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February 14, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:40 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, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Butts, Ms. Elson, patrons, and local news media representatives.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Stanton, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented, the memorandum of January 24, 2011, and the personnel report.

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Cory West - 1st grade teacher - resignation effective February 3, 2011
2. Barbara Hall - PHS bookkeeper - resignation effective February 17, 2011
3. Sherry Mahoney - PHS café - resignation effective January 21, 2011

B. LEAVES

1. Anne Thompson - April 27, 2011 thru January 10, 2012
2. Richard Ramey - PHS custodian - November 15, 2010 thru February 28, 2011

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS

1. Clint Mathews - 1st grade teacher
2. Michele Walsh - PHS temporary English - March 7 through April 29, 2011
3. Mr. Lyle Carlson - PJHS science teacher - beginning term 3 - transfer from PHS social studies

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Judith Lunceford - Blair Pointe lunch/recess monitor
2. Heidi Greene - PHS café

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS - No business

F. REQUESTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES

1. Deb Hull and Brenda Marks - NCTM 2100 Annual Meeting & Exposition - April 13-16 - Indianapolis - registration, lodging, & meals (\$1,232)

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments

II. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Brimbury announced individual members of the PHS choir recently participated in the ISSMA vocal contest under the direction of Mrs. Sandy Ploss. Peru had four 1st place winners and three 2nd place winners. The men's ensemble also received a 1st place. The men's ensemble and three of the vocal 1st place winners advance to the state contest on February 19. Peru also had six PJHS band members perform at the ISSMA contest under the direction of Mr. Zak Tschiniak, PJHS band director. Five students received a gold medal and one received a silver. Mr. Brimbury stated we appreciate both teachers and the kids for representing themselves and Peru Schools with their musical talent.

Mr. Brimbury stated the wellness program is off and running, or walking. Three of the five schools are having competition within their building to promote exercise and lose weight.

Mr. Brimbury thanked Mr. Hall and maintenance staff for taking care of the white stuff and ice we recently experienced.

III. PROGRAM

- A. BLAIR POINTE - Mr. Brimbury thanked Mr. Hahn for hosting tonight's meeting. Mr. Hahn thanked the Board for coming and stated they would like to update the Board on the Cardinal Academy classes. Ms. Elson and Mrs. Butts, Cardinal Academy teachers, were present and distributed a packet of information. Mrs. Butts reviewed the daily classroom activities. She noted one of the sources of data used deals with NWEA. Ms. Elson shared the teacher perspective. She also gave some common student perspectives. Mrs. Butts stated the support has been tremendous. She praised the instructional assistants and stated they have helped make the program a success. Dr. Thompson stated he mentioned this program at the state meeting he attending earlier in the day. It was noted Peru is one of few schools offering a program at this level. Mr. Hahn stated the RIT averages are up as well as the gains they were hoping to make in the program. Mr. Brimbury stated what these teachers are doing is larger than just education. This is a whole child approach. We are out in front of what other schools are doing. He stated it is not easy. The collaboration of the teachers, administration, students, and parents is to be praised and commended.
- B. PROPOSED 2011-12 SCHOOL CALENDAR - Mr. Brimbury presented the proposed calendar as discussed and agreed upon by the calendar committee. The committee agreed to include three built in make-up days. The first day for teachers is Monday, August 15, with the students beginning Tuesday, August 16. The last student day is Wednesday, May 30. The last teacher day is Thursday, May 31. Graduation is scheduled for Friday, June 8. On motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the proposed calendar.

IV. BUDGET

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

GENERAL FUND	79,890.52
CAPITAL PROJECTS	49,395.82
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	24,043.87
TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT	217.00
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	60,448.55
KEYS ACADEMY	851.28
PROJECT EXTENDED DAY	122.67
TECHNOLOGY E-RATE REBATE	822.50
TITLE I 2010-11	1,743.67
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	40.25
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FUND	116.16
TITLE IV-A SAFE & DRUG FREE	47.00
TITLE II PART A TEACHER IMPROV	197.94
TITLE I STIMULUS-GRANTS TO LEA	359.55
IDEA-STIMULUS PART B-SPEC ED	106.76
FEDERAL TAX	41,544.29
SOCIAL SECURITY	22,756.40
STATE TAX	25,415.96
LOCAL TAX	17,560.69
GROUP INSURANCE	2,243.09
SECTION 125 REIMBURSEMENT	6,548.76
RETIREEES-TERM LIFE INSURANCE	111.00
CHILD SUPPORT	440.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 335,023.73</u>

- B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall reviewed the fund monitoring report for the month of January. Mr. Hall stated this was the first month of the new budget. The general fund was 8.2% and the disbursements were 10% due to payment of debt service. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the report, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved.

V. OPERATIONS

A. REQUESTS TO USE FACILITIES

1. Tri Kappa Sorority - Blair Pointe kitchen - annual Easter Egg project - Friday, March 25, 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 26, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
2. PHS Softball Team - West City Park - softball camp for girls ages 8-18 - July 11 and 12
3. Peru Fire Dept. - PHS team teaching room - written test for applicants - Saturday, April 16, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, the Board unanimously approved the request for a waiver for use of the facility.

B. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE BIDS FOR BLAIR POINTE MASONRY WORK -

Mr. Hall requested permission to advertize for bids for Blair Pointe masonry work. He stated water has gotten into the wall thus the wall is bowing. He stated the wall will have to be rebuilt. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Comerford, unanimously carried. Mr. Wolfe stated a letter should be sent to the company who originally constructed the building. He stated Blair Pointe is our newest building and we should not be repairing or rebuilding walls this soon. Mr. Hall stated this project will be more expensive than last year's masonry project at Blair Pointe.

Mr. Comerford asked Mr. Hall if the transportation committee has met. Mr. Hall stated the committee has met. He stated the committee is still looking at options. Mr. Brimbury stated he has met with all parties involved. He noted busing is a part of what our students do and we will continue to transport students. He stated we will take a hit in the general fund and make all cuts possible. He stated we will continue to make our case with our legislators and the public. He stated unfortunately there is no easy answer.

Mr. Comerford stated he noticed the small buses have not been in use as there is snow packed around them. Mr. Hall stated Mr. Frushour has talked with the coaches and special groups that have fewer number of students to utilize the buses as much as possible. Mr. Brimbury stated the buses will be used more in the spring with the small numbers for the tennis and golf teams.

Mr. Comerford stated he noticed the Edwards Mechanical trucks are still in the area. Mr. Hall replied all buildings are in the commissioning phase except the high school. He noted Edwards Mechanical is still losing \$500 a day for not making the deadline.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

- A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Brimbury stated the auction was held this past weekend. It was very well attended. He stated a full report will be given at the next meeting. The buyers were told everything must be out by tomorrow.

Mr. Brimbury stated the fitness center plans are progressing well. A meeting will be held on February 28. He noted the center is still on target for opening the week after spring break.

Mr. Brimbury stated he met with the art group and the drama people about the use of the drama room to expand the art gallery. He has appreciated the community input.

- B. BOARD - Mr. Stanton reviewed the recent Art Collection Advisory Council's meeting. A copy of the minutes and information was provided. Mr. Stanton stated a Charles Shepard, the Director of the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, came to Peru to meet with representatives from the Art Council

and administrators to give his recommendation on the expansion of the art gallery. Mr. Stanton also informed the Board Hannah Burnworth, PHS/PJHS art teacher, is taking a class and writing a paper on the history of the Art Collection Advisory Board, Inc. since the beginning of this volunteer organization.

Mr. Brimbury stated Mr. Shepard, the gentleman from Fort Wayne, is working from a grant and thus very conscious of what we are trying to accomplish as well as being conservative with his recommendations.

Mr. Maxwell reported on his recent trip to Washington, D.C. He informed the Board there is a website to look into charter school scandals. He noted only 17% are better than public high schools while most of the charter schools have large companies or donors sponsoring them. He stated the information shared stated charter schools have longer days. Only 46% of the schools are basically average with 36% below average. He noted of the public schools, 13% of the schools in the US create 51% of the dropouts. He also stated he spoke with a representative from U.S. Representative Dan Burton and U.S. Senator Dan Coats' offices. Mr. Maxwell stated they are both very conscious of what is going on in Indiana. Mr. Maxwell stated we need to continue to contact our state legislators and share our concerns.

Sharon Shuey stated she received positive comments from parents about appreciating the early notifications of school delays or cancellations. She also stated it was great Peru hosted the girls basketball sectional this past week. She congratulated the four wrestlers for winning regional and moving on.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Comerford moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Secretary,

Lowell Maxwell

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