

April 14, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:35 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, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Minard, Mr. Kari Vilamaa, Mr. Rod Wilson, Mr. Stephen Downs, and news media representatives.

On motion by Mr. Comerford, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board unanimously approved the agenda (with one deletion), the memorandums of March 10 and March 26, and the personnel report.

Deletion

- V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY
- B. FOOD SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Carol Russell - resignation as full-time bus driver effective March 14, 2014; continue as substitute driver
2. Betty Williams - resignation as full-time bus driver effective March 28, 2014
3. Joann Main - resignation as Blair Pointe instructional aide, effective March 21, 2014
4. Sarah Ross - resignation as Elmwood LIFT teacher, effective March 28, 2014
5. James Conley - resignation as custodian, effective April 11, 2014
6. Ken Magers - resignation as PHS library assistant, effective April 14, 2014

B. LEAVES - no business

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS - no business

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Terry Wray - new maintenance position
2. Jennifer Prior - full-time bus driver to part-time driver effective April 12, 2014
3. Amanda Williams - part-time bus driver (continuing as bus monitor)
4. Matthew Overton - part-time bus driver effective April 2, 2014
5. Marlin Ash - custodian effective 4/16/14

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Angie Legg - PJHS/PHS science data coach
2. Christel Dziengel - varsity girls' soccer lay coach

F. REQUESTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES - no business

G. REQUEST FOR FIELD TRIP - no business

H. DONATIONS - no business

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments.

II. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Brimbury thanked Mr. Hall, Dr. Quin, and Mr. Wagner for attending the ISBA Spring Regional meeting in Kokomo. The Board received a name plate with the names of the 2013-14 Board members to add to our plaque from the ISBA for outstanding Board achievement.

III. PROGRAM

A. PHS STUDENT ART AWARD - Adam Zwiebel, PHS art teacher, and student, Kaylee Anderson, were present to share Kaylee's recent National Art Award. She will be attending the award ceremony at Carnegie in June to accept her award. Kaylee talked with the Board about her achievements and future goals. She said she would like to major in fashion design but has not decided on a school. Since she is only a junior, she still has plenty of time to decide. The Board congratulated Kaylee

on her achievements and wished her well. Mrs. Shuey said she had a gift and encouraged her to continue using that gift.

- B. REAPPOINT PERU PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER - Mr. Brimbury stated he received a letter from Charles Wagner informing him Barrie Rassi's appointment as a member of the Peru Public Library Board by the Board of School Trustees will expire on May 31, 2014. Pursuant to IC 36-12-2-8, Mr. Rassi is eligible to be reappointed for two additional terms. The letter stated Mr. Rassi is currently the president of the library board and has been instrumental in petitioning for grants and raising funds for the first major renovation of the public library in three decades. Thus, as the Director of the Peru Public Library Mr. Wagner highly recommended Mr. Rassi be reappointed for a four-year term which would then expire on May 31, 2018. On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Ms. Rice, the Board reappointed Mr. Rassi to a four-year term by a vote of 5-2 (Dr. Quin and Mr. Wagner abstained). Mr. Wagner stated he abstained because of his employment with the Peru Library.
- C. SUMMER SCHOOL CLASS OFFERING RECOMMENDATION - Mr. Hanson recommended classes for the 2014 summer school. He stated IREAD will begin June 9. One teacher is needed with an aide. This small group of mandatory students will have a chance to retake the IREAD test. He recommended JumpStart begin July 24 - August 6 with two teachers per grade (4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>) and two per English and Math at PJHS. He stated the PHS program will remain the same with one basic PE and one advanced PE class offered. He explained Category I is reading. Any HS credit courses are also Category I. Students will also be able to take courses through the Credit Recovery program. He recommended a new program at Elmwood to continue to improve the reading level students achieve through the school year. He stated to bridge the gap, 18-24 outgoing kdg, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be identified through SAIPS and offered the class. The seven-week class will begin June 9 through July 24 for three days a week, 10-12 Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 1:00 a.m. - noon. He noted this is a category I program and will be reimbursed. Mr. Hanson stated transportation and lunch will be provided to these students. He stated the libraries at Elmwood and Blair Pointe will be open one night a week so students can use the library through the summer. He briefly reviewed the budget proposal stating we have not gone over the budget. The Elmwood and PHS classes are considered category I. Blair Pointe and PJHS classes are considered category II. He noted we do not make money as the State does not reimburse transportation costs. Mr. Brimbury stated he appreciated the help the Peru Public Library and Mrs. Badry offer to help the students during the summer weeks. Ms. Rice, moved to approve the summer education proposal, seconded by Mr. Wagner, unanimously approved.
- D. BOARD PARTICIPATION REPORT - Mr. Brimbury shared the first quarter report. He noted there was one special meeting during the quarter. He thanked the Board for their time beyond the 85 hours recorded. He stated he truly appreciates an active Board and the support. A copy of the resolution is in Supplementary Minute Book #14, page 5.

#### 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. Comerford, unanimously approved as follows:

GENERAL FUND	245,934.08
CAPITAL PROJECTS	25,226.93
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	26,902.34
TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT	215.00
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	34,071.60
INSURANCE WELLNESS CLINIC	511.50
KEYS ACADEMY	1,178.00
EARLY INTERVENTION FUND	1,204.32
DONATION/SPECIAL ED TEACHERS	39.00

ACADEMIC MONITORING PACKAGE	83.82
GIFTED AND TALENTED 2013/14	29.17
TITLE I 2013/14	2,082.62
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	199.63
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FUND	5.74
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TITLE II PART A TEACHER IMPROV TOTALS	3,545.34
FEDERAL TAX	39,075.65
SOCIAL SECURITY	32,028.03
STATE TAX	24,959.95
LOCAL TAX	17,953.38
PERF	53.58
ANNUITIES	12,646.68
AMERICAN FUNDS REPAYMENT	82.19
CHILD SUPPORT	<u>1,142.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 469,343.24

B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall reviewed the fund monitoring report for the month of March. He stated we are one-quarter of the way through the year. He noted we are at 21.5% disbursements in general fund. Ms. Rice moved to approve the report, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved.

C. RESOLUTION TO REFINANCE THE SERIES 2005 BONDS - Mr. Hall introduced Rod Wilson, our bond counsel from City Securities, and Mr. Downs, our local counsel. Mr. Wilson presented a resolution to refinance the 2005 bonds which was discussed at the March Board meeting. The savings to the taxpayers will be approximately \$300,000 (about 6%) or about \$40,000 a year for the remainder of the term through 2023. Mr. Wilson stated Advance Refunding may only occur once every 10 years. He stated interest rates have recently declined but for how long. He added there is no cost to the general fund for the refinancing. Mr. Wilson stated the term period is the same; the refinancing allows a savings to the taxpayers. The resolution authorizes a new issue to refinance the existing bonds at a savings and authorizes the Building Corporation to approve the financing. Mr. Stanton moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Dr. Quin. Mr. Comerford asked if there was a downside to refinancing. Mr. Wilson responded the downside would be if the interest rates went lower. The average interest rate is currently 3.9%. The Board unanimously approved the resolution. A copy of the resolution is in Supplementary Minute Book #14, page 6. The second amended lease document adds the issuance of 2014 refunding bonds to the original lease. The amendment to the lease substitutes the rent payment schedule which will be lower. Mr. Wilson summarized by saying the refinancing lowers the interest rate, lowers the payments, does not extend the term of the payments, and the taxpayers reap the savings. Mr. Comerford moved to approve the amendment, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, unanimously approved. A copy of the resolution is in Supplementary Minute Book #14, page 7.

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

- A. 1. Sigma Delta Pi - PHS commons and kitchen - Saturday, October 11, 2014 - 8:00 a.m - 2:30 p.m. - hosting state-wide Fall Convocation - also offered guided tours of Art Gallery (local chapter sponsoring - current President Blair Pointe teacher Kim Cox, past president retired teacher Anna Jo McKaig)
2. Cole Porter Festival - PHS auditorium - Saturday, June 7, 2014, 3:00 - 10:00 p.m. - performance by Joan Curto, cabaret singer, at 7:00 p.m. - all profits will be donated to the Miami County Historical Society - Connie Cutler has agreed to open the Art Gallery.
3. YMCA - South Peru Elementary - June 9 through August 1, 2014 - YMCA Summer Day Camp program for grades K-6 from 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
4. EastPointe Bible Church - PHS Bengal Stadium - second annual summer Runner's Camp for preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade - June 16-20, 2014 - 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (At least six PCS staff members helped with this day camp.)

Tom Robbins, AAU basketball coach for grades 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, requested use of Blair Pointe gym beginning in April through July for 2-3 nights a week for 1½ hour practices. Mr. Brimbury stated the team includes children from other Miami County schools and Mr. Robbins is not a Peru coach or staff member. Mr. Brimbury recommended the Board approve the rental rate of \$25 for up to two hours per session plus custodial time incurred when the custodian is not on duty. He stated as per Board policy, Mr. Robbins must also provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance. Mr. Wolfe and Dr. Quin expressed they would like to see the facility rental fees for the AAU request waived if Mr. Robbins is a resident of Peru Schools and pays taxes which go to the district.

On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the waiver of the facility rental fees for the four enumerated requests and the charging of fees for the AAU basketball request as recommended by Mr. Brimbury by a 6-1 vote (Mr. Wolfe opposed). Custodial or food service fees will be charged as incurred for each request.

B. FOOD SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT - deleted.

C. RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD PROJECT BIDS - Mr. Hall shared the bid opening results from April 9. The first bid was for development of the donated property and ADA work on the Bengal Stadium. Only one bid was received and it is well over budget. His recommendation was to reject Unified bid 1.

Mr. Kari Vilamaa stated he has worked with three of the four companies which bid the PHS roofing project. He recommended the low bid from Slatile Roofing from South Bend in the amount of \$882,279. The estimated cost of this project was \$1,142,000.

Dr. Quin motioned to accept the bid for roofing only, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved.

#### VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Brimbury stated our students and chaperones have traveled to Costa Rica, Washington, D.C., and New York City in the past month. He stated it is great the students have the opportunity to explore these cities and countries.

Mr. Hanson informed the Board the spring musical will be this Friday and Saturday at the high school auditorium.

B. BOARD - Mr. Wagner stated Gary Sweet, Director at HCC will be retiring. Mr. Hobbs will step into the position. He also announced State Superintendent Glenda Ritz will be visiting PHS tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Hanson added Congresswoman Jackie Walorski will be visiting PHS next Thursday, April 24.

Mr. Hanson informed the Board IVY Tech Community College has received a 3.27 million dollar federal grant. He stated this is a very positive for our community. The grant will expand career training opportunities from the high school level through a two-year college degree. He added the grant could help cover costs for both students and the corporation. He noted Ivy Tech has not yet decided how the funds will be distributed.

Mrs. Shuey read a letter from IVY Tech.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Comerford moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Secretary,