

March 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mr. Mullett. Mr. Mullett led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present. Also present were Mr. Watkins, Mr. Durrwachter, Mrs. Conley, Mr. Morris, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Eddy, Mrs. Sims, Mr. Quin, PCS custodians and nurses, presenters, patrons, and PCS legal representation.

On motion by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Dr. Quin, the Board unanimously approved the public agenda with multiple changes: Addition: IV.E.7., IV.H.11., IV.H.12., IV.H.13., and IV.H.14. Deletion: V.D. due to all summer classified raises being approved per the Board.

On motion by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Dr. Quin, the Board unanimously approved the memorandum of February 21, 2022.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments.

II. BLACK AND GOLD AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS - The following staff members were nominated for and presented black and gold awards: PCS nurses: Head nurse/BP - Andrea Barker, JH - Maggie Sturch, and Elmwood - Kristine VanBaalen and PCS custodians: HS - Carl Snyder, Robert Gibson, Jessica Hiles, Evan Dillon, and Steven West, JH - Dave Ply, Danny Harmon, and Brett Roach, BP - Don Mullett, Trish West, and Todd Radel, Elmwood - Brad Dillon, Sara Sharp, and Mary Chumbley

### III. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

- A. FACILITY USE REQUESTS - \*\*All requests will be subject to approvals, changes, and requirements for Covid-19 from MCHD and/or ISHD. \*\*
1. Tig-Arena - Kari Harmon on behalf of Guardian Warriors Sock Hop Fundraiser Dance - April 9, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - requesting all fee waiver. (Will be attending to present to Board)
  2. Tig-Arena - Jason Boswell on behalf of Peru Cal Ripken Baseball - evaluations - date and time is to be determined - annual request - requesting all fee waiver.
  3. TNAC - Sarah Benedict on behalf of Story Church - April 9, 2022 - egg drop - first request - requesting all fee waiver. (Will be attending to present to Board)
  4. South Peru - PPD training - Friday, March 25, 2022 - 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - requesting all fee waiver - semi-annual request.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the Board approved the facility use requests by a vote of 5-0-2, Dr. Quin and Mr. Wolfe abstained.

- B. PERMISSION TO RECEIVE BIDS - Mr. Morris requested permission to receive bids on new protective computer carrying cases for Blair Pointe students.

On motion by Dr. Quin, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the Board unanimously approved permission to receive bids on new protective computer carrying cases.

### IV. PROGRAM

- A. HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS OVERNIGHT STAY PROPOSAL - Mr. Colin Quin presented the proposal to the Board for approval. He gave the Board a breakdown of IHSAA approved sports. He split them into Fall, Winter, and Spring with dates through 2026. Mr. Quin suggested to ask for approval on a yearly basis. Mr. Quin stated that athletics will pay for the overnight unless there are extenuating circumstances.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the Board unanimously approved the athletic overnight stay proposal as presented.

- B. CROSSROADS BANK PRESENTATION - Mr. Jeffrey Altmiller and Mrs. Emily Boardman, from Crossroads Bank, gave a presentation to the

Board and audience in attendance. They reviewed our banking relationship, answered questions and concerns of the Board, and presented the bank's perspective on the future outlook for the economy.

- C. SUMMER SCHOOL PROPOSAL - Mr. Watkins reviewed the proposal and requested approval for 2022. The proposal is similar to past years. Approval is needed to submit to the state by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Durrwachter noted that we are only requesting the programs which included summer art, at this time. Actual names will be brought back to the Board for approval at a later date.

On motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the Board unanimously approved the summer school proposal.

- D. NEOLA SECOND READING - Mr. Watkins will give a second reading for the following NEOLA policies and request approval:  
Po7530.02 - Staff Use of Personal Communication Devices  
Po8500 - Food Service Program  
Po8510 - Wellness  
Po8606 - Bus Drivers and Cellular Telephone Use

On motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the Board approved the NEOLA second readings by a vote of 6-1, Ms. Justice opposed.

- E. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/SUSPENSIONS/TERMINATIONS
1. Mary Whitcomb - resignation as high school Spanish teacher, effective July 1, 2022.
  2. Diane Adelsperger - resignation as JH special education teacher, effective May 28, 2022.
  3. Colleen Knickerbocker - retirement as JH Social Studies teacher, effective June 1, 2022. Twenty - four (24) years of service.
  4. Linda Godfroy - retirement as Blair Pointe teacher, effective end of 2021-22 school year. Thirty-seven and a half (37 ½ ) years of service.
  5. Elena Cadenaz - resignation as Blair Pointe Special Education instructional assistant, effective March 11, 2022.
  6. Employee #136239 - abandonment of position, effective March 14, 2022.
  7. David Weeks - resignation as Varsity girls' basketball head coach, effective March 11, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the Board unanimously approved the resignations, retirements, suspensions, and terminations.

- F. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED/ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS
1. Katie Sims - transfer from Elmwood music teacher to Elmwood Assistant Principal - salary \$75,150 - contract effective for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years - 205 days - administrator benefits
  2. Jennifer Korving - HS Spanish teacher with one level experience increase above verified years of experience beginning 2022-23 school year
  3. Permission to hire 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher
  4. Permission to post and hire 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher
  5. Permission to hire 6<sup>th</sup> grade GT teacher

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Dr. Quin, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation Certified/Administrative positions.

- G. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS
1. Permission to post summer maintenance (2)
  2. Permission to post summer technology (2)
  3. Permission to hire BP special education instructional assistant
  4. Mindi Rairigh - HS summer custodian
  5. Denise Roach - HS summer custodian
  6. Laura Hughes - JH summer custodian
  7. Jessica Ingle - JH summer custodian
  8. Diane Cole - BP summer custodian
  9. Holly Stapleton - BP summer custodian
  10. Missy Clark - Elmwood summer custodian
  11. James Klepinger - Elmwood summer custodian
  12. Mary Poppe - Spanish - temporary teacher - May 1 - 27, 2022 - base teacher pay, no benefits

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board unanimously

approved the recommendation for Classified positions.

H. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Heather Muzzillo - 7-12 ticket manager, split 50/50
2. Morgan Gold - 7-12 ticket manager, split 50/50
3. Mercedes Shaffer - Varsity girls' track assistant (lay) coach
4. Marilyn Bennett - Varsity girls' track volunteer coach
5. Lisa Hobbs - Varsity boys' track head coach
6. Bryan Edwards - Varsity boys' track assistant coach
7. Caleb Bragg - JH soccer head (lay) coach
8. Luke Labare - JH soccer assistant (lay) coach
9. Scott Correll - JH softball head (lay) coach, pending background check
10. Jeremy Steele - JH softball assistant (lay) coach, pending background check
11. Rashad Daviston - JH track assistant (lay) coach, pending state background check
12. Sydney Fuller - JH track assistant (lay) coach
13. Mike Saine - Varsity girls' tennis head (lay) coach
14. Julia Weeks - Varsity girls' tennis assistant (lay) coach, pending background check

On motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Dr. Quin, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation for extra-curricular positions.

I. REQUEST TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

1. Dan Durrwachter - Annual IASBO Conference Awards Ceremony - French Lick, Indiana - May 4-5, 2022 - requesting lodging and meals, no mileage.

On motion by Dr. Quin, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board unanimously approved the request to attend conference.

J. DONATIONS

1. \$75.00 - to PHS choral music for general use in memory of William Gornto.
2. \$50.00 - to PHS band for general use in memory of William Gornto.

On motion by Dr. Quin, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation for donations.

V. BUDGET

- A. CLAIMS - Mr. Durrwachter presented and reviewed the claims for Board approval. Questions were asked and answered. On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the Board approved the claims by a vote of 6-0-1 (Dr. Quin abstained) as follows:

**AP SUMMARY**

EDUCATION FUND	354,612.10
OPERATING FUND	90,352.55
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	59,253.73
INSURANCE WELLNESS CLINIC	3,633.63
REIMBURSEABLE FUND	838.64
KROGER REWARDS	58.00
IN LITERACY EIG	1,431.76
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	1,644.21
ADULT ED 21/22	132.93
TITLE IV-A 84.186 08/09	1,036.00
TITLE IV-A SAFE & DRUG FREE	2,709.50
TITLE IIA FY 2020	880.18
TITLE VI-B RLIS 2020	4,298.00
TITLE VIB RLIS FFY 21-23	3,206.23
ESSER III	24,022.70
ESSER II	42,577.80
COVID19 CARES ACT	7,897.80
TOTAL	598,585.76

**PR SUMMARY**

EDUCATION FUND	105,848.04
OPERATING FUND	15,810.56
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	1,916.03
FY18 SECURED SCHOOL SAFETY G	3,051.71
TITLE I 2021/22	206.36
GROUP INSURANCE	4,703.18
RETIREEES-TERM LIFE INSURANCE	808.60
FRINGE BENEFITS	0.00
TOTAL	132,344.48

- B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Durrwachter reviewed the monthly fund monitoring report. Questions were asked and answered.

On motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Dr. Quin, the Board unanimously approved the fund monitoring report.

- C. RESOLUTION ON FINANCING THE RAINY-DAY FUND - Mr. Durrwachter recommended the resolution for approval.

On motion by Dr. Quin, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board unanimously approved the resolution on financing the rainy-day fund.

A copy of the resolution has been placed in Supplementary Book #16, page 56.

- ~~D. SUMMER CLASSIFIED STAFF RAISE - Mr. Durrwachter will recommend increasing all summer help positions from \$10.00 to \$13.00 per hour.~~

- E. MAINTENANCE SALARY RESTRUCTURING - Mr. Watkins recommended a salary restructure for the maintenance department.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the Board unanimously approved the maintenance salary restructuring.

A copy of the resolution has been placed in Supplementary Book #16, page 57.

VI. AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS (This section was moved to directly follow section III due to attendance of contractors)

- A. TUITION AGREEMENT - Mr. Watkins requested approval to pay \$1500.00 for Julie Worland's special education courses at Indiana State University.

On motion by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the Board unanimously approved the tuition agreement for Mrs. Worland.

- B. 2022 LAWCARE SEASON CONTRACT - Mr. Watkins recommended the approval of Black's Lawn Care as the contractor for the 2022 Lawncare Season Contract. Mr. Watkins wanted it to be noted that the softball and soccer fields are included in the contract.

On motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the Board approved Black's 2022 Lawncare contract by a vote of 6-0-1, Dr. Quin abstained.

A copy of the contract has been placed in Supplementary Minute Book #16, page 55.

VII. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

- A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Watkins expressed his gratitude, gave thanks, and congratulations to the following:

Comments:

- Happy for the community on the opening of the new YMCA.
- Senior trip success - thank you to Mrs. Cindy Merrick and all who were able to make this trip possible for our Seniors.

- PCS Choral Festival - Great job to the Blair Pointe, PJHS, PHS regular and swing, and Peru Community choirs. Thank you Dr. Gornto for all you do!
- PCS Drama Club Musical, Bye Bye Birdie - Great show by the kids and Dr. Gornto
- Boys Varsity Basketball

Regular Season Record 17-2  
 TRC Co-Champs 8-1  
 Sectional Champions 2021-22  
 Final Season Record 20-3

Miami County Boys 2021-22 Basketball Selections  
 (Selected by Bob Stambazze, WARU Radio)

Player of the Year, Matt Ross  
 Coach of the Year, Eric Thompson  
 Defensive Player of the Year, Matthew Roettger  
 Newcomer of the Year, Gavin Eldridge  
 1<sup>st</sup> Team  
 Matt Ross, Matthew Roettger, & Gavin Eldridge  
 Honorable Mention  
 Braxten Robbins & Alex Ross

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball RRC Champions
- Spring Sports Coaches:  
 Boys & Girls Track- Lisa Hobbs & Stephanie Bennett  
 Softball - Katie Wyant  
 Baseball - Chuck Brimbury  
 Girls Tennis - Mike Saine  
 Boys Golf - Clint Mathews
- Board members - Happy early birthday to Ms. Brittany Justice. Her birthday is on March 27.

- B. BOARD MEMBER - PCS artwork is on display at the Richmond Art Museum. Mr. Hobbs at HCC will be retiring before the 2022-23 school year.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Quin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., unanimously approved.

Secretary,

Brittany Justice

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