

April 17, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:40 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, Mrs. Forman, Coach Josh Ulery, Coach Becky Ulery, black and gold award winning students and parents, community members, and PCS legal representation.

On motion by Mr. Mullett, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the Board 7-0 unanimously approved the public agenda with two changes: change IV.D to informational item, addition IV.E.4.

On motion by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. Hoover, the Board approved the memorandum of March 20, 2023, with a vote of 7-0.

- I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No public comment.
- II. BLACK AND GOLD AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS - Mr. Watkins presented Coach Josh Ulery with a black and gold award for his first win as varsity head coach. Ian Potts, Jackson Rogers, Gavin Eldridge, Reis Bellar for being nominated for all tourney team in the Howard County Invitational. Leland Brown for getting a National Gold Key for scholastics.
- III. AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS
 - A. Permission to Accept Bids for Lawncare Fertilization Contract - Mr. Watkins recommended to accept Hunts Lawncare bid for the lawncare fertilization contract.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Mullett, the board voted 6-0-1 to accept the Hunts Lawncare bid for the lawncare fertilization contract. Mr. Wolfe abstained.
- IV.
 - A. Senior Honors Trip 2024 - Mrs. Merrick presented the request for \$400.00 per student coverage for the honor students 2024 senior trip. There are 39 students eligible currently to go. The location is still being worked out.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the board voted 7-0 to approve the senior honors trip 2024.

- B. PJSHS Curriculum Guide Addition - Jessica Jones had provided information about 2 additional classes to be added to the curriculum.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the board voted 7-0 to approve the additional classes to the PJSHS curriculum guide.

- C. NEOLA Second Reading - Mr. Watkins reviewed the following NEOLA policies for Board approval:

po3120.02 - New Policy - Adjunct Teachers (addition D. must have a Bachelors degree from an accredited institution. addition E. must be enrolled in transition to teaching program.

po3120.11 - Public Hearing Before Commencement of Collective Bargaining and Public Meeting Before Ratification of Tentative Agreement.

Po3121 - Personal Background Checks, References, and Mandatory Reporting of Convictions and Substantiated Child Abuse and Arrests.

po3220.02 - Supplement Payments for Teachers

po8210 - Revised - School Calendar

po8400 - School Safety

po8500 - Revised Policy - Food Service Program

On motion by Mr. Mullett, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the board voted 7-0 to approve the NEOLA policies. Mr. Watkins will bring back a revision of additional information for the po8400 school safety to include stop the bleeding kits.

- D. Peru Public Appointment - Our current representative from the school board, Deborah L. Swihart, term will end on May 31, 2023. Peru Library board requests to appoint Gennell Taylor to the board. The board requested for more information. They would like to know what the position responsibilities are, who the person is, and does the board get any feedback on how things are going.

- E. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/SUSPENSIONS/TERMINATIONS

1.Brandi Mathis - resignation Keys Academy aide.

2.Jason Gornto - resignation PHS drama director.

3.Jazzmyan Bayless - resignation as SE one to one aide

4.Kim Martino - retirement as Elmwood kindergarten teacher twenty-seven (27) years of experience.

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

F. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED/ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

1. Permission to hire high school science/agricultural teacher
2. Permission to hire high school college career readiness/pe teacher
3. Permission to hire elementary teacher

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

G. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Niki Rodriguez - summer tech
2. James Klepinger - summer tech
3. Amy Lunceford - BP title I instructional assistant

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

H. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Aaron Uttinger - JV assistant (lay) softball coach (retro)
2. Ruben Dilworth - JH assistant (lay) track coach (retro)

On motion by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the board unanimously approved the recommendation for classified positions 7-0.

I. REQUEST TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

1. Dan Durrwachter - Annual IASBO Conference- Grand Wayne Convention Center - May 11, 2023 - requesting lodging.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the board unanimously approved the recommendation for request to attend conference 7-0.

J. DONATIONS

1. \$175.00 to Junior High soccer for general use from Ashley Pool & Hot Tub Service, LLC.
2. \$2,542.00 to Peru Tiger Cub Football for general use from Peru Tiger Cub Football Donation Event (multiple donors).

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the board unanimously approved the donations.

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

A. Facility Use Requests

1. Old Junior High Building - Four County Summer Program - two classrooms and the gym - Every Tues, Wed, Thurs for June 6, 2023 - July 27, 2023, from 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. Requesting fees to be waived.
2. TNAC - YMCA kickball tournament - Saturday May 20, 2023, 11:30 am - roughly 7:00 pm or 8:00 pm. Requesting fees to be waived.
3. South Peru Gym - YMCA Gymnastics - Monday-Thursday, July 24, 2023, to May 2024.
4. Tig-Arena and Tiger Den - PAL volleyball tournaments - April 1, 2023, 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., April 23, 2023, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. and April 30, 2023, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Requesting fees to be waived. Will pay custodial fees.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Mullett, the board approved the facility use requests 6-0-1 Dr. Quin abstained.

VI. 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 Ms. Justice, the Board approved the claims by a vote of 6-0-1, with Dr. Quin abstaining, as follows:

AP SUMMARY

EDUCATION FUND	338,164.58
OPERATING FUND	203,845.37
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	57,619.39
TEXTBOOK RENTAL FUND	9.99
REIMBURSEABLE FUND	16,287.19
HIGH ABILITY GRANT	1,892.20
ADULT ED 22/23	145.39
TITLE IV-A SAFE/DRUG FREE	1,347.81
TITLE 11-A	1,145.00
TITLE VIB RLIS FFY 21-23	356.86
ESSER III	13,347.27
ESSER II	9,088.50
TITLE I 2022/23	80.08
GROUP INSURANCE	6,194.64
RETIREEES-TERM LIFE INSURANCE	488.35
FRINGE BENEFITS	60,185.48
TOTAL	710,198.10

- 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. Wolfe, the Board approved by a vote of 7-0.

- C. PERMISSION TO SELL OLD FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE CLASSROOM APPLIANCES- Mr. Durrwachter requested permission to sell old family consumer science classroom appliances.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board approved the request by a vote of 7-0.

VII. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

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

Comments:

- Peru High School Art student Leland Brown earned a National Gold Key in scholastics. Leland won the award for his photography. He will be recognized in a ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York June 7-9.
- Wish all the administrators, teachers, aides, and students' good luck during testing season.
- Thank you to those that worked so hard during spring break - maintenance, custodial, educational techs central office, coaches, and our directors.
- Good luck to our spring sports teams - softball, baseball, track, boys golf, girls' tennis.
- Band, Choir, and drama programs are still working hard.
- Thank you to the administrators, teachers, students, and parents for the senior Orlando trip and the 8th grade Washington trip.
- Thanks to the PCS board for their support.
- Thanks to Dr. Cole for coming.

- B. BOARD MEMBER - Dr. Quin thanked Dr. Cole for attending the meeting.

- C. BOARD MEMBER - Mr. Wolfe asked about getting the potholes fixed in the High School parking lot. Mr. Wolfe spoke about his recent experience working the spring concert in the Art Gallery at Peru Junior Senior High School. He also attended the art board meeting last month. Mrs. Blong is interested in putting up banners outside the High School to advertise the art gallery. The request for the school to purchase those banners will be discussed in more detail later

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Mullett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Secretary,

Brittany Justice

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