

April 18, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:30 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. Mongosa, Mr. Polk, several teachers, patrons, and local a news media representative.

On motion by Mr. Comerford, seconded by Mr. Stanton, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented, the memorandum of March 28, 2011, and the personnel report.

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Clint Mathews - RIF - 1st grade
2. Chris Cover - RIF - PJHS Special Needs

B. LEAVES - no business

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS

1. Doris Wade - PJHS head custodian
2. Marlene Huffman - PJHS custodian

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS - no business

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS - no business

F. REQUESTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES

1. Dave Thompson - National NWEA Conference - Portland, OR - June 28 - July 1 - airfare, lodging, and meals appr. \$1,000 to be paid from Title IIA (\$980 registration fee waived as he is one of many speakers)

G. DONATIONS

1. PHS Swing Choir - \$100 donation from Helping Hands for outfits

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments

II. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Brimbury thanked the teachers for their attendance this evening. He stated he valued the teachers' input as we work through the legislative cutbacks.

Mr. Brimbury thanked Mrs. Brown and the teachers who attended the Washington, D.C. annual trip or helped coordinate the trip. He said he viewed the 400 plus pictures taken by his household and listened to many great stories. He said this is an awesome opportunity for our NJHS members.

Mr. Brimbury shared his Saturday experience at Conner Prairie with two buses of 5th graders. He said it was a great trip and enjoyed by all.

Mr. Brimbury informed the Board Elmwood participated in the 2011 Reading Challenge sponsored by the Pacers. Friday Elmwood was informed they were the winners of this year's challenge. Boomer, the Pacers mascot, will be making a special visit to Elmwood in the near future to congratulate the students.

Mr. Brimbury recognized Mr. Pat Polk as the Safety Director for Peru Community Schools. He stated Mr. Polk does an outstanding job and spends a lot of time coordinating the safety of our staff and students. Mr. Polk distributed information to the Board outlining what he has done this year. He noted three more individuals were trained, Jason Cary, Sheri Spiker, and Susan Rice (Probation Dept.). Five administrators will be recertified this week. He will continue his efforts to have at least one person certified in each building. He put together a

Miami County School Safety Commission comprised of school districts, county agencies, and departments that met four times to discuss safety and legal issues. The group will continue to meet for the 2011-12 school year. He also started a Peru Safety Team to go along with the safety commission. He applied for a grant to purchase more cameras for the high school video surveillance system, but the grant was not approved. He also informed the Board Peru Schools will be participating in the Great Indiana Shakeout, the largest earthquake drill in this area of the country, tomorrow morning. He noted communication and awareness are important to keep our students and staff safe.

III. PROGRAM

- A. SUMMER SCHOOL K-12 PROPOSAL & BUDGET - Dr. Thompson reviewed the staffing requirement, course offerings, and budget projection that were presented to the Board at the last meeting. He added PLTW summer camp to the offering which will be open to all current 7/8th graders. He noted the summer school budget is \$117,845. On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board unanimously approved the proposal. Summer school will begin on the Monday after the last teacher workday of the school year. The summer school day will be lengthened by 15 minutes so the classes can finish on Friday, July 8. Dr. Thompson stated the teachers would be on their own for the paid four-hour prep time prior to the start of classes on Monday, June 13.

- B. BLAIR POINTE GOLF CLUB PROPOSAL - Mr. Brimbury stated he has asked our principals to be liaisons between community efforts and activities through the schools. Mr. Pat Polk proposed a golf club for Blair Pointe students. He stated Mr. Mathews and Mr. Muzzillo suggested a golf club for elementary students. He spoke with Mr. Frye, girls' coach and he agreed to help as well. Mr. Polk stated they would like to get the kids involved in the golf program at a younger age. The club will meet four times. Transportation will be provided by the parents to and from the golf course. Adequate supervision will be provided. There is no fee and clubs will be lent to those who do not have them. A three-hole tourney will be held at the end of the season. The program would begin immediately and end May 25 and is open to boys and girls at Blair Pointe. Mr. Wolfe asked about dates. Mr. Polk stated it will not be the same day each week because of tournaments and high school meets. He noted practices will be the same time each date from 3:45 - 5:15 p.m. Mr. Wolfe stated he supported the efforts and was impressed with the bowling club Blair Pointe has had for several years. Mr. Wagner asked about transportation for students who do not have a ride. Mr. Brimbury stated parents would need to make car pool arrangements. On motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Comerford, the Board unanimously approved the proposal.

IV. BUDGET

- A. CLAIMS - Mr. Hall presented and reviewed the claims for Board approval. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Comerford, unanimously approved as follows:

GENERAL FUND	395,759.49
CAPITAL PROJECTS	90,023.17
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	16,486.16
TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT	809.25
RETIREMENT/SEVERANCE BOND FUND	477.48
DUKES FITNESS GRANT FUND 2011	66,830.00
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	63,347.79
KEYS ACADEMY	5,451.08
DONATION/SPECIAL ED TEACHERS	109.00
PROJECT EXTENDED DAY	1,011.47
GIFTED & TALENTED 2010/11	57.44
TECHNOLOGY E-RATE REBATE	2,001.50
TITLE I 2010-11	10,732.29

PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	253.89
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FUND	2,937.31
TITLE IV-A SAFE & DRUG FREE	210.00
TITLE II PART A TEACHER IMPROV	1,936.52
TITLE I STIMULUS-GRANTS TO LEA	3,192.68
IDEA-STIMULUS PART B-SPEC ED	967.18
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN - GOV BD.	780.58
FEDERAL TAX	44,231.86
SOCIAL SECURITY	24,162.60
STATE TAX	27,206.88
LOCAL TAX	18,899.94
PERF	2,100.90
GROUP INSURANCE	6,581.86
ANNUITIES	13,236.24
SECTION 125 REIMBURSEMENT	1,682.69
RETIREEES-TERM LIFE INSURANCE	455.10
CHILD SUPPORT	290.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 802,222.35</u>

- B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall reviewed the fund monitoring report for the month of March. He stated the general fund is doing well because it is the only fund receiving monthly support from the state. The cash flow is ugly in the other funds as they are tax supported. Mr. Stanton moved to approve the report, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, unanimously approved.
- C. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT - Mr. Hall stated we use American Fidelity for employees to use for pre-tax benefits. He recommended approval of Aflac as a provider for voluntary employee benefits. He noted this will coordinate with the Section 125 program that is administered by American Fidelity. He added we will save some money on employer taxes because of the pre-tax status of some of the Aflac programs. He noted this is strictly voluntary. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Comerford, unanimously approved.
- D. RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT TITLE II D AND TITLE VI GRANTS - Dr. Thompson stated the Board does not need to take action to accept the Title VI grant, however, action is necessary for the Title II D grant. He noted 135 school districts applied. We were one of 22 accepted. The grant was for \$200,000 in federal money to advance education innovation. He stated his goal is to provide a staff member whose sole responsibility will be to advance the use of technology with and by students. The grant will be used to advance initiatives of the current funding sources (Capital Projects fund, bond issue, and grant money) to advance student engagement through technology. The curriculum will be modified through staff support and time given to enhance the new technology. We will promote further opportunities through technological means to receive dual-credit, credit recovery, and distance learning opportunities. The grant money will be expended on a tech facilitator, eight wireless laptop carts (240 laptops), expanded wireless network to include Blair Pointe, and professional development for staff adding more interactive technology. Mr. Wagner moved to accept the grant funds, seconded by Mr. Stanton. Mr. Wolfe asked about project-based learning. He stated he liked some of the aspects of combining two classes he saw while visiting at Rochester. Mr. Brimbury stated he has talked with Dr. Thompson about the possibilities and added we want the needs of our community to be student driven. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

Dr. Thompson also gave the Board some information on the Title VI Rural and Low Income School grant stating it will provide smart technology to Elmwood, provide digital response systems to Blair Pointe, provide funds for extensive professional development as staff work to learn and adapt current curriculum to be ready for the common core

standards, and provide additional literacy materials for a total of \$41,126. Dr. Thompson added Peru has been very fortunate in the number of grants we have received.

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

A. REQUESTS TO USE FACILITIES

1. Rolling Chapel - PHS Auditorium - annual student concert & graduation - Friday, April 15 - 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.
2. Miami County Sheriff's Dept. - Tiger Den, track, and team teaching room - annual testing - Saturday, April 23 - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
3. Miami County Health Dept. - Tig-Arena - mock POD (point of dispensing) drill - Saturday, June 18 - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
4. Miami County Health Dept. - Blair Pointe parking lot - drive through flu clinic Friday, October 21 (fall break) - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Stanton moved to approve the requests, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, unanimously approved.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Brimbury thanked the teachers for coming and supporting their colleagues. He stated it is a very challenging time. He assured them he is working very hard at the State House level by talking almost daily with our representatives. He assured those attending our representatives realize the value of our teachers and staff and are fighting too. He noted he receives daily updates on the happenings at the State House. Mr. Brimbury thanked Mr. Hall for his efforts in working with the budget.

B. BOARD - Mrs. Shuey thanked those attending for staying for the meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Maxwell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Secretary,

Lowell Maxwell

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