

March 28, 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, Mrs. Hull, two patrons, and a local news media representative.

On motion by Mr. Comerford, seconded by Mr. Stanton, the Board unanimously approved the agenda with one addition, the memorandums of March 14 and March 21, 2011, and the personnel report.

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY
B. REQUEST TO USE FACILITY

PERSONNEL REPORT

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS - no business

B. LEAVES - no business

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS - no business

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Deanna Beaver - PHS food service worker
2. Rachel Clark - KEYS aide - will begin after spring break
3. Reinstate Pay Raise - As done for the teachers by contract, reinstate 2009-10 pay increase of 1.2% for classified staff and administrators. Retroactive to January 1, 2011.

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS - no business

F. REQUESTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES

1. Sam Watkins & Chuck Brimbury - leave days to chaperon the PJHS NJHS Washington, D.C. trip - April 12 - 17, 2011. Mr. Watkins' expenses up to \$532 plus one night hotel reimbursed.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments.

II. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Brimbury publically congratulated Kelsey Quin as the winner of Indiana Distinguished Young Women, formerly known as Indiana's Junior Miss. Mr. Brimbury stated Kelsey is one of Peru's finest distinguished young women. He noted the competition started at the local level and then the state level with 24 young women competing. Kelsey stated she learned a lot including people skills and interview skills. She met many motivated, intelligent young women with really strong morals. She stated it was a nice change and refresher to meet girls who felt they could make a difference. She stated the national competition is June 23-25 in Atlanta, GA. She informed the Board there is a "Be your best self" week. She stated she will be presenting to students in Logansport that week. She is planning a charity event for Peru. She stated she got the idea for a clothing swap as she was going through clothes in her own closet. She would also like to have a charity week with a charity fair. She said she heard about the Backpack program the corporation would like to start at South Peru and thought she could also request food donations during the charity week. Charities can set up booths or games and distribute information and make the community more aware of their cause. She stated we need to reach out to our community and world wide and show we are proud to be citizens! Mr. Brimbury noted Kelsey is the first Miami County Jr. Miss to win the state title. He noted our own Wendy Lutz was the first Miami County Jr. Miss to compete at the state level. He added Kelsey is a very outstanding representative of serving others and she is very involved in the community.

III. PROGRAM

- A. SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROPOSAL - Mrs. Watkins presented the summer enrichment proposal. She stated there will be three opportunities for summer enrichment using Gifted and Talented funds from the GT grant.
1st-6th gr. - Community of Character - citizenship, loyalty, and cooperation
1st-3rd gr. - Local Government in Action - 2nd year
3rd-6th gr. - Summer Art - 25th year, - 4-hour day

Dr. Thompson added we might have an additional class in science. On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, the Board unanimously approved the proposal. Mrs. Watkins also shared the 1st annual Elmwood science fair will be held in the gym on March 30 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. She invited the Board to come and enjoy the science fair.

- B. PE FLEX CREDIT WAIVER - Mr. Hanson reviewed a proposal to offer a waiver to high school student athletes to earn the required PE credit to graduate through their positive involvement in high school athletics.

Awarding credit for Physical Education: Non-Traditional
Core physical education credit (required for graduation) can be earned through "non-traditional" means through participation in qualifying activities. Students may earn (1) core physical education credit for each qualifying activity. Students may earn a maximum of (2) credits through participation in qualifying activities. Students may earn (2) credits only by participating in the two different qualifying activities prior to their junior year. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the proposal, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved.

- C. SUMMER SCHOOL K-12 PROPOSAL - Dr. Thompson shared the staffing requirement, course offerings, and budget projection with the Board. He presented the information for the Board to consider and stated he would request Board approval at the April meeting. He stated there might be a new proposal, Trig II program through E2020, which is a state approved credit recovery course. He noted we offer remediation so why not go the other direction and offer to gifted students. He stated the seven-week program could possibly be supervised by an aide rather than a teacher for four weeks in the summer. He shared the summer offerings could be an even balanced budget with a potential of serving 185 students. He stated Mr. Brimbury will be discussing at a meet and discuss the possibility of teachers getting their four prep hours in during the weekend prior to classes starting at 8:00 on Monday, June 13. He also suggested the class be extended 13 minutes each day thus the last day of classes would be Friday, July 8, rather than coming back on Monday, July 11, to finish.

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 Mr. Maxwell, unanimously approved as follows:

GENERAL FUND	140,134.95
CAPITAL PROJECTS	19,680.20
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	11,149.08
POST RETIRE/SEVERANCE FUTU	10,885.83
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	5,209.91
KEYS ACADEMY	3,400.16
PROJECT EXTENDED DAY	512.33
TECHNOLOGY E-RATE REBATE	701.50
TITLE I 2010/11	4,221.65
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	1,032.42
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FUND	772.24
TITLE IV-A SAFE & DRUG FREE	315.00

TITLE 11 PART A TEACHER IMPROV	958.87
IDEA STIMULUS PART B-SPEC ED	990.01
TITLE I STIMULUS-GRANTS TO LEA	395.44
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN-GOV BD	536.65
FED TAX	45,118.90
SOCIAL SECURITY	24,149.84
GROUP INSURANCE	72,892.66
ANNUITIES	13,229.78
TITLE I 2010/11	41.66
CHILD SUPPORT	<u>290.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 357,446.24

- B. BOARD ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS - Mr. Brimbury stated Mrs. Stewart, the new high school bookkeeper, attended an ECA seminar on March 17. The directive given at the seminar was all donations of money, tangibles, and work must be approved by the School Board before accepting.

Mr. Hall read the donations.

\$100 - varsity track chicken dinner by American Stationery
 \$229 - Swing Choir anonymous donation
 \$145 - Swing Choir was donated for fund raiser dinner
 \$27.90 - Swing Choir in goods donated
 \$105.00 - girls' basketball - Mr. Weeks towards purchase of hooded jackets for seniors
 \$150 - art course fees donation from an anonymous donor
 \$656.95 - Science Olympiad for Chicago trip anonymous

Mr. Brimbury stated many donors do not want to be made public. He stated in the future if the Board so desires, this item will be placed within the consent agenda. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the donations, seconded by Mr. Comerford, unanimously approved. Mrs. Shuey thanked all of them for the kindness. It was also approved to be a part of the consent agenda for future meetings.

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

- A. TECHNOLOGY PROJECT UPDATE - Dr. Thompson provided the Board with an update on technology relevant to the energy conservation project. A new version of complete Microsoft Office for students and staff to own outright is \$73.95. For employees while employed at Peru Schools, the cost is only \$13.75, however, the product would have to be deleted from their computer at home if they leave PCS employment. Smart boards have been installed at the kindergarten building, while Smart tablets have been installed in grades 4-12. The advantage of the tablets is that teachers can stand behind children and use with the illustrations being on the board in front of the students. Thirty-eight thousand lessons come with the Smart technology and this will enhance every teacher's instructional strategy library. Laptops will be provided to teachers in grades 7-12, and rolling laptop labs will be added to each building grades 4-12 as funds become available. Along with that, Hovercam visual presenters which help teachers better focus student attention have been added to every classroom grades 4-12. Also, sound amplification systems are, or will be, available in every classroom from grades K-3 and 7-12 by the fall of 2011. PJHS and PHS will be wireless in the next couple of weeks. Also, laptops or one to one desktops will be provided for elementary G/T classrooms as will flat panel televisions be mounted in school hallways. These televisions will scroll pictures and/or announcements students need to see to advance positive models and to communicate needed information better. Peru will soon hear if they will be one of the 20 schools to receive the Title II D grant. If we do, this will provide an additional \$200,000 for a number of technological advancements including seven rolling laptop carts to be dispersed grades 4-12. Mr. Brimbury stated a lot of what Dr. Thompson does is under the radar. With the variety of technology he has provided for teachers, we are

recognized statewide. Mr. Brimbury stated we are unmatched at any corporation in the area in technology and data systems. We will continue to advance our digital curriculum offerings including technologically enhanced courses in humanities, engineering, and business. He added he really appreciates Dr. Thompson's leadership. He noted it is a goal for each student to have access to a computer. With current and planned additions to the 1,400 current computers, Peru will have approximately 1,800 computers for our 2,260 students - nearer and nearer to the one-to-one vision.

B. REQUEST TO USE FACILITY

1. Miami County Emergency Management Agency - PHS team teaching room - National Weather Service CoCoRaHS recruiting meeting - Wednesday, April 6 - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

- A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Brimbury stated thanks to the \$66,830 grant for the fitness center from the Dukes Foundation, the Center is 99% done. Combining what has been done with the Dukes Foundation grant and auction proceeds, the finished product is great! He stated Mr. Strong and Mr. Hall are to be commended. Mr. Brimbury stated we listened to the community and used the facilities we had to make a better product for our students and community.

Mr. Brimbury informed the Board the Lose Big contest between staff members at the high school is having positive results. Five teams of eight have combined and are down 400 pounds collectively. He stated this effort is bringing the staff together and they are feeling better. Cassie Smith and Stephanie Bennett are leading the contest.

- B. BOARD - Mr. Wolfe stated he attended the Blair Pointe talent show. He stated there were a lot of students participating. He said the attendance was huge. Popcorn and drinks were provided. He added it was an exceptional program. He also mentioned Miss Beeson has been working with a group of students at the bowling alley for 18 years. She is retiring this year as a teacher. Chuck Binkerd is the instructor/teacher. This is an after school opportunity offered to the students.

Mrs. Shuey stated she attended the Rodeo and was happy to see it coming back.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Maxwell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Secretary,

Lowell Maxwell

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