

March 9, 2015

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. Watkins, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Minard, Mr. Cary, Mr. Frye, Mrs. Doud, Mr. Hileman, several patrons, students, and a local news media representative.

On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Dr. Quin, the Board unanimously approved the agenda with two deletions, the memorandum of February 9, and the personnel report with one deletion.

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Janie Stoff - resignation as Blair Pointe music teacher, effective end of the 2014-15 school year.
2. Ken Fry - retire as Elmwood home-school advisor, effective end of 2014-15 school year - 25 years of experience

B. LEAVES - No business

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS

1. Natalie Thomas - PJHS temporary science teacher through end of 2014-15 school year.
2. Deleted - approval for 3rd grade temporary teacher, March 23 through end of the 2014-15 school year.

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Heather Helvie - PHS attendance secretary
2. Tanya Masters - Blair Pointe temporary 6th grade intervention aide

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. James Guthrie - volunteer V/JV tennis coach
2. Paige Blanton - JV assistant softball (lay) coach
3. Dennis Leffler - volunteer softball coach
4. Scott Kaufman - assistant baseball (lay) coach
5. Josh Ulery - volunteer baseball coach
6. Alexis Kindig - PHS cheerleader co-coach (2015-16)

F. REQUESTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES - No business

G. DONATIONS - No business

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments

II. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Watkins introduced Coach Prescott who along with a few members of the football team presented a framed picture of Mr. Stanton with one of the painted footballs he painted for the football program.

III. PROGRAM

A. BLACK AND GOLD AWARDS - Mr. Watkins recognized Adam Zwiebel, PHS art teacher. Mr. Zwiebel stated we have three Fort Wayne Scholastic portfolio winners. Mr. Zwiebel stated any senior from our region of 52 counties in Northern Indiana and Northwest Ohio is eligible. Three out of the 15 winners were from PHS - Amanda Weaver, Ameer Tomes, and Kaylee Anderson. Mr. Zwiebel stated Amanda Weaver also won Best of Show at the Huntington University art show. Mr. Watkins stated this is a very big deal for our students and art program.

Coach Hobbs presented five awards to wrestlers. He stated ten wrestlers graduated last year. He noted this could have been a down year, but we won the team sectional. He announced Academic All-State winners DeShawn Bayless, Wyatt Gray, Eric Hobbs. He noted Payton Sturgill was a state wrestling finalist as well as receiving Academic All-State. Coach Hobbs announced Jordan Rader was the second freshman in PHS history to advance to state meet. He added Jordan would have received

Academic All-State but he is only a freshman. That award is for juniors and seniors.

- B. PHS PLTW PRESENTATION - Mr. Cary introduced Mrs. Doud and Mr. Hileman and a few PLTW students to share with the Board the neat things they are doing in their classes this year. Mrs. Doud introduced two seniors, Merideth Richards and Brianna Bennett, who are enrolled in her Biomedical course. Merideth stated she came to Peru her junior year and choose PHS because of the PLTW classes. She had taken two classes at her previous school and wanted to continue. She did her research project on thyroid diseases because she is having medical issues with her thyroid. Brianna reminded the Board she spoke to them before as a KEYS student and is happy to be back at the high school to finish her senior year. She said her family moved during the year she started taking PLTW Principals of Biomedical. She returned to finish that class and was able to fit the third year Medical Interventions into her schedule. She is learning about gene therapy, prenatal testing, and cancer in the last trimester of the class. Her interest stems from the fact her younger sister is disabled with genetic Spina Bifida. Mr. Hanson noted the students can participate in a virtual field trip. Mrs. Doud stated her second year students get to attend an interactive video conference autopsy. The students viewing the autopsy tried to figure out what medical issue caused the death. The third year students attend a complete knee-replacement surgery. Meredith stated she got to see a total knee replacement surgery and since PHS students were the only school participating, they got to ask the surgeon questions. Mrs. Doud stated the Biomedical field is growing and we want our kids to stay in this county. This is a hands on, minds on class. Mrs. Doud stated the students are doing college level labs. She noted with a qualifying score, students can earn college credit from IUPUI for the first three classes. If they participate all four years, they will get four college credits from Ivy Tech Indianapolis. Mrs. Doud invited the Board to stop by and visit the classroom. Mrs. Shuey thanked the girls and their interest as they may be taking care of the baby boomers in the future!! Mr. Watkins stated these are high level courses and the teachers have to get additional schooling to teach the classes.

Mr. Rob Hileman shared experiences in his Project Lead the Way class. He stated part of the class is destructive and the students need to understand why the project didn't work. He stated each student keeps an engineer's notebook where they document, in chronological order, their work associated with a specific design project. Mr. Hileman noted this book is a legal document that is used in patent activities. He stated the first PLTW group who went through the high school program will be graduating college this year.

Project Lead the Way is a dual credit course and accepted at more than 50 universities across the nation. Mrs. Shuey stated it is very obvious Mrs. Doud and Mr. Hileman are passionate about their work.

- C. PHS CURRICULUM CHANGES - *deleted from agenda.*
- D. PERU PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT - Mr. Watkins stated Sharon Edwards' four-year term ends May 31, 2015. Maryann Farnham, Peru Public Library Director, would like Mrs. Edwards to continue to serve on the Board at least through the completion of the library renovation project. Mrs. Edwards is the treasurer of the Peru Public Library Board. Ms. Farnham stated Mrs. Edwards is a definite asset to the library board. Mr. Wagner moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved.

IV. BUDGET

- A. CLAIMS - Mr. Hall presented and reviewed the claims for Board approval as well as a new AP invoice listing report. Mr. Hall addressed several questions. Mr. Stanton moved to approve the

claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Comerford, unanimously approved as follows:

GENERAL FUND	186,424.37
CAPITAL PROJECTS	41,653.09
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	10,467.35
TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT	209.00
POST-RETIREMENT/SEVERANCE FUTU	11,930.75
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	53,522.57
TEXTBOOK RENTAL	127.28
INSURANCE WELLNESS CLINIC	849.69
TECHNOLOGY FUND	2,709.36
TITLE I 2013/14	110.03
TITLE I 2014/15	3,343.71
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	382.50
TITLE II 2015	1,647.98
GROUP INSURANCE	10,000.21
ANNUITIES	490.91
RETIRES-TERM LIFE INSURANCE	558.60
FRINGE BENEFITS	<u>363,055.49</u>
TOTAL	\$ 687,482.89

B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall reviewed the fund monitoring report for the month of February. He stated we are still transitioning with the new business software so we are not to the point of balancing yet. We are 1/6 through the year and at 15% for the general fund disbursement. We are still running a surplus for food service. Mr. Comerford moved to approve the fund monitoring report, seconded by Ms. Rice, unanimously approved.

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

A. REQUESTS TO USE FACILITIES

1. Blair Pointe café - 4-H club meetings - 2nd Tuesday evening each month March - June - leaders are Chelsea Wilkinson and Terri McCain (Blair Pointe teachers) - 7:00 p.m.
2. Blair Pointe gym - basketball practice - March 11 and 18 - Pat Polk is the coach. The team is playing in the NCBL league in Kokomo.
3. Tig-Arena and concession stands - YMCA youth basketball tournament (annual request) - March 14, 2015 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
4. PHS auditorium - annual Miami County Child Abuse Prevention candle light vigil - April 21, 2015 - all day with program at 7:00 p.m.
5. Bengal Stadium - EastPointe Bible Church 3rd annual runners' camp - June 8-12, 2015 - 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - PCS employees Mrs. Carsey, Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Przybyszewski, and Mrs. Bennett will be adult leaders.
6. PHS auditorium - Cole Porter Festival - Saturday, June 13, 2015 - 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. New York cabaret singer Steve Ross - Miami County Historical Society is sponsoring the event with all proceeds going to the historical society and museum.
7. Portable bleachers - Circus City Festival - annual request to use five portable bleachers for July 18 circus parade.
8. PHS auditorium - Annual Kiwanis Veterans' Day program - November 11, 2015 - PHS students 10:00 a.m. and public presentation 11:00 a.m.
9. PHS auditorium - Quigley Jazz Festival - November 13, 2015 - Combo Night and November 14, 2015 Big Band Night, 7:00 p.m. both nights.

On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the Board unanimously approved the requests.

B. RECOMMENDATION FOR RENOVATION BIDS - Mr. Hall reviewed the renovation bids.

Bid 1 - HVAC upgrades at Blair Pointe, Elmwood, and PJHS. Mr. Hall stated there was only one bid so it will be rejected and rebid.

Bid 2 - asphalt milling and replacement at Blair Pointe, PJHS, and Elmwood. Mr. Hall stated four bids were received. He recommended E&B Paving for \$196,643.

Bid 3 - security modifications and ADA entrances for all schools and the Administrative Center. Mr. Hall shared a video of someone trying to break the glass to gain access to the building. Mr. Hall informed the Board five bids were received. He recommended the bid award go to Hamilton Hunter Builders, Inc. for \$231,399.

Mr. Hall stated the recommendations were provided by Mr. Kari Vilamaa, our consultant. Mr. Hall reported we have \$764,000 earmarked in the 2014 bonds for these projects. Mr. Comerford moved to accept Mr. Halls' recommendations, seconded by Ms. Rice, unanimously approved.

- C. CORPORATION COPIER 5-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT - Mr. Hanson stated we are currently wrapping up a five-year lease with our Canon copiers. He stated the copiers became an issue his second month as assistant superintendent. He noted Mr. Moon has been a big help with this replacement process. Mr. Hanson stated the technology world is changing for copiers and we need to be prepared to meet the needs of the new generation. He shared the current use of the copiers noting we have 42 copiers, 12 are ours and 30 are leased, with a monthly usage cost of \$6,061. He added three of the copiers are color copiers and have an additional two-year lease. He added all five bids received came in lower than our current contract. He recommended Ricoh adding they have a QPA (Quantity Purchase Agreement) with the State. He stated a big selling point was this company's products are made in the USA. Received quotes from OCE/Canon (current contract) Ricoh, Xerox, Toshiba, and Perry, Mr. Hanson stated the consideration was narrowed to Xerox and Ricoh. He stated there will be an additional potential savings of reduced copiers and all supplies except the copy paper are included in the bid. Mr. Plummer, Ricoh representative was present and informed the Board if a repair is needed on a copier, the response time is 1.8 hours. We will have a technician dedicated to our account with a backup technician available. The techs carry the parts with them and typically have a several years experience with Ricoh and thus will have a good idea what the problem is and the part needed to fix the copier. Mr. Hanson stated he felt very confident moving ahead into the next five years with his recommendation of Ricoh beginning in July 2015 at \$5,018 monthly. Mr. Stanton approved Mr. Hanson's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, unanimously approved.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

- A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Watkins pointed out our graduation rate is the highest in the county. He thanked all the K-12 staff. He stated although our rate is a huge number, we won't be truly happy until it is 100%.

Mr. Watkins stated a team from PJHS consisting of Ellen Terry, Tammy Godfroy, Sharon Betzner, and Kyletta Marburger, placed 4th in the recent Rotary Spellathon missing only two words.

Mr. Watkins informed the Board students from KEYS Jr. volunteered with the recent Food Finders food truck by helping carry food to vehicles. He stated service is big part of our corporation and gave a big shout out to them!

Mr. Watkins informed Daniel Herda, Peru Tribune reporter, he has competition. The Blair Pointe Bugle is now on line on Blair Pointe's home page. Mr. Watkins stated a group of 6th grade students is staffing the newspaper.

Mr. Watkins congratulated Grace Comerford and Amanda Weaver for their recent awards at the Huntington University High School Art Show. Grace won 2nd place and \$100 for her ceramic plate and Amanda Weaver won honorable mention for her pencil drawing and Best of Show, \$200, and a plaque for her painting.

Mr. Watkins congratulated Dr. Quin on his daughter Kelsey being selected as one of 33 Indy 500 Pageant Festival princesses.

Mr. Watkins publicly congratulated the Cole Porter Scholarship winners stating he will be recognizing them with a Black and Gold award at a future meeting. Kaylee Anderson was the first place winner and will receive \$10,000 over four years. Amanda Weaver was the 2nd place winner and will receive \$7,500 over four years. Mr. Hanson stated we were the only school with qualified applicants for this scholarship.

Mr. Watkins thanked Mrs. Doud, Mr. Hileman, Mr. Zwiebel, Mr. Cary, and Mr. Frye for the presentations this evening and for hosting the School Board meeting.

Mr. Hanson stated currently in Indiana ISTEP is a hot topic. He stated PJHS and Blair Pointe completed part I last week. He commended the staff and students for their efforts. Mr. Watkins also commended Mr. Hanson, the staff, and the students.

Mr. Watkins thanked Mr. Brimbury for an excellent basketball sectional and Mr. Hobbs for the wrestling sectional. He noted we recognized for our hospitality and professionalism for hosting these events.

- B. BOARD - Mr. Wolfe commended Mr. McCormick, recently retired PJHS social studies teacher, for his years of service to Peru.

Mr. Wolfe stated he recently had lunch at PJHS and stated the cafeteria workers do an awesome job.

Dr. Quin stated the Parks Board is still working on a shelter at Maconaquah Park. Davis Park is looking better.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Quin moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Secretary,

Tim Comerford

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