

March 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Dr. Quin. Dr. Quin led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present. Also present were Mr. Watkins, Mr. Durrwachter, Mrs. Sheets, Mr. Morris, Mr. Frye, Mr. Polk, Mr. Mathews, Mrs. Isenburg, Mrs. Kiefer, Mrs. Forman, Mrs. Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. Poppe, Dave Moon, Crossroads Bank representatives, community members, and PCS legal representation.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the Board 7-0 unanimously approved the public agenda with four changes: addition Mrs. Kiefer and her student presentation, addition III.F.3, addition III.I.11, addition III.I.12.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the Board approved the memorandum of January 9, 2023, and February 20, 2023, 5-0-2 with Dr. Quin and Mr. Wolfe abstaining.

- I. PUBLIC COMMENT - Rich Ashley thanked the board for allowing Miami County Biddy Basketball to use the gyms for the seasons.
- II. BLACK AND GOLD AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS - Mr. Watkins presented Samantha Gornto with a black and gold award for earning a gold at state with a soprano vocal solo, Miguel Sebastian for earning a gold at state with a baritone solo, Kevin Maxwell for earning a gold at state with a bass solo, Cooper Baldwin for being a wrestling state finalist, Mrs. Lancaster for being named an Ivy Tech Kokomo dual credit instructor of the year, Mr. Poppe for being a man of character.

Mrs. Kiefer had some of her CTE foods students prepare a meal for the board and then presented in the meeting what taking the foods class has done for each of them.

### III. PROGRAM

- A. Crossroads Bank - Emily Boardman thanked the board for the partnership with the school. She discussed the current rates and how the school system is affected by those; and what the bank does to keep up with the rates and changes. Barry Grossman spoke on a leasing proposal for buses and a second leasing proposal on stadium equipment.
- B. Barton Coe & Villamaa - Mr. Watkins spoke about the latest proposals on the bonding project. He went over the newest options 3 & 4. After some discussion it was voted on.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the board voted 7-0 to move forward with Barton Coe & Villamaa with the proposals and to get the bidding process started.

- C. Summer School Proposal - Mr. Watkins presented the summer school proposals that each building level principal proposed. Mr. Frye answered Mr. Wolfe's questions about how credit recovery works

and how it is beneficial.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the board voted 7-0 to approve the summer school proposal.

- D. NEOLA First Reading - Mr. Watkins spoke about the NEOLA policies that are being presented for the first reading.
- E. AP/AD Position at Peru Junior Senior High School - There was discussion on adding a position of a teacher/AD assistant. The teacher would do half day teaching then the other half being an assistant to the AD. Dr. Quin said there is a need for this position. After some discussion it was decided to get some options of possibilities.
- F. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/SUSPENSIONS/TERMINATIONS
  1. Morgan Gold - resignation as concession stand manager.
  2. Sidney Fuller - resignation as Junior High track assistant coach
  3. Tim Conner - resignation as assistant drama coach

On motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Hoover, the board unanimously approved the resignation/retirements/suspensions/terminations 7-0.

- G. RECOMMENDATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE
  1. Brandi Mathis - High School personal time off - 02/21/23-04/10/23

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the board unanimously approved the recommendation 7-0 for leave of absence.

- H. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED/ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS
  1. Ashlee Linkenhoker - Blair Pointe Elementary Teacher (3-6)-2023-2024 school year.
  2. Julie Brower - Blair Pointe Elementary Interventionist-2023-2024 school year.

On motion by Mr. Mullett, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the board unanimously approved the recommendation for certified/administrative positions 7-0.

- I. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS
  1. Misty Russell - summer maintenance
  2. Amy Boswell - summer maintenance
  3. Diane Cole - BP summer custodian
  4. Abigail Briley - BP summer custodian
  5. Christy Spencer - PJSHS summer custodian
  6. Denise Roach - PJSHS summer custodian
  7. Laura Hughes - PJSHS summer custodian
  8. Melissa Clark - Elmwood summer custodian
  9. Angela Irvin - Elmwood summer custodian
  10. Permission to post 2 summer educational technology aides
  11. Carissa Schuhler - PJSHS special education 1-1 aide
  12. Dennis Leffler - PJSHS volunteer assistant softball coach

On motion by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the board unanimously approved the recommendation for classified positions 7-0.

J. RECOMMENATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Chris Butte - Varsity boys assistant (lay) track coach
2. Bob Dwyer - Jr. High volunteer assistant (lay) baseball coach
3. Rich Ashley - Jr. High volunteer (lay) soccer coach
4. Dani Chapman - Varsity girls assistant (lay) tennis coach

On motion by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. Mullett, the board unanimously approved the recommendation for extra-curricular positions 7-0.

K. Request to Attend Conference

1. Madicyn Nero - Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference - Anaheim, California, Madicyn got 3rd in State to qualify to go to Nationals - April 26-30, 2023.
2. Emily Truax and Krista McCombs - Science of Reading Summit - Chicago - March 30th - Daily rate of pay - Hotel & Registration covered by Curriculum Associates. Request for mileage and food (2 per day \$15.00 per meal)

On motion by Mr. Mullett, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the board unanimously approved the request to attend conference 7-0.

L. Donations

1. \$1,600.00 - to PCS (student programs) from Peru Police Department.
2. \$ 300.00 - to Nurturing Parent Program from Beta Gamma Chapter Psi Iota XI Sorority

On motion by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the board unanimously approved the donations 7-0.

IV. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

A. Facility Use Requests

1. PJSH Auditorium, Commons, Kitchen Serving Line- REMC annual meeting - June 15, 2023, 1:30pm-8pm.
2. TNAC - Story Church Egg Drop - April 1st. Rain date April 8th. Request for fees to be waived as in previous year.
3. School Gyms - Jamie Ross/Fred Ross - girls 7th grade Junior High travel team basketball practices - Dates for practice are various dates in March, April, May and June. Gym use will be cleared with Mr. Quin each week. Request for all fees be waived.
4. South Peru - Peru Police Department to conduct training - April 1, 2023, 5:30pm-9:30 pm, Request for fees to be waived

On motion by Mr. Mullett, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the board unanimously approved the facility use requests 7-0.

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, with Dr. Quin abstaining, as follows:

**AP SUMMARY**

EDUCATION FUND	384,065.34
OPERATING FUND	133,995.73
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	72,915.96
TEXTBOOK RENTAL FUND	296.02
REIMBURSEABLE FUND	103.12
PSI IOTA XI GRANT	34.63
IN LITERAY EIG	5,858.85
HIGH AVILITY GRANT	835.00
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	581.28
ADULT ED 22/23	230.00
TITLE IV-A SAFE/DRUG FREE	1,115.23
TITLE IV-A SAFE/DRUG FREE	4,441.50
TITLE 11-A	880.97
TITLE VIB RLIS FFY 21-23	775.54
ESSER III	19,485.93
ESSER II	14,526.72
TOTAL	673,702.99
EDUCATION FUND	13,739.79
OPERATING FUND	14,009.64
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	12.46
TITLE I 2022/23	80.08
RETIREES-TERM LIFE INSURANCE	304.20
FRINGE BENEFITS	9615.58
TOTAL	37,761.75

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

On motion by Mr. Mullett, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the Board approved by a vote of 6-0, with Mr. Wolfe absent for the remainder, the fund monitoring report.

C. PERMISSION TO RECEIVE QUOTES FOR ADDITIONAL LIGHTING FOR PCS PARKING LOTS - Mr. Durrwachter requested permission to receive quotes for additional lighting for PCS parking lots.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Hoover, the Board approved the request 6-0, to receive quotes for additional lighting for PCS parking lots.

- D. PERMISSION TO REQUEST QUOTES FOR LAWCARE FERTILIZATION CONTRACT - Mr. Durrwachter requested permission to receive quotes for lawn care fertilization contract.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the board approved the request 6-0, to receive quotes for lawn care fertilization contract.

- E. PERMISSON TO REQUEST QUOTES FOR STUDENT HOME INTERNET CONTENT FILTERING SERVICES - Mr. Durrwachter requested permission to receive quotes for student home internet content filtering services.

On motion by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Dr. Rogers the board approved 6-0, permission to receive quotes for student home internet content filtering services.

- F. PERMISSION TO ACCEPT QUOTES FOR THE SMART BOARDS - Mr. Durrwachter requested permission to receive quotes for smart boards.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Mullett the Board approved the request 6-0, to receive quotes for smart boards.

- G. PERMISSION TO ACCEPT LAWCARE MAINTENANCE BID FOR ALL BUILDINGS AND TNAC - Mr. Durrwachter requested permission to accept lawncare maintenance bids.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Justice the board approved the request 6-0, to accept lawncare maintenance bids.

- H. PERMISSION TO ACCEPT ELMWOOD ROOF BIDS - Mr. Durrwachter requested permission to accept Elmwood roof bids.

On motion by Mr. Mullett, seconded by Mr. Beattie the board approved 6-0, to accept Elmwood roof bids.

#### VII. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

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

Comments:

- Peru High School Art students competed in the 25<sup>th</sup> annual IU Kokomo Art Show. Chloe Holler 1<sup>st</sup> place mixed media. Ayden Mathis 1<sup>st</sup> place concept Art. Olivia, Logan Gatliff, and Mackenzie Johns honorable mention.
- Miami County Girls Basketball selections: Newcomer of the Year- Addison Robbins, 1<sup>st</sup> Team-Brianna Bennett & Emma Eldridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team-Addison Robbins & Cameryn Raber, TRC All-Conference-Brianna Bennett, TRC All-Conference Honorable Mention-Emma Eldridge.
  - Wrestling Senior Cooper Baldwin participated in the IHSAA State Tournament. He was a state qualifier in the 138lb

weight class. Cooper finished his season at 36-6. Academic All-State 1<sup>st</sup> team- Alex Smithers & Cody Legg.

- Peru Gymnastics team placed 14<sup>th</sup> at sectionals. Freshman Nissa Jones placed 39<sup>th</sup> in the All-Around Competition.
- Boys' basketball won Sectionals and were regional finalist. Miami County Boys basketball selections. Coach of the year Eric Thompson. Defensive player of the year Alex Ross, JV player of the year-Bryce Hill, 1<sup>st</sup> Team-Matthew Roettger & Gavin Eldridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team-Alex Ross & Braxten Robbins.
- Anashea Dolly won 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the JAG State Career Development Conference this past weekend for her skills in resume writing and job interviews. She went up against the best in 12 regions across the state.
- Madicyn Nero placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference and qualified to go to Nationals in Anaheim California.
- Thanks to Dr. Gornto, Scott Thompson and the Peru High School Swing Choir. They were selected to perform at Carnegie Hall.
- Preliminary IREAD data is looking very promising. Thank you to Elmwood, Blair Pointe teachers, aides and administration.
- State qualifiers for the indoor track. Braxton Strong in hurdles and shot put, Johuan Antunez, Tanner Boggs, Braxton Strong, Sam Adejokun 4x200 relay. Kaelyn Edwards, Chloe Holler, Makayla Dominique, Cadence Korba 4x200 relay.
- Thanks to the PCS board for their support.

Mr. Watkins explained how thankful the parents of Aiden Bates were for how well he was treated in the school system.

B. BOARD MEMBER - Dr. Quin thanked the board members for all the work they have been doing the last few months. Reminder to board members about the dates of the spring regional meetings.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Rogers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Secretary,

Brittany Justice

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