended the students on their team work, collaboration, and strategy skills. Mr. Hanson added these kids can look forward to using the same robotics technology at the jr. high and the same robotics equipment in the PLTW classes at the high school. This is a good foundation for them to learn these skills plus add the programming component for the next seven years of school. Mr. Watkins acknowledged the teachers for their extra effort with the students, practices, and competitions especially with the coaching positions being unpaid. The Board wished the team well for their state competition.

B. GUIDE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS LANGUAGE CLARIFICATION - Mr. Cary, PHS Principal, stated he spoke with his guidance department and some parents on the Academic and Technical Honors Diploma language that was added last year. Questions have arisen. What is probationary status and when does that start? The other concern is that some of the younger honor students fall behind early and this clarification of language keeps them from falling too far behind. The new language follows. (The **bold** print is new and replaces language about failing multiple classes.)

*Students at Peru High School will be required to fulfill all state - mandated requirements for each type of diploma. Any student who is on an Academic Honors Diploma track but fails to meet the academic requirements will **immediately** be placed on PROBATIONARY STATUS. If an honors student is placed on **PROBATIONARY STATUS** and does NOT meet the academic standards required for an honors diploma the following semester, they will be transitioned to a non-honors diploma. No student will be allowed more than two semesters of **PROBATIONARY STATUS** during their high school career. If an honors student fails more than one class in a semester, they may be removed from*

honors status and changed to a non-honors diploma. A student may also be placed on PROBATIONARY STATUS for honors classes taken while at PJHS.

Mr. Cary recommended the above clarification in the language on page 7 of the Guide to Students and Parents. Dr. Quin asked who decides the 'may'? Mr. Cary responded this would be a counselor decision and they will look at each situation individually. Mr. Mullett, moved to approve the language, seconded by Ms. Rice, unanimously approved.

- C. NEOLA POLICIES SECOND READING - Mr. Watkins briefly reviewed the seven policies presented at the January meeting. He again reminded the Board if they ever have questions Dr. McKaig, our NEOLA representative, would be happy to have a work session with the Board for a more in depth discussion.

po0150 - Organization
 po1630.01 - FMLA
 po5630.01 - Use of Seclusion and Restraint with Students
 po5772 - Weapons
 po7217 - Possession of Firearms and Weapons by Visitors
 po8500 - Food Services
 po8540 - Vending Machines

Ms. Rice moved to approve the policies, seconded by Mr. Comerford. Mr. Comerford asked how the information will be disseminated. Mr. Watkins stated we are under our old policies until we have completed the updates, reviewed the policies with the administrators, and then the administrators with their staff. He stated the policies protect this Board. The Board unanimously approved the policies as presented.

- D. FIRST READING OF NEOLA BYLAWS - Mr. Watkins reviewed eleven policies as a first reading. He asked the Board to please review them before the March meeting when the Board will be asked to adopt the policies.

po0120 - Powers and Philosophy
 po2271 - College and University Programs
 po2421 - Career and Technical Education Program
 po2510 - Adoption of Curricular Materials
 po5200 - Attendance
 po5460 - Graduation Requirements
 po5461 - Credit for Courses Completed Before Students Enter Grade 9
 po5540 - The Schools and Governmental Agencies
 po5840 - Criminal Organizations and Criminal Organization Activity
 po8531 - Free and Reduced-price Meals
 po8606 - Bus Drivers and Cellular Telephone Use

IV. BUDGET

- A. CLAIMS - Mr. Hall presented and reviewed claims. Mr. Comerford moved to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Mullett, unanimously approved.

GENERAL FUND	266,797.01
DEBT SERVICE	1,100.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	174,680.88
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	14,224.54
TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT	450.00
POST-RETIREMENT/SEVERANCE FUND	79,824.83
CONSTRUCTION 2016 GO BOND	6,971.25
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	64,315.21
TEXTBOOK RENTAL FUND	357.33
INSURANCE WELLNESS CLINIC	2,340.00
EARLY RETIREMENT FUND	559.25
DONATION/SPECIAL ED. TEACHERS	165.33
PBIS	1,711.39
FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT GRANT	15,708.00
GIFTED TALENTED FUND 2016-17	255.00
STATE CONNECTIVITY FUND	4,490.00
CAREER TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE	1,921.32
TECHNOLOGY FUND	8,079.05
COLLEGE SUCCESS COALITION	309.98
TITLE I 2016-17	2,171.01
TITLE I 2015-16	369.98
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	463.90

TITLE II 2015-16	1,840.61
RURAL AND LOW INCOME 2015-16	300.00
GROUP INSURANCE	401.72
ANNUITIES	45.46
FRINGE BENEFITS	<u>399,960.69</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,049,813.74

B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall reviewed the fund monitoring report for the month of January. He noted the highlight for January is a positive result of operations of \$18,000. He noted the flip side of that is we are still sinking into the red in the school lunch fund, decreasing \$14,804 for the month. Ms. Rice 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, February 26 from noon - 6:00 p.m. Coach Brimbury and baseball staff will be there, no custodians are needed.
2. Blair Pointe café and gym - Rotary Spellathon (scholarship fundraiser) - Wednesday, March 8, from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
3. PHS Team Teaching - EMA Storm Spotting class - March 20, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Dave Moon will be present at the class.
4. PHS Auditorium - annual Child Abuse Candlelight Vigil - Wednesday, April 5 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
5. Tig-Arena, Tiger Den & BP gym - Circus City Club Volleyball - Peru 3rd - 8th graders - Varsity coach Katie Wyant has started a club to grow understanding, technique, competitiveness, and coachability. She currently has 50 girls interested. Practice as gyms are available February - May 14. Host tournament on Saturday, April 15, at PHS. 7th-8th 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.
6. PHS team teaching room - Miami County Amateur Radio Club - 2nd Saturday of each month from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for remainder of the 2017 year. Dave Moon is a member and will be present at meetings.
7. PHS auditorium - Quigley Jazz Festival - November 6-13, 2017 - Nov. 6 - 9 practice, Nov. 10 Combo night, Nov. 11 Big Band night, Nov. 13 tear down.

Mr. Watkins stated we like community entities using our facilities. On motion by Dr. Quin, seconded by Mr. Mullett, the Board unanimously approved the requests to use the facilities with a waiver of the facility rental charge. Dr. Quin stated the Relay for Life would like to use the high school facility again but was told they could not. He wanted to know, on behalf of the Parks Board, if that could be addressed. Mr. Watkins stated he would like the event to be back at the high school. He stated having a mother who passed away from cancer, he highly supports the Relay for Life. The Board agreed the high school location is much safer than the River Walk on Canal St.

B. COLLECTION AGENCY AGREEMENT - Mr. Watkins stated we are very appreciative of the CEP program for kindergarten up through 8th grade with free breakfast and free lunch for all students. However, we still have some deficits and need a better way to collect them. Mr. Hall stated historically we have tried to collect fees in house. As of December 2016 there is a negative balance in students' lunch accounts totaling - \$35,674.69. He noted about \$10,000 of that is former students. Mr. Hall stated past practice is to file small claims suit against accounts greater than \$200. However, it is evident that is not effective. Mr. Hall and Mrs. Mongosa met with three collection companies and recommend Kinum. Kinum is a national company and operates on a flat fee as low as \$6 per family. We would be serviced by their Indianapolis office. Mr. Hall explained they have an online interface so we would have real-time information. All funds collected come directly to PCS. He stated other companies charged \$10-\$12 per claim or 1/3 of what is collected. He stated a meeting

has been scheduled for Thursday to begin implementation. Mrs. Shuey clarified the collection agency will attempt to collect just the deficit mentioned earlier or additional unpaid balances. Mr. Hall responded the figure he mentioned was just meal charges. We also have uncollected book rental fees and unfortunately anticipate future uncollected balances which can also be turned over to the collection agency. Dr. Quin asked if the fee per family was charged whether funds are collected or not. Mr. Hall responded that was correct. Ms. Rice asked what is the max the agency can charge us in fees. Mr. Hall said the fees are between \$6 and \$12. She asked how many families owe money. Mr. Hall responded 600. Mr. Comerford asked if only a few families would be turned over to the collection agency at a time. Mr. Hall responded they will turn over a couple dozen families and see how that goes. Ms. Rice noted through her work they use an Indiana company that does not charge them any fees. The fees are added to what is owed by the debtor. She stated she was concerned we would be more in debt if the company does not collect any money. Dr. Quin was concerned how families could be that far in debt. Mr. Watkins recommended trying this on a limited basis. Mr. Comerford moved to accept the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Mullett. Mr. Comerford asked what can we do to lessen the possibility of the negative balances. He understands that by law we have to feed them. Mr. Hanson replied the bookkeepers still send the notices for negative balances. The kids aren't charged for their meals until after they have them. Obviously we don't want the food thrown away. He stated we used to serve a peanut butter sandwich and milk. That has not been the practice for several years. We do not have that issue at the K-8th grades this year with the CEP program. We need to focus on the high school and develop a policy. He stated there are many scenarios that factor into the reasons for negative balances. He noted it is a small percentage who have the bulk of the debt. Mr. Mullett asked how many years does this \$35,000 go back. Mr. Hall wasn't sure. Mr. Watkins stated it is very hard to follow the policy when you are looking into the face of a child who needs to eat. Mr. Hall said when Mr. Brimbury became superintendent he said to leave the students alone. The negative lunch account is a parent problem and the student should not be punished. Mrs. Shuey asked if we are signing a contract or committing to a certain period of time. Mr. Hall responded no. Mrs. Shuey stated this is a good start. She called for a vote. The motion passed 5-2 (Dr. Quin and Ms. Rice opposed). Dr. Quin asked Mr. Hall to bring a report back to the Board.

- C. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE BIDS FOR 21 ACRE PROJECT - Mr. Watkins reminded the Board we adopted the bond issue. He noted this is the 21 acre portion of the bond, not the high school, jr. high, or Blair Pointe portion of the project, which will be presented on another date. He stated we want to keep our timelines, therefore request permission to bid the project. Mr. Woodmansee, project manager, was present to briefly review the project and answer questions. Mr. Woodmansee shared a drawing of the project pointing out the various areas. He stated phase I is done which was all the earth work. He said the soccer field is pretty much done. The football field is done. The softball field is to a grade with the correct seeding. He stated the second phase is getting the softball field done so the girls have a field to call their home. He stated many meetings have been held to come up with the most cost effective solution to get this field ready. The field will be natural turf with infield dirt, fences, back stop wall, score board, stands for 100 people per stand, restroom building, press box with concession stand, and a shelter pavilion. He stated the soccer field will have basically the same with a pavilion, concession shed, benches, and score board for a fully functional full size soccer field. The goal is to get both the softball field and soccer field lit but that will be an alternate bid. He stated they are also developing the new portion of the property, approximately six acres, into parking to help take concern away from Roxy parking. The paved entrance will be off Broadway with a circular drive for buses. He noted the parking area will be

turf reinforcement parking area with grass and a mesh mat that is a green infrastructure that reduces the burden on any detention they have to do for city requirements. This was also done by the soccer field. He noted the defining edges of the property are outlined with a split three-rail fence that will be taken all the way to Broadway. He noted they are dealing with some design issues with the flood plain line. Mrs. Shuey stated this looks like the perfect place for the Relay for Life. Mr. Hanson stated their completion goals were to have everything wrapped up by August 1 to be able to start the boys and girls' soccer season. October 1 is the goal for the completion of the parking and softball field so they will be ready to start the 2018 season. Mr. Watkins stated this will be a wonderful community facility. He stated the YMCA is very interested in using the soccer field, and he will work with Mark Demchak, YMCA Director, to help with their programs. Mr. Watkins noted the football practice field by the jr. high is small. He stated he will also work with Mrs. Watkins and Mr. Durrwachter to have the Tiger Cub under the umbrella of the elementary athletics. He said he can also see our marching band practicing at the new complex. Mr. Watkins stated there are many opportunities for other activities with the additional space. Dr. Quin stated he is concerned with the smell at the fields and wondered if it is methane. Mr. Woodmansee stated it comes from the oil fields. Mr. Watkins stated he checked on that smell with the state along with former Mayor Walker before money was put into the complex to be sure there would be nothing to stop us from playing on fields developed in that area. Dr. Quin stated there is a lot of data concern with children and methane. Mr. Watkins stated he is working very hard with Mr. Woodmansee, Mr. Brimbury, Mr. Hall, and the coaches to keep the project under budget and hopefully be able to put up lights. Mr. Comerford asked how many companies Mr. Woodmansee expected to bid the project. Mr. Woodmansee responded they have a list of five general contractors who have bid on it before and several sub contractors. He stated they are trying to keep it local and within budget. He pointed out Bowyer Excavating did the first phase and they went above and beyond. He stated their work was excellent. They could have put in many change orders and they did not. Mr. Comerford stated there was some concern about the seeding. Mr. Woodmansee responded that was part of phase I and seeded in late fall. They will be looking at that this spring. He stated the contractor will be required to reseed the areas that did not take. Mr. Comerford moved to advertise for bids, seconded by Mr. Wagner. Mr. Wolfe asked about the quality of the playing areas due to being a flood plain. Mr. Woodmansee responded Bowyer found one area to be soft and stayed away from that area with their equipment until they were finishing. The work they had done took care of that. He said the fields have good top soil that has been packed with a nice stand of grass. He said it will never get brick hard. He noted there is also sub surface draining on all the fields. Mr. Hanson added they have looked at the fields after heavy rains. The areas that had water were the areas designed to have the water. The motion to advertise for bids on the 21 acre project was approved by a 5-2 vote (Dr. Quin and Mr. Wolfe opposed).

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

- A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Watkins informed the Board about several accomplishments within the corporation.
- Diane Haley and PHS students - ISSMA Solo/Ensemble contest winners with numerous gold awards.
 - Jason Gornto and PHS choral students - district vocal contest winners. Several students won gold and silver and advanced to state.
 - Ellen Terry and PJHS choir and band students - ISSMA Solo/Ensemble contest winners in both choir and band. Again several students won gold and two won silver. Every student in the program participated.
 - Mike Applegate and art students - Scholastic Art show winners.
 - Mike Applegate and art students - Huntington University Art show with multiple winners.

- Andy Hobbs, Daric Fuller, and PHS wrestling - conference champions, sectional champions, regional and semi-state qualifiers, and Jordan Rader qualified for the state. Mr. Watkins added they mean a lot to the school and our community.
- Teresa McCain - earned another grant - \$2,000 for Blair Pointe outdoor learning space.
- Tracy Renfrow - Blair Pointe aide instrumental in getting \$2,000 for Blair Pointe.
- Thanked the Peru Tribune for excellent coverage this past month.
- Thanked Mrs. Watkins, Mr. Durrwachter, and Blair Pointe for hosting the meeting this evening.
- Thanked Mrs. McCain and Mrs. Astrup for their work with the Robotics team and their presentation this evening. He wished them the best at state.
- Thanked Board for their support.

Rev. Reed was present and invited the Board to the annual Black and White Unity Ball to be held at the Milestone Event Center on Saturday, February 25. The event is \$25 for dinner, speaker, entertainment, and a guaranteed good time.

Mr. Hanson reminded the Board about the Adult Prom sponsored by the Bengal Backers is this weekend.

B. BOARD -

Mr. Wolfe shared a summary of his first Art Collection Advisory meeting. He stated a special art group will be at the gallery on February 25. He stated 160 students from Blair Pointe kids will be at the gallery on Monday with more coming on March 10. He added Mrs. Blong is doing a fine job. It is a very unique collection.

Dr. Quin stated the Park Board is sponsoring an Easter Egg hunt again this year.

Mr. Wagner reported two HCC students are participating in a recycling project which will hopefully lead to an internship. On April 28 HCC is attempting to round up all the 9th graders for an interactive career date at the Wabash fair grounds.

Mrs. Shuey stated there has been great coverage in several newspapers including Fort Wayne Journal Gazette and Indianapolis Star about the astronaut visit. Mr. Hanson stated the International Space Station communication has been narrowed down to three possible dates, Friday, March 10, Thursday, March 9, or Monday, March 6.

Mrs. Watkins stated Mr. Durrwachter is very excited to have Irene Miller, an 84 year young Holocaust survivor, coming to speak to the 5th and 6th grade students on February 23rd at 1:30 p.m. The Board was invited to attend.

Mr. Wolfe stated he visited Cardinal Café again this month. He stated it was very nice and he enjoyed the lunch hour.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary,

Tim Comerford

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