

April 20, 2015

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 except Mr. Wagner. Also present were Mr. Watkins, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Minard, Mr. Cary, Mrs. Watkins, Mr. Mullett, Mr. Scott Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Durrwachter, Mr. Dan Durrwachter, several patrons, students, and a local news media representative.

On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the Board unanimously approved the public agenda, the memorandum of March 23, March 24, and April 10, and the amended personnel report with two deletions and three additions.

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Kathy Powell - retirement - PJHS science teacher, effective end of the 2014-15 school year (33 years of service)
2. Sarah Carsey - resignation as PHS Spanish teacher, effective end of the 2014-15 school year
3. Jeremy Boszor - resignation as PHS science teacher, effective end of the 2014-15 school year
4. Rae Anne Cates - resignation - 5th grade teacher, effective end of the 2014-15 school year
5. Galen Ash - retirement as a regular route bus driver, effective end of the 2014-15 school year (34 years of service). He would like to continue to drive the girls' volleyball and basketball teams to away games for the next two years
6. Chris Braley - resignation - PHS tech aide, effective April 10
7. Erica Buffington - resignation - PHS Spec Ed resource aide, effective end of day May 4
8. Christel Dziengel - resignation - girls' head soccer coach, effective immediately

B. LEAVES - No business

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS

1. Nouri MARRAKCHI - PHS ASL (American Sign Language) teacher
2. Post a high school teaching position

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Isaac Davis - PHS tech aide
2. Kristina Dewalt - from sub to full-time monitor at Elmwood
3. Andrea Harris - continue as cafeteria day-time sub and begin as full-time dinner worker at PHS

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Cody SIBLISK - assistant high school track (lay) coach

F. REQUEST FOR FIELD TRIP - No business

G. DONATIONS

1. Music department - \$100 anonymous donation for general expenses

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments

II. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Watkins congratulated the spring sports athletes collectively and the coaches. He noted PHS is in the running for MIC awards.

Mr. Watkins gave special recognition Mr. Hall for his Senate Bill that was unanimously approved by the House and Senate. Mr. Watkins stated this bill will save us and many other school corporations a lot of money collectively.

Mr. Watkins stated the spring play was well attended. He congratulated the cast and director Jennifer Hopkins for their efforts.

III. PROGRAM

- A. BLACK AND GOLD AWARDS - Mr. Watkins recognized Ellen Terry, PJHS music teacher. Mrs. Terry stated she requires all of her students to either perform their band instrument or perform vocally. The following students went Above and Beyond as they received a perfect score at ISSMA Solo & Ensemble:
Band: Aurora Davis (7th), Mike Campbell (7th), Sofia Babcock (7th), and Kyla Mitchell (8th)
Choir: Grace Wagstaff (8th)
Two students received a gold rating at ISSMA Solo & Ensemble on solos of high school level difficulty: Phoebe Soldi (8th) and Hailey Ewer (7th)

Mr. Cary and Ms. Rice nominated Benal Ortman, PHS junior, who was recently selected to attend the Indiana Youth Leadership Forum July 18th through the 24th in Indianapolis. The forum is funded by the Indiana Governors Council for people with disabilities and only 25 students in the state are selected to attend. The purpose of the forum is to "provide opportunities and tools to learn skills in leadership, legislation and self-advocacy".

The Board congratulated all the students and their parents.

- B. NEW YORK CITY SENIOR TRIP PRESENTATION - The students thanked the Board for the donation to the senior class to help reduce the expenses for the trip. Brianna MacDonald, Kyndale Clark, and Mallory Struble were present to share some of their experiences with the Board. Kyndale stated the trip was a great learning experience and a lot of fun. She said they were able to climb inside the Statue of Liberty which was 25 flights of stairs but totally worth it. She attended the Blue Man Broadway show. Brianna stated her favorite part was Aladdin on Broadway. Mallory stated she enjoyed Ellis Island as her family entered the United States through Ellis Island. Kyndale stated she thought she wanted to live in the big city. Although she thoroughly enjoyed the experience, she realizes she does not want to live in a big city. They stated their tour guide was very good and even explained the cost of living in NYC. All three girls highly recommended the trip and appreciated the bonding time with classmates. Mr. Hanson stated we have worked with the same travel agent on each of the trips. They have been very good about adjusting the itinerary based on sites that are available. Mr. Comerford asked if this trip is an incentive. The girls agreed the trip is definitely an incentive to keep your grades up. Brianna stated she was one of those students who put forth extra effort so she could go on the trip. The girls expressed their appreciation for the fund raising opportunities. Mr. Cary requested permission for the 2016 senior class trip in April of 2016. Mr. Stanton moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Mr. Comerford, unanimously approved.
- C. BLAIR POINTE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RECOMMENDATION - Mr. Watkins recommended Daniel (Dan) Durrwachter as the new Blair Pointe Assistant Principal/Athletic Director on behalf of the search committee. He stated there were more than 20 applications received for this position with seven applicants selected for interviews. Mr. Durrwachter is currently a science teacher at Crawfordsville High School with six years of teaching and coaching experience. He has coached 5th & 6th grade basketball as well as middle school and high school soccer. He earned his Administrative license from Ball State University in 2014 and interned as an administrator in Crawfordsville at the high school and Hoover Elementary School. He is also a certified 2.0 RISE evaluator. Mr. Durrwachter stated he and his wife Sarah have two daughters, Faith is three and Claire is one. He introduced his parents Steve and Nancy Durrwachter from Huntington. Mrs. Watkins stated today is a very happy day for Dan. In addition to becoming the new assistant principal at Blair Pointe it is his birthday and he sold his house in Crawfordsville yesterday. Mr. Durrwachter said his family is

looking forward to relocating to Peru and becoming a part of the Peru community. Mr. Stanton moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Comerford, unanimously approved.

D. PLAN FOR MAKE-UP DAYS - Mr. Hanson shared with the Board we have made up one day of school with five extended days this past week by adding instructional time to the end of school days (K-6 60 minutes and 7-12 72 minutes). He stated the time was used very efficiently. Snacks were provided to the students to help with the extra time. He stated two additional days will be made up with the virtual learning days. He noted the plan is unique for each building. The first bundle will be April 22-28. We are using One Note. He said the students were surveyed and only about 20% need devices. Those will go home on Friday for those students who need them. The computer labs will be open for extended hours after school on the Wednesday through Friday throughout the Virtual Learning bundle process. Staff will be available Saturday. The technology department will be available as well. The homework will be due on Tuesday, April 28. Mr. Hanson stated the virtual option was previously approved by the DOE. If a student does not turn in their work they will be counted absent for that Virtual Learning make-up day. Adjustments will be made if needed to the plan before the jr. high school has their first day and the high school has their second day. Students in grades K-3 will not be using devices. He stated the virtual learning is staggered because of the testing dates for the students. The Virtual Learning bundle days are: PHS - April 25 and May 9, PJHS - May 9 and May 16, Blair Pointe and Elmwood - May 16 and May 23. Half of the 5th grade and half of the 6th grade classes are taking a Saturday field trip which will count for their make-up time. The Peru website lists the bundle of days. Information will be going home with students. Mr. Hanson explained the training the staff will be receiving. He said he will report back to the Board in May. The last student day will be Tuesday, June 2. Teacher work day will be Wednesday, June 3. Graduation will be on Friday, June 5. Mr. Hanson said he has been very pleased with the staff and their willingness to try the Virtual Learning plan.

E. SCHOOL BOARD PARTICIPATION REPORT - Mr. Watkins stated it has been a busy quarter. The Board contributed 216.5 hours with four School Board meetings and three special work sessions to work on the strategic plan. A copy of the report is in Supplementary Minute Book #14, page 22.

IV. BUDGET

A. CLAIMS - Mr. Hall presented and reviewed the claims for Board approval. Dr. Quin and Mr. Wolfe questioned the expenses to the baseball facility which are coming from the general fund. Dr. Quin also questioned the tires & repairs notation that appeared on several pages. Mr. Hall responded he would look into that line item. Mr. Stanton moved to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Comerford, unanimously approved as follows:

GENERAL FUND	231,488.12
CAPITAL PROJECTS	53,130.49
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	12,858.57
TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT	209.00
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	37,911.84
EARLY INTERVENTION	1,653.21
INSURANCE WELLNESS CLINIC	967.18
INDIANA ARTS	2,100.00
STATE CONNECTIVITY	2,839.20
TECHNOLOGY FUND	1,934.36
COLLEGE SUCCESS COALITION	101.65
TITLE I 2014/15	734.06
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	1,085.32
PARENT NURTURING ALC	26.54
ADULT EDUCATION	1,548.56
TITLE II 2015	77.29

TITLE VI	3,502.00
HOT LUNCH CLEARING	30,870.15
ANNUITIES	45.46
GARNISHMENT	199.16
FRINGE BENEFITS	<u>394,971.39</u>
TOTAL	\$ 778,253.55

B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall reviewed the fund monitoring report for the month of March, end of first quarter. He stated we are one-fourth of the way through the year and at 22.3% for the general fund disbursement. He noted we are still running a surplus for food service. Ms. Rice, moved to approve the fund monitoring report, seconded by Mr. Comerford, unanimously approved.

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

A. RECOMMENDATION TO DECLARE EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE AUCTION - Mr. Hall shared several pictures of equipment and furniture that is not needed. He informed the Board the libraries at PHS and PJHS are being renovated into media centers this summer with funding from the 2013 and 2014 bond issues. Therefore the existing fixtures and furniture need to be sold. He stated we have also accumulated many items that have no use. Mr. Hall stated procedurally we will offer surplus items to employees for use at work. Anything unclaimed will be sold at an auction tentatively scheduled for June 13 probably at Peru High School and Peru Jr. High School. Mr. Hall also shared drawings, colors, and fabric samples for the new media centers. He stated the media centers will have a non-traditional look. He noted the book shelves, walls, and furniture will all be moveable as the area will still be needed as a large testing site. Mr. Hanson added we want the media center areas to be flexible. Mr. Hall informed the Board they will also be adding a coffee shop in the media center with decaf items the students can purchase. Mr. Stanton moved to approve Mr. Hall's recommendation, seconded by Ms. Rice. Dr. Quin questioned where the money from the auction will go. Mr. Hall responded the general fund. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Watkins thanked Mr. Hanson and the tech team for their preparation of the virtual learning plan.

Mr. Watkins thanked our staff for their preparation for the extended days last week.

Mr. Watkins informed the Board the PJHS Washington, D.C. trip went very well this past week. He thanked the Board for their support of the trip.

Mr. Watkins informed the Board Natasha Eckerley, 6th grade teacher at Blair Pointe, was recently named Rural Trust Global Teacher Fellow. She will be teaching in Africa again this summer. Mrs. Eckerley takes her classroom experiences from Blair Pointe and uses with her teaching in Africa and likewise uses her global experiences and culture gained in Africa with her students at Blair Pointe. Mr. Watkins stated Mrs. Eckerley is another example of the excellent, caring teachers Peru has working with our students.

Mr. Watkins thanked the Board and administrative staff for their efforts in the several meetings for strategic planning. He said this will be a huge help with the work we will now have at the individual buildings with the parents and community.

Mr. Watkins extended a big thank you to Dan Herda for his positive articles about Peru Schools in the Peru Tribune.

Mr. Watkins informed the Board Sydney Fuller broke the school record for a second time in the 300 meter hurdles. He noted this is after coming off of an ACL injury a year ago.

B. BOARD - Dr. Quin thanked the schools and Mrs. Watkins for hosting his daughter with her presentations on behalf of the 500 Festival Princesses.

Mr. Wolfe noted the new electronic signs in front of Blair Pointe and Elmwood Schools look nice. Mr. Hanson stated we partnered with Huston Electric out of Kokomo.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Watkins thanked Mr. Durrwachter and his parents for being present this evening and invited everyone to a reception to welcome Mr. Durrwachter. With no further business to discuss, Dr. Quin moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Secretary,

Tim Comerford

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