

May 15, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:43 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, Dr. Cole, Mr. Morris, Chuck Hight, Mr. Polk, Mrs. Martino, Nancy Mitchell, Mrs. Forman, Danny Harmon, community members, and PCS legal representation.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the Board 7-0 unanimously approved the public agenda with one change: addition IV.I.13.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Mullett, the Board approved the memorandums of April 5, 13, and 17, 7-0 with one correction. Adding Public to the name Peru Library Board that was stated.

- I. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.
- II. BLACK AND GOLD AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS - Mr. Watkins presented Mrs. Kim Martino an award along with a personalized tiger statue for her 27 years of service as she retires from Elmwood as a reading specialist. Nancy Mitchell an award along with a tiger blanket for her 22.5 years of service as she retires from Elmwood kitchen.
- III. AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS
 - A. PERMISSION TO ACCEPT BID FOR PCS PARKING LOT LIGHTS - Mr. Durrwachter requested to accept a bid from the bids that were received for new parking lot lights for the corporation. Central Lighting was recommended by those bids. Central Lighting is a local company, our maintenance department has worked with them for many years, they are familiar with our parking lots, and its electrical footprint. The Peru Jr/Sr High School, Junior High, and Elmwood parking lot lights will be upgraded to LED. They will put up poles, run electric and install LED lights on the west side of Blair Pointe. Wall pack lights are Peru Junior Senior High and running electric by doors 5,7,13, and 17.

On motion by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the board voted 7-0 to accept the bid for Central Lighting to install new PCS Parking lot lighting.
 - B. PERMISSION TO ACCECPT BID FOR NEW PLOW TRUCK - Mr. Durrwachter requested to accept a bid from the bids that were received for the new plow truck. Paul Richards was recommended from the bids that were received.

On motion by Mr. Mullett, seconded by Ms. Justice, the board voted 7-0 to accept the new plow truck bid from Paul Richards.

- C. Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Contractors - Mr. Watkins presented the details of the program and what would be offered. It is 4-year program. Students starting with their junior year would work with Mrs. Merrick and take Mr. Hileman's classes. They would do a paid internship in the summer. When they graduate, they would have a year to a year and a half done to get their journeyman card.

IV. PROGRAM

- A. Student Handbook Changes - Mr. Polk gave a presentation on the current dress code and what changes are being made to the new dress code. Mr. Polk answered questions from the board.

On motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Ms. Justice, the board approved the handbook changes regarding dress code 7-0.

- B. Summer Art Program - Mr. Watkins explained the summer art program and gave the details.

On motion by Mr. Mullett, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the board approved the summer art program 7-0.

- C. Facility use agreement - Mr. Watkins presented the new facility agreement form to use that our attorney put together. It was discussed to add a refundable deposit for those renting our facilities. The charge would be \$200.00 for profitable and \$100.00 for nonprofitable. The check would be held until after the event and once the area is cleared of no damage from the head custodian the check would be returned.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the board voted 6-1; Chris Wolfe voted no to approve the new facility use agreement form.

- D. Peru Public Library Board Appointment - The board requested more information from the library board on their appointee and duties. The library board sent over the information requested.

On motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Mullett, the board voted 7-0 to approve the appointment of Gennell Taylor on the library board.

- E. Contract Document/April & May dates - Mr. Watkins requested to approve payment of days worked prior to the new superintendent contract for dates worked in April (pay only). Benefits will start June 1st and include all extra dates in April and May.

On motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the board voted to approve 7-0.

F. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/SUSPENSIONS/TERMINATIONS

1. Amy Lunceford - BP title I instructional assistant.
2. Paul H. Frye - retirement from PCSPD Chief.
3. Jessica Holland - resignation as Keys teacher.
4. Laura Hughes - summer custodial.
5. Halley Holland - Elmwood title I tutor.

On motion by Mr. Mullett, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the board unanimously approved the recommendation 7-0.

G. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED/ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

1. Elizabeth Sipe - Blair Pointe SE teacher - 1,000 retention bonus - pending background check
2. Elizabeth Sipe - Blair Pointe SE teacher - supplemental contract 2,500
3. Elmwood summer school - Sheila Weeks, Stacy Makowski, Emily Ballee, Aime Black, Emily Truax.
4. Blair Pointe summer school - Tonya Kercher, Erin Wynn, Suzanne Gray, Alicia Maggart, Terri McCain, David Weeks, Leslie Murphy, Johnalyn Burns.
5. Peru Junior Senior High School summer school - Duanne Johansen, Nick Atkins, Daric Fuller, Keith Zimmer, Zak Leffel, Laura Fred-Smith, Bryan Edwards, Melissa Phillips, Trevor Hyde
6. Marie Guyer - Elmwood reading specialist (from 1st grade position)
7. Josie Phillipy - 4th grade teacher (from 3rd grade position)
8. Amy Burton - 1st grade teacher (from kindergarten position)
9. Michelle Brooks - 4th grade teacher (new position)
10. Michael Putt - adult ed teacher (South Peru)

On motion by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the board unanimously approved the recommendation 7-0.

H. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Trevor Linn - IA aide/recess monitor.
2. Elmwood summer school assistants - Erica Butt, Tara Slagel, Brittany Clark, Adela Wegert, Michelle Erbaugh.
3. Blair Pointe summer school assistants - Nicole Hilbun, Dennett Roettger, Janel Harding, Bree Meeks, Stephanie Rupp, Kailee Wright, Pete Poppe.
4. Amy Behny - summer custodial.
5. Kendra Morecraft - KEYS aid.
6. Jessica Ingle - Elmwood title I tutor.
7. Officer Rod Richard - captain in charge of training

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

I. RECOMMENATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Bryan Edwards - varsity football assistant coach.
2. Brian Robertson - varsity football assistant coach.
3. Jordan Rader - JV football (lay) coach.
4. Josh Ulery - JV assistant (lay) football coach.
5. Shaun Dwyer - JV assistant (lay) football coach.
6. Travis Sheets - freshman (lay) football coach.
7. Irrett Malone - freshman assistant (lay) football coach.
8. Keith Zimmer - volunteer varsity football coach.
9. Fred Ross - volunteer varsity (lay) football coach.
10. Tom Byrnes - volunteer varsity football coach.
11. Joseph Bockover - volunteer varsity (lay) football coach.
12. Michael Putt - Peru Junior Senior High School concession stand manager.
13. Morgan Gold - volunteer varsity assistant girls golf (lay) coach.

On motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Ms. Justice, the board unanimously approved the recommendation for extra-curricular positions 7-0.

J. Request to Attend Conference

1. Cindy Merrick - Ivy Tech dual credit instructor awards program and dual credit summit - June 14-15, 2023 Franklin, Indiana. Requesting mileage (208), meals (25) lodging (150).
2. Abby Isenburg - Indiana Principal Leadership Institute (IPLI) - Professional Development seminars for the 2023-2024 school year. Requesting mileage, lodging, 1 meal per day.

On motion by Mr. Mullett, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the board unanimously approved the request to attend conference 7-0.

K. Donations

1. \$1,000.00 - to Elmwood Primary Learning Center library for book repair and purchase of new books from The Beta Gamma of Psi Iota Xi.
2. \$300.00 - to Nurturing Parent Program from Beta Gamma Chapter Psi Iota XI Sorority

On motion by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the board unanimously approved the donations 7-0.

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

A. Facility Use Requests

1. Tig-Arena and Tiger Den - Girls' volleyball and basketball

- camps - June 19-23 - 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Requesting all fees be waived. Requesting PCS insurance coverage.
2. TNAC and concession stand - 7th annual JA car show - Saturday, August 26, 2023 - On site set-up to begin at 8:00 am. - car show from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. Tear down till 5:00 pm. Requesting rental fee waiver. Will pay custodial. Annual request.
 3. School Gyms - Jamie Ross/Fred Ross - girls 7th grade Junior High travel team basketball practices - Dates for practice are various dates in March, April, May and June. Gym use will be cleared with Mr. Quin each week. Request for all fees to be waived.
 4. South Peru - Peru Police Department to conduct training - April 1, 2023, 5:30pm-9:30 pm, Request for fees to be waived

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the board unanimously approved the facility use requests 7-0.

VI. BUDGET

- A. CLAIMS - Mr. Durrwachter presented and reviewed the claims for Board approval. Questions were asked and answered.

On motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the Board approved the claims by a vote of 7-0, as follows:

AP SUMMARY

EDUCATION FUND	282,188.30
OPERATING FUND	160,289.01
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	76,912.71
TEXTBOOK RENTAL FUND	166,500.00
DEBT SERVICE	595.41
INSURANCE WELLNESS CLINIC	241.29
REIMBURSEABLE FUND	3,064.64
HIGH AVILITY GRANT	179.33
TITLE I 2022/23	1,010.34
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	702.51
TITLE IV-A SAFE/DRUG FREE	5,010.21
TITLE VIB RLIS FFY 21-23	1,408.83
ESSER III	16,291.61
ESSER II	4,326.92
TOTAL	718,721.11

EDUCATION FUND	186,789.16
OPERATING FUND	32,051.97
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	5,664.92
TITLE I 2022/23	52.91
RETIREEES-TERM LIFE INSURANCE	435.47
FRINGE BENEFITS	468,295.25
GROUP INSURANCE	12,389.34
TOTAL	705,679.02

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

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the Board approved by a vote of 7-0.

- C. PERMISSION TO WRITE OFF OLD DEBT - Mr. Durrwachter requested permission to write off old debt.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Mullett, the Board approved the request 7-0.

- D. PERMISSION TO RECEIVE QUOTES FOR CUSTODIAL CONTRACTS - Mr. Durrwachter requested permission to receive quotes for custodial contracts.

On motion by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the board approved the request 7-0.

VII. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

- A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Watkins expressed his gratitude, gave

thanks, and congratulations to the following:

Comments:

- There were 7 seniors inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at Heartland Career Center. Brendan Malott, Nick Kiefer, Cody Legg, Cadence Korba, Maddie Nero, Kya Sucharski, Olivia Patton
- The High School Academic Super bowl team competed at Logansport Area Competition. The math and fine arts placed 1st overall. The Fine Arts team qualified for the state competition where they were runner ups for the 2nd year in a row. Bri Washington, Elliott Taylor, Zoe Wylam, Viola Putnam.
- The music department earned the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation award. Peru has been given this award the past two years for outstanding achievements in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.
- Aiden Mathis received 2nd Place for Cole Porter.
- Student testimony: Mrs. Rodeck has taught me how to play many different instruments and she also has helped me play in the Peru Indiana Circus City Festival Band at only 12 years old. I couldn't have reached where I am if it wasn't for her. I get to play in the Wabash Community band and play gigs with our marching band. She has made such a huge impact in my life.
- Building Level Teacher of the year
Junior Senior High School: Laura Rush
Blair Pointe: Meaghan Robson
Elmwood: Peyton Engle
- Tiger Leadership Teacher Impact breakfast -25 Seniors individually honored the adult in their lives that positively impacted their journey.
- Spring Sports records:
Varsity baseball 12-9 TRC 4-3, JV 8-3.
Varsity softball 5-10 TRC 4-3.
Girls' tennis 11-7 TRC 7-1 (2nd place) sectionals begin Wednesday.
Boys golf 3-4 7th place at TRC last Saturday.
Girls' track sectionals are Tuesday May 16 at Kokomo.
Boys' Track sectionals are Thursday May 18 at Kokomo.
JH baseball 1-6
JH softball 11-4 1st place in Miami County Tourney on Saturday.
JH soccer 2-6.
JH golf 3-4.
JH Track Brooklyn Hahn qualified for Middle School state in the 100 m and 200 m.
Marcus Garner qualified in the 110 m and 200 m hurdles.
Landon Emerson qualified in the 800 m run. Middle School State is May 20th.
- Mr. Durrwachter WVEC's PD Stars Leaders of Learning GOAT award.
- Thanks to the PCS board for their support.

A. BOARD MEMBER - Mr. Wolfe gave updates on the Art Council

meeting and Heartland meetings.

- B. BOARD MEMBER - Dr. Quin thanked the board for all their time with the interviews.
- C. BOARD MEMBER - Mr. Beattie said how great the PJSH parking lot is with the paving down where the potholes were.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Rogers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Secretary,

Brittany Justice

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