

April 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Mr. Mullett. Mr. Mullett led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present. Also present were Mr. Watkins, Mr. Durrwachter, Mrs. Conley, Mr. Morris, Ms. Enyeart, Mr. Hight, Mr. Moon, Mr. Frye, Ms. Spiker, Mr. Woodruff, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Eddy, Mr. Thompson, Ms. Rodeck, Dr. Gornto, PCS legal representation, and patrons.

On motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the Board approved the public agenda with one change: III.Program.G.1. Permission to hire HS cheer coach - deletion, by a vote of 6-0 (Dr. Quin absent for vote).

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board approved the memorandum of March 16, 2021 by a vote of 6-0 (Dr. Quin absent for vote).

- I. PUBLIC COMMENT - The Board allowed one comment from parent Marie Stiles. Ms. Stiles spoke about a very emotional incident that occurred with her child at the Junior High. Ms. Stiles stated that we must make big, significant changes and be the change that our students, especially her child, need to see. Mr. Wolfe stated that his heart goes out to Ms. Stiles and her child as he was in full agreement with her statements. Mr. Watkins also agreed and stated that changes have been made to prevent future incidents from occurring.
- II. BLACK & GOLD AWARDS/RECOGNITION - Peru Community Schools has been recognized as one of the seventeen, 2021 Best Community for Music Education. Mr. Watkins and the Board honored our music teachers, Dr. Jason Gornto, Mr. Scott Thompson, Ms. Emily Rodeck, Ms. Angela Ebert, and Mrs. Katie Sims for their outstanding commitment to our students at Peru Community Schools. Dr. Gornto commented and said that they are grateful that the Administration and Board are always supportive of our Music program. He stated that this is truly a community wide award as the community has supported music education very well such as attending events and our Administration and Board allowing PCS to have full-time certified music teachers in each of our school buildings.
- III. PROGRAM
  - A. HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM ADDITION - Mr. Frye requested permission to add Elective PE to the list of PE waiver options. Students can take Elective PE (otherwise known as Weights) once and use it as a high school PE credit. Like other sports, Elective PE can only be used once for a PE waiver. Also requesting permission to start using this as a PE credit for the current school year 20-21.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Dr. Quin, the Board unanimously approved high school curriculum addition.
  - B. NEW YORK SENIOR TRIP 2022 - Mr. Frye requested permission for the New York Senior trip for the 2022 school year. Travel dates will be March 9-13, 2022. Mr. Frye also requested \$400 per student to try to help our students with fees. Mr. Frye noted that there are normally around 40-50 students and a few staff members. Board members asked questions and were answered. Mr. Ellis asked about taking the trip during Spring Break instead of during class time. Mr. Frye stated that this has been looked at in the past. Mr. Frye stated that the students that have earned the trip are successful high school students that missing a few days of classes will not hinder their grades. Ms. Justice added that often, families are vacationing during Spring Break. She stated that having the Senior trip during Spring Break could cause a lot of students to miss the opportunity they earned.

On motion by Dr. Quin, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board unanimously approved the 2022 New York Senior trip.
  - C. PCS FINANCIAL PRESENTATION - Mr. Watkins, Mr. Durrwachter, Mr. Hight, Mr. Ryals, and Mrs. Hudson presented preliminary 7-12 financial information to the Board and audience in attendance.
- D. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS
  1. Dennis Hahn - resignation as Maintenance Technician, effective April 20, 2021.
  2. Employee #811157 - termination, effective April 20, 2021.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the Board unanimously approved the resignations, retirements, and terminations.

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS

1. Chuck Brimbury - transfer from HS Athletic Director to 7-12 Social Studies teacher, effective beginning 2021-2022 school year
2. Trevor Hyde - 9-12 Science teacher beginning 2021 - 2022 school year, verified experience plus two letter advancement on PCS pay scale - additional \$5000 recruitment and retention dollars
3. Jessica Zvers - 7-12 English beginning 2021 - 2022 school year
4. Summer School
  - A. Elmwood Summer Reading - Staci Makowski, Sheila Weeks, Julie Worland, Krista McCombs, Aime Black, Emily Truax
  - B. iRead - Erin Wynn, Tonya Kercher
  - C. SOAR - Sheila Weeks
  - D. BP Jumpstart - Emma Long, Melissa Knox, David Weeks, Tracy Renfrow, Clint Mathews, Leslie Murphy, Teresa McCain
- ~~(all positions are if needed with a 15 student minimum requirement) - deleted~~
5. Permission to post:
  - A. 7-12 Athletic Director (internal and external posting with position beginning 2021-22 school year)

On motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation for Certified positions.

F. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Rosanna Rushing - transfer from sub bus driver to bus driver
2. Isabella Ingalsbe - PJHS Special Ed math aide
3. Addison Ansari - third grade, temporary teacher, first 15 days sub pay, then base teacher pay for remainder of contract, no benefits, April 26, 2021 - May 27, 2021
4. Summer Educational Technician
  - A. Niki Rodriguez
  - B. Joe Moon
  - C. Caleb Eckerley, pending background check
  - D. Logan Morris
5. Summer Custodian
  - A. Jessica Ingle
6. Summer School
  - A. Elmwood Summer Reading aides - Darlene Shank, Niki Rodriguez, Chaleah Jackson, Emily Ballee, Marie Guyer, Laura Hughes
  - B. iRead Instructional Paraprofessionals - Bryan Maggart, Janel Harding, Linda Godfroy
  - C. Soar aide - Darlene Shank
  - D. BP Jumpstart aides - Holly Stapleton, Bryan Maggart, Janel Harding
- ~~(all positions are if needed with a 15 student minimum requirement) - deleted~~
7. Permission to post:
  - A. 7-12 bookkeeper (internal posting only)
8. Permission to hire:
  - A. Maintenance Technician (2)

On motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation for Classified positions.

G. ~~RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS - deleted~~

- ~~1. Permission to hire:
  - A. HS cheer coach~~

H. DONATIONS

1. 100.00 - PHS Drama Club for general use from anonymous.
2. 461.73 - PHS library for purchase of books from Beta Gamma Chapter PSI Iota Xi Sorority.
3. 250.00 - PHS band for general use from anonymous.
4. 250.00 - PHS choir for general use from anonymous.

On motion by Dr. Quin, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board unanimously approved the donations.

I. BOARD PARTICIPATION REPORT - Mr. Watkins reviewed the 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report. The Board logged 123 hours on the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and 115 hours on the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Mr. Watkins and Mr. Mullett thanked the Board for their time and dedication to the staff, students, and community of PCS.

A copy of the Board participation report has been placed in Supplementary Minute Book #16, page 15.

IV. 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 Dr. Quin, the Board approved the claims by a vote of 5-0, Mr. Wolfe (for remainder of meeting) and Ms. Justice absent from vote, as follows:

**AP SUMMARY**

EDUCATION FUND	378,597.92
OPERATING FUND	160,950.99
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	50,285.27
KICKSFOR KIDS	183.65
REIKMBURSABLE FUND	456.45
HIGH ABILITY GRANT	63.40
TECHNOLOGY FUND	1,712.25
TITLE I 2020/21	118.78
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	1,109.33
ADULT ED 20/21	69.00
TITLE IV-A 84.186 08/09	1,280.24
TITLE IV-A 84-367A	316.87
TITLE VI B-RURAL & LOW INCOM	67.67
FRINGE BENEFITS	-243.24
BOOK RENT	224.00
TOTAL	595,192.58

**PR SUMMARY**

EDUCATION FUND	9,639.37
OPERATING FUND	678.76
TITLE I 2020/21	295.66
GROUP INSURANCE	132.30
FRINGE BENEFITS	384,998.83
TOTAL	395,744.92

- B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Durrwachter reviewed the monthly fund monitoring report. Questions were asked and answered.

On motion by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board unanimously approved the fund monitoring report.

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

- A. FACILITY USE REQUESTS - \*\*All requests will be subject to approvals, changes, and requirements for Covid-19 from MCHD and/or ISHD. \*\*
1. PHS auditorium - Honeywell Winter Banner Reception - Wednesday, November 10, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. - ceremony to honor PCS students who won the holiday banner competition sponsored by Honeywell. Requesting fee rental waiver. Will pay for technician if needed. Annual request.

On motion by Dr. Quin, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board unanimously approved the facility use requests.

- B. PERMISSION TO RECEIVE BIDS ON ELMWOOD OFFICE ROOFTOP AIR HANDLING UNIT - Mr. Durrwachter requested permission to receive bids for the Elmwood office rooftop air handling unit.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Dr. Quin, the Board unanimously approved the permission to receive office rooftop air handling unit bids.

- C. PERMISSION TO RECEIVE BIDS ON ELMWOOD KITCHEN ROOFTOP AIR HANDLING UNIT - Mr. Durrwachter requested permission to receive bids for the Elmwood kitchen rooftop air handling unit.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board unanimously approved permission to receive kitchen rooftop air handling unit bids.

VI. AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS

- A. MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY AGREEMENT - Mr. Watkins recommended approval of the student teaching agreement with Manchester University. The agreement was reviewed by Mr. Mark Frantz and returned for corrections. The final draft was presented for approval.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board approved the Manchester University student teacher agreement by a vote of 5-1, Dr. Quin abstained. A copy of the Manchester University Agreement has been placed in Supplementary Minute Book #16, page 16.

VII. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

- A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Watkins expressed his gratitude, gave thanks, and congratulations to the following:
- Prayers go out to former Blair Pointe transition teacher, Lizzy Makin, as she continues to fight a tough battle with cancer.
  - Congratulations to Jennifer Hopkins and the Drama club - Great performance of Clue!
  - Phoebe Soldi - 2019 PHS graduate had a successful summer internship for the DNR. Phoebe received an FNR award and also plays tuba in the Purdue marching band. We are very proud of her.
  - iRead - Great job to Mrs. Watkins, BP 3<sup>rd</sup> grade staff, and Elmwood.
  - NHS induction - Mrs. Lancaster did a fantastic job. Mr. Frye stated this is the largest induction in years.
  - Congratulations to the 2021 Science Olympiad State Finalists:
    - Team Place: 26th
    - 2nd place: (Kamon Blong, Sam Makowski)
    - 5th place: (Draven Waters, Jack Buckley)
    - 8th place: (Kamon Blong, Sam Makowski)
    - 9th place: (Draven Waters, Jack Buckley)
    - 9th place: (Esmerelda Flores, Kara Baker)
    - 10th place; (Draven Waters, Jack Buckley)
  - Wishing all our Spring sports a successful season!  
Spring Sports Head Coaches:
    - Baseball - Chuck Brimbury
    - Softball - Katie Wyant
    - Track and Field Boys - Bryan Edwards
    - Track and Field Girls - Stephanie Bennett
    - Tennis girls - Mike Saine
    - Golf Boys - Clint Mathews
  - College signing - Congratulations to Dakota Scarlett for signing to IWU for football.
  - Board Members -Chris Wolfe birthday on April 26 & Charles Wagner Birthday on April 27 - Happy Birthday!
  - Peru Community Schools continues to educate students Positively, Compassionately, and Successfully.
- B. BOARD MEMBER - Mr. Mullett thanked the Board for their time due to a lengthy meeting. He gave the Board a few reminders for upcoming meetings and work sessions.

Dr. Quin stated that Kicks for Kids is a wonderful program, and he is really glad to see the program being funded. He also thanked Mr. Durrwachter for his transparency and commended him on a job well done.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Rogers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m., unanimously approved.

Secretary,

Brittany Justice

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