

May 16, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:39 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. Moon, Mr. Frye, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Eddy, Mr. Quin, retirees, patrons, and PCS legal representation.

On motion by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the Board unanimously approved the public agenda with the following changes: item #6 originally posted was moved up to item #3, South Peru facility request was moved to item III.A. Agreements and Contracts (also changed to informational), Harmon moved to III.B(also changed to informational), and Tuition Agreement was moved to C. - Addition to item RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED/ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS: #8 - Carli Skinner - Blair Pointe Special Education teacher beginning 2022-23 school year - pending background check, Addition: Facility Use Request - 4. TNAC - YMCA kickball tournament - May 30, 2022 - 12:30 pm - 10:00 pm - requesting all fee waiver.

On motion by Dr. Quin, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the memorandum of April 18, 2022, by a vote of 6-0-1, Mr. Wolfe abstained.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments.

II. BLACK AND GOLD AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS - Retirees: Greg Badry - 34.5 years of service, Linda Godfroy - 37.5 years of service, Colleen Knickerbocker - 24 years of service, Yvonne Bertke - 38 years of service, Gail France - 29 years of service, Jovona Masters - 36 years of service, Dessie Tobin - 14 years of service, Carolyn Sue Beall - 14 years of service

Mr. Ron Mullett - earned an ISBA distinguished level EGA (Exemplary Governance) award for his outstanding commitment to professional learning.

III. AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS

- A. SOUTH PERU GYM -Request and rental agreement produced by PCS attorney Mark Frantz were reviewed. Mr. Mark Demchak addressed the Board and audience in attendance. Mr. Demchak stated that they mostly serve Peru students. Fees are a big important part of how and if their program can run. He stated that the program fees will pay the direct costs. Other questions were asked by the Board and answered. This request will return for a vote in June.
- B. HARMON PHOTOGRAPHY - Mr. Watkins requested approval of the year-to-year contract. Changes: removed PJHS & Combined under Jr/Sr, commissions- % rate lowered, but are now based on pre-sales minus sales tax. It was based on the 'net' which took longer to get commission out. Overall, it does not change the amount that is given, and schools will get funding back sooner. Bridgette will attend the next meeting in June for Board voting.
- C. TUITION AGREEMENT - Mr. Watkins requested approval to pay \$1500.00 for the 2022-23 school year for Josh Murray's IU tuition to continue his master's degree for continuing to teach dual credit math. Board members requested to find a NEOLA policy that also covers tuition the same way that the master contract does.

On motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board unanimously approved the tuition agreement.

IV. PROGRAM

- A. STUDENT HANDBOOK CHANGES - Mr. Polk reviewed the proposed student handbook changes for Board approval. Dr. Quin noted to delete the #38 on a certain section.

On motion by Dr. Quin, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board unanimously approved the student handbook changes.

- B. BOARD PARTICIPATION REPORT - Mr. Watkins reviewed the Board's fourth quarter 2021 (187 hours total) and first quarter 2022 (91 hours total) attendance reports and noted them for the record.

A copy of the reports has been placed in Supplementary Minute Book #16, page 58.

- C. NEOLA SECOND READING - Mr. Watkins reviewed the following NEOLA policies for a second reading and approval:
- Po0167.3 - Public Participation at Board Meetings
 - Po1220 - Employment of the Superintendent
 - Po1520 - Employment of Administrators in Addition to the Superintendent
 - Po2370.03 - New Policy - Indiana Course Access Program
 - Po2603 - New Policy - School Performance Internet Dashboard
 - Po3120.08 - Employment of Personnel for Extracurricular Activities
 - Po3120.11 - Public Hearing Before Commencement of Collective Bargaining
 - Po3214 - Staff Gifts
 - Po3220 - Staff Evaluation
 - Po4214 - Staff Gifts
 - Po5113.02 - New Policy - School Transfer Options
 - Po5340.01 - Student Concussions and Sudden Cardiac Arrest (Board requested to add Fine Arts & Marching Band teacher/coaches for required CPR/AED training.)
 - Po5460 - Graduation Requirements
 - Po6105 - Authorization to Use Facsimile Signature
 - Po6114 - Cost Principles - Spending Federal Funds
 - Po6220 - Budget Preparation
 - Po6230 - Budget Hearing
 - Po7300 - Disposition of Real Property
 - Po7310 - Disposition of Surplus Property

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the Board approved the NEOLA second reading by a vote of 6-0-1, Mr. Wagner abstained.

D. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/SUSPENSIONS/TERMINATIONS

1. Colleen 'Gail' France - retirement as HS Guidance secretary, effective end of 2021-22 school year. Forty-two (42) years of service.
2. Dessie Tobin - retirement as PCS food service, effective May 26, 2022. Fourteen (14) years of service.
3. Carolyn 'Sue' Beall - retirement as PCS food service effective May 26, 2022. Fourteen (14) years of service.
4. Arthur Hughes - resignation as HS Art teacher, effective end of 2021-22 school year.
5. Romison Saint-Louis - resignation as HS physical education teacher and Varsity head football coach, effective end of 2021-22 school year and pending Board approval at new employer on May 10, 2022.
6. JJ Burns - resignation as varsity girls' golf assistant coach, effective end of 2021-22 school year.
7. Laura Hochstedler - resignation as HS dance team/tigerettes coach, effective end of 2021-22 school year.
8. Shaheen Hall - resignation as Freshman volleyball coach, effective end of 2021-22 school year.
9. Jessica Holland - resignation as HS special education aide, effective May 26, 2022.
10. Jordan Scott - resignation as HS special education aide, effective May 7, 2022.
11. Autumn Nero - resignation as JH Fall cheerleading coach, effective end of 2021-22 school year.
12. Jason Hyden - resignation as Blair Pointe special education teacher, effective end of 2021-22 school year.
13. Darlene Shank - resignation as Elmwood special education aide, effective June 30, 2022.
14. Faylena Stout - resignation as Elmwood Title I tutor, effective end of 2021-22 school year.

On motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the Board approved the resignations, retirements, suspensions, and terminations by a vote of 5-0-2, Dr. Quin and Ms. Justice abstained.

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED/ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

1. Permission to post and hire Jr/Sr high elective FACS and/or Business
2. Danielle Blackburn - transfer from 7-8 Art teacher to 9-12 Art teacher, effective beginning of 2022-23 school year
3. Haley Holycross - 7-8 Art teacher
4. Dawn Lambert - 7-12 Science teacher, pending background check
5. Jr/Sr High school summer school: Keith Zimmer, Daric Fuller, Michelle Brimbury, Charles Brimbury, Melissa Phillips, Misty Russell, Bryan Maggart, Autumn Nero, Nick Atkins, Duane Johansen
6. Blair Pointe summer school: Suzanne Gray, Melissa Knox, David Weeks, Teresa McCain, Emma Long, Leslie Murphy
7. Elmwood summer school: Sheila Weeks, Stacy Makowski, Julie Worland, Emily Ballee, Aime Black, Emily Truax
8. Carli Skinner - Blair Pointe Special Education teacher beginning 2022-23 school year- pending background check. 3

On motion by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the Board approved the recommendation for Certified/Administrative positions by a vote of 5-0-2, Dr. Quin and Ms. Justice abstained.

F. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Emma Long - summer reading coordinator, 50/50 split
2. Brooklyn Shaffer - summer reading coordinator, 50/50 split
3. Brian Maggart - Blair Pointe long-term special education teacher sub, first 15 days sub pay, then teacher pay for the remainder of contract, no benefits
4. Blair Pointe summer school assistants: Janel Harding, Shalayna Correll, Angela Gross, Sandra Zak, Bryan Maggart
5. Elmwood summer school assistants: Darlene Shank, Tara Slagel, Amy Behny, Kiersten Morton, Niki Rodriguez, Alisha Jent, Brittany Clark, Angie Irvin, Hannah Cousins, Danielle Calisto
6. Ciara Radel - Elmwood Title I tutor, pending background check
7. Christy Spencer - transfer from Elmwood recess monitor/aide to Elmwood special education assistant
8. Tina Goins - Bus Driver

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the recommendation for Classified positions by a vote of 5-0-2, Dr. Quin and Ms. Justice abstained.

G. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Shaun Kintner - JH softball volunteer coach

On motion by Dr. Quin, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation for extra-curricular positions.

H. REQUEST TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

1. PHS Wrestling Club - Summer Camp - June 15-18, 2022 - St. Ignace, Michigan - Little Bear East Arena - only requesting permission to go and use of two PCS Tiger buses and one fifteen passenger van owned by HYWAY Wrestling Group - camp costs, fuel, lodging, and meals are covered by attendees and athletics.

On motion by Dr. Quin, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board unanimously approved the request to attend conference.

I. DONATIONS

1. \$200.00 - to PHS Art department for general use from Kappa Kappa Kappa Inc, Peru Beta Iota Chapter.
2. \$25.00 - to Elmwood Scholarship Fund for general use from John and Cathy Dewald.
3. \$50.00 - to Elmwood Scholarship Fund for general use from Jeryl Buffington.
4. \$300.00 - to the Nurturing Parent Program for general use from Beta Gamma Chapter Psi Iota Xi Sorority.

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

V. 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 Mr. Ellis, the Board approved the claims by a vote of 6-0-1 (Dr. Quin abstained) as follows:

AP SUMMARY

EDUCATION FUND	297,968.09
OPERATING FUND	88,537.20
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	69,972.18
TEXTBOOK RENTAL FUND	170,945.00
KICKS FOR KIDS	182.47
REIMBURSEABLE FUND	2,229.58
DONATION/SPECIAL ED TEACHERS	158.98
SECURED SCHOOL CURENT 2022	562.32
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HIGH ABILITY GRANT	19.74
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	1,301.75
TITLE IV-A SAFE & DRUG FREE	4,124.20
TITLE IIA FY 2020	4,711.25
TITLE VI-B RURAL & LOW INCOM	1,412.61
TITLE VI-B RLIS 2020	2,072.30
TITLE VIB RLIS FFY 21-23	44.99
ESSER III	60,422.45
ESSER II	5,975.43
COVID19 CARES ACT	2,804.16
TOTAL	714,361.09

PR SUMMARY

EDUCATION FUND	15,867.43
OPERATING FUND	987.42
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	20.46
GROUP INSURANCE	277.15
RETIREES-TERM LIFE INSURANCE	397.80
FRINGE BENEFITS	379,149.22
TOTAL	396,699.48

B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Durrwachter reviewed the monthly fund monitoring report. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Watkins mentioned that our box truck currently does not have brake lights.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the Board unanimously approved the fund monitoring report.

VI. 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. Boys Baseball Field - Peru Babe Ruth - practices and host games - end of high school baseball season - mid July - will purchase diamond dry, line paint, other materials that are needed - requesting all fee waiver. Annual request.
2. Blair Pointe kitchen, cafeteria, and gym - Miami County Soil & Water Conservation Dept. dinner and meeting - February 1, 2023, 3:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - snow date: February 2, 2023 - will pay all rental and custodial fees. Annual request.
3. TNAC - YMCA kickball tournament - May 30, 2022 - 12:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - requesting all fee waiver.

Mr. Wolfe made note that he would like to see an edited rate for requests that will be involving our students such as the baseball field rental.

Dr. Rogers has requested more consistency between who we are letting use our facilities and the amount we are charging them.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the facility use requests by a vote of 6-0-1, Dr. Quin abstained.

VII. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Watkins expressed his gratitude, gave thanks, and congratulations to the following:

- Building Level Teachers of the Year:
High School - Melanie Kiefer
Jr. High School - Katrina Baker
Blair Pointe - Erin Wynn
Elmwood - Kristin Unger
- **ATHLETICS**
Track
Girls
TRC 8th place
Sectionals, Tuesday, May 17 @ Northwestern
Boys
TRC 6th place
Sectionals, Thursday, May 19 @ Kokomo
Girls Tennis
TRC 8-0 TRC Champs
Sectionals begin on Wednesday, May 18 @ Thrush Courts/Draw is tonight @ 7pm
Softball
TRC 5-2
Boys Golf
TRC 9th place
- Ten athletes selected for the TRC sportsmanship summit at Grace College-Gavin Eldridge, Trevi Conley, Rilei Boggs, A-lily-anna Johnson, Ian Potts, Matthew Roettger, Jalen May, Kaylene Kirk, Madison Brimbury, Jaylah Harlan
- PHS swing choir traveled to our schools to perform. Thank you to the students and Dr. Gornto for a great show!
- Pops concert and jazz band had a wonderful performance. Thank you to our students, Dr. Gornto, Ms. Rodeck, and Mr. Thompson. Thank you to the Board for the new auditorium lights!
- PHS Fine Arts Team (Viola Putnam, Elliot Taylor, and Zoe Wylam) placed second in class 2 at State.
- Academic Super Bowl teams placed first in English, Fine Arts, SS, and Interdisciplinary and second in Math, and Science at the area competition against 10 other schools - Brianna Fromm, Jakob Gray, Joshua Gray, Xen Kelly, Oko Hartle-road, Cason Oaks, Viola Putnam, Miguel Sebastian, Elliot Taylor, and Zoe Wylam. Job well done and congratulations!
- Provisional National Technical Honor Society at Heartland - Haley Goins, Ryan Jones, and Cody Legg
- 2022 Cole Porter Scholarship winner - Brady Ream! Also, thank you to Mr. Frye, Dr. Gornto, Mr. Burns, Mr. Applegate, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Davis, and Mrs. Fuller for being such great hosts for the scholarship this year.
- Tiger Pride Scholarship winners - Ava Caldwell, Brayden Masters, Cate Wolfe, Grace Uttinger, Jenna Watkins, Karsynn Beattie, Libby Rogers, Mallori Grund, Matthew Ross, and Taylor Colter
- Seniors Issac Aeling and Cameron McKinney signed their letters of intent with the Indiana Army National Guard. We thank them for their service.
- Tiger Leadership Teacher Impact breakfast - 18 Seniors individually honored the adult in their lives that positively impacted their journey. The breakfast and presentations were very nice with heartfelt letters from the Seniors.
- Thank you to our 3-8 teachers, aides, administrators, counselors, and Mr. Durrwachter for a successful iLearn testing season.
- Thank you to Elmwood and Blair Pointe teachers, aides, administrators, counselors, and Mr. Durrwachter for a successful iRead testing season.
- Board members
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- B. BOARD MEMBER - Mr. Mullett commented on the passing of Dick Ramey who was a long-time high school custodian. He also thanked the retiring teachers and spoke about honoring them again at the teacher breakfast.

Mr. Mullett also gave out reminders.

Mr. Wagner said the 1.5 million HCC grant is waiting due to the cost of construction.

Mr. Wolfe spoke about the bus drivers, construction at the high school and his other school visits. He stated that the new construction is very nice, but he gave a couple tips for better functioning. He stated that Mrs. Sheets loves her new office.

Dr. Rogers stated that something needs to be done about the baseball field lighting and flooding issues.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Wolfe motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m., unanimously approved.

Secretary,

Brittany Justice

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