

May 11, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:33 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. Watkins, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Minard, Mr. Applegate, retiring teachers and families, patrons, students, and a local news media representative.

On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the public agenda, the memorandum of April 20, and the personnel report with one deletion by a vote of 6-1 (Dr. Quin opposed).

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Megan Bowsher - resignation as Blair Pointe nurse, effective end of 2014-15 school year
2. Tim Conner - English Dept. Chair and English Data Coach, effective end of 2014-15 school year
3. Christina Overdorf - 8th grade volleyball coach, effective immediately

B. LEAVES

1. Jeryl Buffington, 1st grade - April 13 through June 1, 2015 (Returning for last student day and last teacher day)

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS

1. -deleted-
2. Sandy Jones - temporary 1st grade through June 1, 2015
3. Abigail Stainko - kdg., Bachelor's degree, 4 yrs experience
4. Karen Baker - 7th gr. science - transfer from PJHS English
5. Katie Wyant - PHS Chemistry - transfer from PJHS science
6. Caitlin Bartley - PHS Counselor, Master's degree, 0 yrs. experience
7. Meredith Pauley - PHS Spanish, Bachelor's degree, 8 yrs. experience
8. Thomas Elliott - PHS Industrial Technology/PLTW, Bachelor's degree and PLTW training, 12 yrs. experience
9. Elmwood Summer Reading:
Kdg. - Stacy Makowski, Sandy Jones, Sheila Weeks
1st grade - Ashley Bargerhuff, Krista McCombs, Jo Touloukian
2nd grade - Lori Badry, Kristen Fuller, Jennifer Hoover
10. Summer PE - Bob Prescott (must have 15 students for a class)
11. iRead - Dennett Roettger
12. Jump Start: 2 weeks - July 23-August 5 at Blair Pointe
4th grade - David Weeks and Linda Godfroy
5th grade - Lori Badry and Ashley Bargerhuff
6th grade - Clint Mathews and Leslie Murphy

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Daniel Wyant - PHS Special Education resource aide
2. Staci Love - Pre-school aide
3. Andrea Chambers - temporary Title I tutor through end of school year
4. Elmwood Summer Reading aides:
Kdg. - Erica Butt, Missy Clark, Dee Polk
1st grade - Peggy Brown, Sue Hollenback, Tanya Masters
2nd grade - Nicole Hilbun, Angie Marburger, Tracy Renfrow
5. Summer Reading office - Miriam Bokan secretary, Ron Mullett principal June, Paul Frye principal July
6. iRead aide - Sandy Zak
7. Jump Start aide positions: 2 weeks - July 23-August 5 at Blair Pointe
4th grade - Tracy Renfrow
5th grade - Linda Bandekar
6th grade - Tanya Masters
Tech aide - TBD
8. Summer cleaning workers - Mary Chumbley, Deb Siders, Linda Bandekar, and Kathleen Yoars - 30 hours per week at \$8.00 per hour.

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Brenda Marks - sophomore class sponsor
2. Mary Yates - Foreign Language Dept. Chair
3. Katie Wyant - varsity volleyball coach
4. Kylie Reading - English Dept. Chair and English 7-12 Data coach
5. Jim Metcalfe - varsity basketball coach - 1 year extension through 2015-16 school year

F. REQUEST FOR FIELD TRIP

1. PHS Cheerleaders - Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) overnight camp at IU Bloomington - June 10-13 - both coaches will be attending - requesting school transportation (2 mini buses driven by coaches)

G. DONATIONS - No business

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments

II. RECOGNITIONS - RETIRING TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Mr. Watkins recognized our retiring teachers and administrators and reviewed their educational background and years of experience with Peru Community Schools. He asked each retiree to share about their family and comments about their career. He presented each retiree with our traditional retirement bell.

Mrs. Vickie Ash - 40 years, elementary teacher

Mrs. Deb Hull - 14 years, PHS math teacher

Mr. Joe McCormick - 45 years, PJHS history teacher

Mrs. Patty McCormick - 17 years, PJHS/PHS foreign language and careers teacher

Mrs. Kathy Powell - 33 years, PJHS science teacher

Mr. David Hahn - 29 years, Blair Pointe Principal

Mr. Ron Mullett - 24 years, Elmwood Principal

Mr. Watkins stated the seven retirees have a combined 202 years of service to Peru Community Schools. He stated he is very thankful and grateful for the love of education and the students. On behalf of the Board and himself, he stated we are sorry to see them leaving but are happy for them and their retirement chapter of life.

III. PROGRAM

A. BLACK AND GOLD AWARDS - Mr. Watkins explained students are nominated for the Black and Gold awards by their teachers or administrators. He stated the awards are to recognize unbelievable accomplishment within the schools or our community.

Mr. Mullett presented a Black and Gold award to Gavin Eldridge for collecting more than \$500 for the St. Jude's Math-A-Thon. His parents are Richard and Amy Eldridge.

Mr. Watkins introduced Mr. Applegate to handout the Black and Gold awards to the 2015 Cole Porter Scholarship winners. Mr. Applegate stated this is the second time in the history of the Cole Porter Scholarships one school has won all the awards. He noted again it is an art department sweep! Kaylee Anderson won first place and a \$10,000 scholarship to Herron Art School. He stated her sister won the award four years ago. He announced second place went to Amanda Weaver. She receives a \$7,500 scholarship and will be attending IUPUI. The runner up was Bailey Miller who will be going to Ball State to become an art teacher.

The Board congratulated all the students and their parents.

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, passed by a 5-1-1 vote, (Dr. Quin opposed, Mr. Wolfe abstained).

GENERAL FUND	67,680.12
CAPITAL PROJECTS	53,866.63
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	31,518.28
TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT	209.00
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	54,301.80
KEYS ACADEMY	26.99
PARENT/STUDENT ACTIVITIES FU	108.02
GIFTED AND TALENTED 2015	60.00
STATE CONNECTIVITY FUND	1,509.20
TITLE I 2014/15	1,248.04
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	297.06
TITLE II 2015	1,438.32
TITLE VI-B RURAL/LOW INCOME	25.93
HOT LUNCH CLEARING	22,892.00
ANNUITIES	22.73
RETIREEES-TERM LIFE INSURANCE	600.60
FRINGE BENEFITS	<u>207,359.72</u>
TOTAL	\$ 443,164.44

B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall reviewed the fund monitoring report for the month of April. He stated we are trending very well over all. He noted we are still running a surplus for food service. Ms. Rice, moved to approve the fund monitoring report, seconded by Mr. Comerford, approved by a 6-1 vote (Dr. Quin opposed).

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

A. REQUESTS TO USE FACILITIES

1. Elmwood two classrooms, gym, and playground - - Four County Counseling - Summer Groups (similar to spring break groups at Blair Pointe) - three days a week Tues. through Thurs. - June 8 through July 30 from noon - 3:00 p.m. - students will be eating the noon meal at Elmwood. Peru Schools will provide transportation but will be reimbursed for transportation expenses (approved by Mr. Frushour and Mr. Hall)
2. South Peru three classrooms - YMCA - Summer Day Camp program - three days a week beginning June 8 through July 31 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Wagner moved to approve the requests, seconded by Mr. Comerford, approved by a 6-1 vote (Dr. Quin opposed).

B. PERMISSION TO BID FUEL, MILK, AND BREAD - Mr. Hall requested permission to request annual bids for fuel, milk, and bread for the 2015-16 school year. Dr. Quin moved to approve the request, seconded by Ms. Rice, unanimously approved.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Hanson was excited to share our iRead results. He stated the Blair Pointe 3rd graders scored 92.6%. The goal is 90% to maintain curriculum from year to year. He stated a lot of hard work goes into preparing the students. Many thanks to our aides, teachers, and administrators. The state average was 84.82%. He stated the students who did not pass will participate in the iRead summer class. He said he is very proud of the Blair Pointe students and staff. Mr. Watkins stated we have been making gains each year. It starts with pre-school, Head Start, kindergarten and continues. The students, parents, and staff are coming together for the benefit of our students.

Mr. Watkins stated he was very proud of the way our high school students conducted themselves at prom.

Mr. Watkins complimented the art department for yet another recognition with the Vans Custom Shoe contest. We were the only school in Indiana to be chosen and one of 50 schools across the nation. Mr. Applegate stated the voting ends today and he will find out tomorrow (Tuesday) if Peru High School won.

Mr. Watkins gave a shout out for the student college athletic signing recently held at PHS. Michael Richardson (football at

Marian University), Logan Primerano (basektball at University of Massachusetts at Lowell), and Cameron Smith (golf at IUPUI) all recently confirmed their choice of collegiate play by signing letters of intent.

Mr. Watkins congratulated the PJHS golf club for their first place finish in the MIC.

Mr. Watkins announced the Fine Arts Festival will be at Blair Pointe Wednesday. Aladdin performances will be at 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Watkins stated the Conner Prairie trip last Saturday went well. Some of the 6th grade classes will be going to Chicago this Saturday.

Mr. Watkins stated Elmwood NWEA testing is going very well. He said he visited some of the classes. Without asking, the students were telling him their scores. The students are excited about their progress!

Mr. Watkins stated ECA's and ISTEP testing are going on throughout the corporation. He stated this is a lot of work for our support staff and teachers. He also thanked Mr. Hanson and his technology team.

Mr. Hall gave an update on the 14-acre project. He stated we are focusing on the earth work and irrigation project. He stated we are looking at a special meeting in early July because the common wage goes away July 1. He stated we hope to have better numbers on bids in July due to that than what we would get in June. Mrs. Shuey asked the Board members to please give Mr. Hall their availability.

Mr. Watkins stated the principals are working long hours to get personnel hired. He stated now is the opportune time to hire.

Mr. Hanson stated this week is Tiger Green Week! He noted you may see a lot of students outdoors working around the schools.

B. BOARD -

Mr. Wolfe stated he has enjoyed going to the Cardinal Café at Blair Pointe.

Mr. Wolfe reminded the Board the Academic Awards dinner is Sunday evening at 6:00 in the commons at PHS.

Mrs. Shuey informed the Board the next Bengal Back meeting is Monday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the PHS library. There will be an election of new officers. She invited everyone to attend.

Mrs. Shuey stated graduation will be June 5. She encouraged the Board members if there is a student they would like to hand their diploma to they need to contact Mr. Cary with the special request.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Stanton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Secretary,

Tim Comerford

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