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March 12, 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. Downs, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Cary, Mr. Thompson, Ms. Bertke, Mr. Swihart, members of the Science Olympiad team, Mr. Frushour, Ms. Handel, Mr. Wilson, patrons, and a news media representative.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Stanton, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented, the memorandum of February 13, 2012, and the personnel report.

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Jennifer Thomas - resignation as secretary for the Career Development Center, effective March 2, 2012
2. Wendy Lutz - retirement as the Data Management Specialist effective on or about June 12, 2012
3. Suzanne Sites - retirement as Blair Pointe teacher effective end of 2011-12 school year

B. LEAVES - no business

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS - no business

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS - no business

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS - no business

F. REQUESTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES - no business

G. DONATIONS - no business

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments

II. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Brimbury recognized the teachers, support staff, and students for their efforts in raising funds to send to Henryville for their schools. He stated he is very proud of the efforts by staff and students. The destruction of the school and town by a tornado in a matter of minutes makes us think and keep things in perspective. He stated the fund raising campaign will be completed by spring break.

Mr. Brimbury also congratulated the collaboration of students from North Miami, Peru, and Maconaquah in setting up a prom dress program called Fairy God Mother. This was established by students to bring in their used prom dresses for those who needed dresses and could not afford them. A total of 78 prom dresses were issued. He stated this effort was heart warming.

III. PROGRAM

A. PHS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD PRESENTATION - Mr. Hanson introduced Ms. Yvonne Bertke, science teacher. He stated she puts in just as many hours in the evening as she puts in during the day. He informed the Board on March 24 the team will be in Bloomington for their 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive appearance in the state competition. The team will be heading to Bloomington on March 23 to compete against 25 other schools. Ms. Bertke stated there are 15 on the team for 23 events. She noted on the average the students compete in 2 to 3 to 4 events each. Ms. Bertke gave the Board some history on how the Olympiad began in 1985. She stated there are 19 members which includes four alternates who make up the Science Olympiad team. Ms. Bertke stated the students compete against every school in the state. There is no size or enrollment class. The team shared some demonstrations of their events. The

Board congratulated and wished them well.

IV. BUDGET

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

GENERAL FUND	121,271.37
CAPITAL PROJECTS	21,949.40
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	15,266.04
TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT	214.00
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	65,466.35
KEYS ACADEMY	729.91
TIGER READING VILLAGE	55.00
ACADEMIC MONITORING PACKAGE	693.09
GIFTED AND TALENTED 2011-12	308.40
TECHNOLOGY E-RATE REBATE	1,403.00
CLASSROOM INNOVATION GRANT	67.89
TITLE I 2011-12	2,171.79
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	726.90
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FUND	141.03
TITLE IV-A SAFE/DRUG FREE	427.00
TITLE VI RURAL AND LOW INCOME	1,055.73
TITLE II PART A TEACHER IMPROV	186.57
EDUCATION JOBS FUND	1,614.71
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN - GOV BD	18.31
FEDERAL TAX	39,868.26
SOCIAL SECURITY	22,541.93
STATE TAX	27,290.24
LOCAL TAX	18,960.39
ANNUITIES	12,339.69
HARTFORD LOAN REPAYMENT	632.66
CHILD SUPPORT	394.00
TOTAL	\$ 355,793.66

B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall reviewed the fund monitoring report for the month of February. He noted we finished the month at 10% expenditures which was the goal. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the report, seconded by Mr. Comerford, unanimously approved.

C. FEASIBILITY STUDY RECOMMENDATION - Mr. Brimbury referenced the Capital Project Fund is at the lowest amount in the past eight years. Cumulatively, the CPF has lost \$434,277 to the circuit breaker. Mr. Brimbury stated this is a very difficult recommendation but has to be done to save teaching positions and curriculum including technology. He stated for us to meet budget we have to think of ways to save money and teaching jobs. He stated he listened to the public and staff about concerns. He noted one clear comment was not to move the 6<sup>th</sup> grade to PJHS. Another concern was transportation. Mr. Brimbury stated kindergarten busing will not change even though the students will be going to the same building as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. Mr. Brimbury recommended Head Start, special education pre-school, and kindergarten students be moved to Elmwood Primary Learning Center. Third grade students will be moved to Blair Pointe Upper Elementary with the 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. KEYS will move to the South Peru building which will also house the medical clinic. This move will begin with the 2012-13 school year. He noted this recommendation will save us nearly a quarter of a million dollars and maintain our teaching staff. He stated not approving this recommendation will change teaching staff and curriculum. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Stanton. Mr. Wolfe added he has heard mostly positive comments. Mr. Brimbury stated this proposal has been well received. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. ADOPT RESOLUTION RECEIVING PATRONS PETITION AND DETERMINING NEED FOR PROJECTS - Mr. Brimbury reviewed the CPF appropriation and funding history. He noted he valued the

expertise of Dr. McKaig and Mr. Gough and the plans they established. Unfortunately with state funding changes we do not have the money to do the things we need to do for Peru Community Schools and the students of whom we are responsible. Peru Community Schools cannot continue to function without the issuance of bonds. He stated he did not place blame on anyone. The plans were good. The funding has changed. We are living on borrowed time in a lot of areas. He stated we are voting on two separate bonds this evening.

Mr. Wilson stated the lease hearing this evening is for two separate leases. Lease A, the Blair Pointe Upper Elementary lease, is for 17 years with payments of \$80,000 per year for two years followed by 15 years of \$220,000 per year. The other lease is a portion of Peru High School for 16 years with the first two years at \$80,000 followed by 14 years of payments at \$240,000 per year. He noted we have to advertise at a higher interest rate but anticipate the rates will come in lower thus making the payments lower. Each lease has the same conditions. We can renew or refinance the lease. Mr. Comerford asked about the difference between the \$2,000,000 and the \$1,750,000. Mr. Wilson explained the 'hard work' costs versus 'soft costs'. He stated the bond issues will amount to a nickel on the tax rate.

Mr. Brimbury stated even though we have the opportunity for land to be donated, there are costs to develop the land. He stated he pulled that money and put it back into curriculum and technology expenses which will effect more students.

- E. HOLD HEARING ON PROJECT A LEASE AND PROJECT B LEASE - Mrs. Shuey asked for public comment. Being no comments, Mr. Stanton moved to close the hearing, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, unanimously closed.
- F. ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PROJECT A LEASE - Mr. Downs, School Board attorney, presented the resolution for Project A lease. He stated the lease agreements contain the terms of the lease and repayment of the bonds. He stated the project is appropriate, fair, and reasonable. On motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Stanton, the Board approved the resolution by a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Wolfe opposed). A copy of the resolution is in Supplementary Minute Book #13, page 70.
- G. ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PROJECT B LEASE - Mr. Downs then presented the resolution for Project B lease. He again stated the project is appropriate, fair, and reasonable. On motion by Mr. Comerford, seconded by Ms. Rice, the Board approved the resolution by a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Wolfe opposed). A copy of the resolution is in Supplementary Minute Book #13, page 71.
- H. ADOPT RESOLUTION ASSIGNING FUTURE PROJECT A AND PROJECT B CONSTRUCTION BIDS TO BUILDING CORPORATION - Mr. Downs stated these resolutions are for the construction bid contracts. The resolutions assign the rights to the building corporation. Mr. Stanton moved to approve the signing of the resolutions, seconded by Ms. Rice, the Board approved the resolutions by a vote of 6-1 (Mr. Wolfe opposed). A copy of the resolution is in Supplementary Minute Book #13, page 72.
- I. ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING - Mr. Downs presented Exhibit E as the disclosure undertaking. The undertaking obligation is to report to the underwriter every six months to continue to be transparent and up front with the public. On motion by Mr. Comerford, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution. A copy of the resolution is in

Supplementary Minute Book #13, page 73. Mr. Wolfe stated to be clear he did not disregard any comments made this evening. He simply wished we could have kept the lease approval to one bond lease.

- J. AGREEMENT FOR CITY SECURITIES TO BE THE UNDERWRITER - Mr. Hall recommended the Board approve an agreement with City Securities to be the underwriter for the project funding. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Mr. Stanton. Mr. Wagner asked how City Securities was chosen. Mr. Hall responded the corporation has worked with them on other projects and we have been very happy with their service. The motion was unanimously approved.
- K. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE BIDS FOR SUMMER PROJECTS - Rachel Handel, Barton-Coe-Vilamaa, presented the list of projects for this summer: concrete curb and entrance repairs/replacement at PHS, exterior repairs at Tiger Den entrance, Blair Pointe chiller replacement with an alternate to replace some piping in the boiler room, Elmwood piping replacement, roofing at Elmwood, and roofing at the Administrative Center. Mr. Hall asked for permission to advertise and bid the projects. Mr. Stanton, seconded by Ms. Rice, unanimously approved.

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

- A. RECOMMENDATION FOR 2012 LAWN CARE - Mr. Hall stated the request for proposals for lawn care for 2012 was published in the Peru Tribune February 4-6. Six proposals were received, ranging in price from \$27,000 to \$73,372. He reviewed the bids. He stated that unfortunately the two lowest priced proposals did not meet the specifications of the request for proposals. Black's Lawn & Maintenance proposal did not include proof of a commercial pesticide business license, nor documentation of a safety program. Executive Lawn & Landscaping proposal includes a copy of application for pesticide credentials but not a commercial pesticide business license. Therefore, the recommendation from Mr. Strong and Mr. Hall is to accept the proposal from Hunt's Outdoor Upkeep, Inc., which met all of the RFP requirements. The 2012 price is \$34,485 as compared to the 2011 price of \$34,285. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Rice. Mr. Comerford asked about the specifications not being met. Mr. Hall responded some of the requirements are due to insurance and regulations the corporation must follow. Mr. Wolfe asked if this was a one or two-year proposal. Mr. Hall replied it was one-year. Mr. Wolfe asked about the cost difference. Mr. Downs stated this is a more informal process, but if one company is allowed to resubmit information then all bids should be rejected and the request should be re-advertised. The vote passed 5-2 (Mr. Comerford and Mr. Wolfe opposed).

B. REQUEST TO USE FACILITIES

- 1. Mayor Walker and the City Council are requesting use of the PHS commons for a public meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. On behalf of PHS band, Diane Haley is requesting PHS auditorium and commons area for the Quigley Jazz Festival on Friday, November 9, 7:00 p.m. concert - PHS Swing Choir and Combo Night / Saturday, November 10, 7:00 p.m. concert - PHS Jazz Band and Big Band Night. They will again take care of their own sound and lights. Mr. Stanton moved to approve the requests, seconded by Mr. Comerford, unanimously approved.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

- A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Brimbury commented this has been a very long process with the bonds. He stated he appreciates the patience of the Board and public. He also noted he has appreciated the public input.

B. BOARD - no comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Maxwell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Secretary,

Lowell Maxwell

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