

May 18, 2021

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, Mrs. Eddy, Mr. Moon, Mr. Conner, Mrs. Stewart, Ms. Shannon, PCS legal representation, and patrons.

The public hearing of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mr. Mullett. Mr. Mullett then turned it over to Mr. Durrwachter. Mr. Durrwachter stated that we are requesting additional appropriations due to the incorrect budget debt schedule being submitted. An additional budget appropriation of \$42,000 is requested. No additional funds or tax rate increases will occur. The cash balance is already there, only requesting to increase appropriations.

On motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the Board unanimously approved the additional appropriation. Mr. Mullett then closed the hearing. A copy of the additional appropriation has been placed in Supplementary Minute Book #16, page 17.

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Mr. Mullett.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Dr. Quin, the Board unanimously approved the public agenda with a few changes: III.Program.E.2- deletion, III.Program.F.6 - addition, and III.Program.F.7. - addition.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Dr. Quin, the Board unanimously approved the memorandum of April 20, 2021.

- I. PUBLIC COMMENT - no comments
- II. BLACK & GOLD AWARDS/RECOGNITION - Mr. Watkins stated that many of our families in our community need assistance economically and with basic needs such as food and water. Mr. Lowell Maxwell, former PCS Board President, and outstanding community member, has been donating various food items to PCS that include fresh fruit and produce. PCS then offers these donations to the families in our community. Mr. Watkins honored Mr. Maxwell with a Tiger Pride award for his generous donations. Mr. Maxwell addressed the Board and audience in attendance.

Mr. Watkins then presented retiring high school teacher, Mr. Conner, with a tiger statue and Mrs. Cindy Stewart, retiring PHS bookkeeper, with a tiger blanket. Mr. Watkins thanked them both for their years of service. Mr. Conner shared a couple stories with the Board and audience in attendance. Both, Mr. Conner and Mrs. Stewart thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve PCS, our students, and community for so many years.

- III. PROGRAM
 - A. NEW GRADUATION PATHWAYS - Mrs. Jessica Jones presented the new graduation pathways, now called Next Level Programs of Study. The Department of Workforce Development and CTE are trying to expand career opportunities for our kids. They want to be very intentional with how we promote tech education in schools and are editing the way we do that. Mrs. Jones went through the changes with the Board and answered a few questions.
 - B. PERU HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM GUIDE UPDATES - Mrs. Jones reviewed the recommended high school curriculum guide updates. The updates coincided with information Mrs. Jones reviewed in the new graduation pathways.

On motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the Board unanimously approved the curriculum guide updates.

- C. MIAMI COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM GRANT - Ms. Susan Shannon spoke to the Board about the adult education program. Ms. Shannon reviewed the program details. She stated that our program, here at Peru, was the first in the state to offer job pathways. She stated that each month she had speakers from different jobs come in and speak about job expectations and more. Ms. Shannon let the Board know that she is actively seeking a good replacement as she is

planning to retire in the coming months.

- D. 7-12 PROGRAM UPDATE - Mr. Watkins reviewed the current status of the 7-12 program. Mr. Brian Bohlender and Mr. Eric Woodmansee attended the meeting virtually to assist in bringing the Board up to date on timelines and answered questions. They stated that changes are geared towards next Summer and the plan is to occupy the new building office in January of 2022. They reviewed the timeline of bids and permits, however, no information was provided on local permitting. They also reviewed the soft and hard costs of the project.

E. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Rashad Daviston - resignation as PHS special education teacher, varsity assistant football coach, boys' basketball Freshman head coach, and PJHS assistant track coach, effective May 28, 2021.
- ~~2. Lisa Hobbs - resignation as PHS assistant track coach, effective end of 20-21 season. - deleted~~
3. Teresa McCain - resignation as ticket manager, effective end of 20-21 school year.
4. Emily Truax - resignation as Freshman volleyball head coach, effective May 10, 2021.
5. Jennifer Musser - resignation as Elmwood Title I tutor, effective April 16, 2021.
6. Grace Lane - resignation as special education preschool aide, effective end of 20-21 school year.
7. Jeff Baker - resignation as bus driver, effective April 23, 2021.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the Board approved the resignations, retirements, and terminations by a vote of 6-1 (Dr. Quin opposed).

F. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS

- ~~1. Administrator of CARES Act Grant II and III - tabled~~
 - ~~A. Grant Administrator - Sam Watkins - \$5,000 ESSER II stipend, \$5,000 ESSER III stipend~~
 - ~~B. Grant Author - Dan Durrwachter - \$5,000 ESSER II stipend, \$5,000 ESSER III stipend~~

Dr. Rogers motioned to table III.F.1.A-B., seconded by Dr. Quin, unanimously approved.

2. Amber Williams - transfer from first grade to Kindergarten teacher, effective beginning 2021-22 school year
3. Clint Mathews - transfer from 6th grade teacher to Blair Pointe Title I teacher, effective beginning 2021-22 school year
4. Summer School
 - A. Summer Art - Chelsea Wilkinson-Stover
 - B. PHS - Daric Fuller - Credit Recovery, Romison Saint-Louis - PE, Zak Leffel - Algebra Lab, Daniel Wyant - Gov/Econ, Keith Zimmer - Credit Recovery, Denise Gornto - Grammar, Michelle Brimbury - Special Education
 - C. Elmwood Summer Reading - Marie Guyer (transfer from Summer aide to Summer teacher)
5. Permission to post and hire:
 - A. K-12 English Language Learner Teacher - new position
 - B. Elmwood Title I Teacher - new position
 - C. PHS Summer school - Special Education for student (total 30 hours to be completed between June 1 and July 30, 2021)
6. Permission to post: - addition
 - A. Second KEYS teacher
7. Colin Quin - 7-12 Athletic Director, contract to be presented and voted on in June. - addition

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the Board approved the recommendation for Certified positions by a vote of 4-2-1 (Ms. Justice and Mr. Wolfe opposed, Dr. Quin abstained.)

G. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

- ~~1. Administrator of CARES Act Grant II and III - tabled~~
 - ~~A. Grant Treasurer - Lois Mongosa - \$3,000 ESSER II stipend, \$3,000 ESSER III stipend~~
 - ~~B. Human Resources Federal Compliance Officer - Megan Reel - \$3,000 ESSER II stipend, \$3,000 ESSER III stipend~~
 - ~~C. Human Resource Finance Manager - Danyell Conley - \$3,000 ESSER II stipend, \$3,000 ESSER III stipend~~
 - ~~D. Accounts Payable Officer - Teresa Rusie - \$3,000 ESSER~~

~~II stipend, \$3,000 ESSER III stipend~~
~~E. Grant Internal Controls Officer - Tara Enyeart - \$3,000~~
~~ESSER II stipend, \$3,000 ESSER III stipend~~

Dr. Rogers motioned to table III.G.1.A-E., seconded by Ms. Justice, unanimously approved.

2. James Klepinger - PJHS SRO, pending background check
3. Michael Ryגיע - maintenance technician
4. Faylena Stout - Elmwood Title I tutor
5. Jessica Ingle - transfer from Elmwood instructional aide to Kindergarten aide
6. Summer School
 - A. Elmwood Summer Reading aides - Brittany Clark, Angela Gross
 - B. Elmwood Summer Reading teacher - Emily Ballee (transfer from Summer aide)
7. Summer Educational Technician
 - A. Quenton Freeman - pending background check
8. Summer Custodian
 - A. Mary Chumbley
 - B. Diane Cole
 - C. Denise Roach
9. Jean Hughes - transfer from sub to part-time food service

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

H. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Emily Rodeck - auditorium manager
2. Trevor Hyde - PHS data coach
3. Becky Ulery - PHS head cheer (lay) coach

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

I. REQUEST TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

1. PHS Wrestling - Summer Camp - June 2021 - St. Ignace, Michigan - Little Bear East Arena - June 20-23, 2021 - only requesting permission to go and use of PCS Tiger bus. Hobbs Asphalt pays for bus fuel and camp fees are paid by athletes.

The Board requested a review on the current law regarding school buses crossing state lines.

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

J. DONATIONS

1. Weekly donations of multiple food, fruit, and produce products - to PCS for needy families from Lowell Maxwell.
2. \$200.00 - to PCS for clothes closet restocking from Main Street United Methodist Church.
3. \$125.00 - to PHS choir for general use from anonymous.
4. \$125.00 - to PHS band for general use from anonymous.
5. \$140.00 - to PHS Drama Club for general use from Laura and Jeremy Ream.
6. \$500.00 - to PHS Drama Club for general use from Gabriele Molyneux.
7. \$112.34 - to PHS Drama Club for general use from unknown donors.
8. \$500.00 - to PJHS for negative student lunch accounts from anonymous.
9. \$700.00 - to Blair Pointe library for general use from Psi Iota Xi.
10. \$315.91 - to Elmwood Elementary for Elmwood scholarship from J.D. Restaurants.
11. \$150.00 - to Elmwood Elementary for Elmwood scholarship from anonymous.

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

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 Mr. Ellis, the Board unanimously approved the claims, as follows:

AP SUMMARY

EDUCATION FUND	250,740.51
OPERATING FUND	118,585.47
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	129,796.69
INSURANCE WELLNESS CLINIC	1,692.90
KICKS FOR KIDS	58.96
REIMBURSABLE FUND	4,230.41
PSI IOTA XI GRANT	919.00
KROGER REWARDS	535.96
IPEP GRANT 2021	2,032.50
SPEC ED MKP	37,592.12
HIGH ABILITY GRANT	826.40
TECHNOLOGY FUND	1,712.25
TITLE I 2020/21	107.68
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	1,446.00
ADULT ED 20/21	2,186.36
TITLE IV-A 84.186 08/09	1,100.84
TITLE IV-A SAFE & DRUG FREE	8,497.46
TITLE II-A 84-367A	110.88
TITLE VI B-RURAL & LOW INCOM	157.25
TOTAL	562,329.64

PR SUMMARY

EDUCATION FUND	172,288.06
OPERATING FUND	34,841.52
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	4,485.66
FY18 SECURED SCHOOL SAFETY G	3,521.90
TITLE I 2020/21	295.66
GROUP INSURANCE	8,495.21
FRINGE BENEFITS	0.00
TOTAL	223,928.01

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

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

- C. FINANCIAL CALENDAR - Mr. Durrwachter reviewed the Fall planning financial calendar. This gives a basic outlook on budget timing and information. We are 3.5 months from our 2022 budget proposal. Odd years are big years for budget at the state level.

- D. ESSER I, II, III - Mr. Durrwachter gave the Board a general review of ESSER dollars and deadlines. CARES I must be expended by September of 2022, ESSER II must be expended by 2023, and ESSER III needs to be expended by 2024. We are in the middle of everything, however, we are currently paused and awaiting more Board direction.

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. TNAC and concession stand - 5th Annual JA Car Show - Saturday, August 28, 2021 - On site set-up to begin at 10:00 a.m. - car show from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Requesting rental fee waiver. Will pay custodial. Annual request.
2. PHS auditorium - INDOT public hearing to present the US

24/SR 19 Intersection improvement project to the general public - Wednesday, August 18, 2021 - 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Requesting rental fee waiver.

3. PHS auditorium, commons, and Tiger Den - Ballet of Arts of Peru - June 7 - 11, 2022 - rehearsal Tuesday, 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., recital on Thursday and Friday 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. and Saturday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - will pay rental, lighting, and custodial fees. Annual request.
4. PHS baseball field - Peru Cal Ripken - after high school season completes (exact dates currently unavailable). Requesting rental fee waiver. Will pay all other associated costs.
5. Elmwood Elementary - Four County Summer Program - 3 classrooms, Four County office, the conference room, cafeteria, gym, and playground - Every Tues, Wed, Thurs from June 1 - 24, 2021. Requesting transportation and rental fee waiver. Transportation times will coordinate with Elmwood's summer school schedule.

On motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the Board unanimously approved the facility use requests.

- B. PERMISSION TO RECEIVE BIDS ON RADIO SYSTEM - Mr. Durrwachter requested approval to seek bids on a new school radio system. Mr. Moon stated that the current radios were upgraded when the previous Assistant Superintendent was here, however the tower system was not. The tower is what needs to be upgraded to get clearer communication and longer distance. There is normally a 15-20 year life span on the towers.

On motion by Dr. Quin, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board unanimously approved permission to receive bids on a radio system.

- C. PERMISSION TO BID 7-12 PROGRAM - Mr. Watkins requested permission to bid the 7-12 project contract to perspective general contractors.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved permission to bid the 7-12 program by a vote of 4-3 (Dr. Quin, Ms. Justice, and Mr. Wolfe opposed).

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

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

- Congratulations to our Building Level Teachers of the Year:
High School - Michelle Brimbury
Junior High School - Scott Thompson
Blair Pointe - Leslie Murphy
Elmwood - Kim Martino
- Emily Truax, Leslie Murphy, Angie Legg, Melissa Philips, and BLP's thank you for the summer PD programming
- Jim Tidd - gave \$5,000 to HCC project. Thank you Jim for your generous donation.
- Job well done to our Cole Porter Scholarship Winners:
Jaylan Yard - 1st and awarded a \$10,000 dollar scholarship
Carlee Marburger - 2nd and awarded a \$7,500 dollar scholarship
Jasmyn Dehoyos - 1st alternate
- A great accomplishment for some of our Seniors as they are leaving PHS as Sophomores in college - Kash Bellar, Kamon Blong, Treydon Curtis, Kyiah Elmore, Shalayia Forthner, Molly Gray, Mya Lancaster, Alex Legg, Samuel Makowski, Carlee Marburger, Masyn McGuire, Pete Polk, Colton Ressett, Abby Rogers, Madelyn Rogers, Reese Smith, Jacob VanBaalen, Draven Waters, Gwendolyn Werner, Haven Wolfe, Jaylan Yard

- o Haven Wolfe and Kyiah Elmore - walked in Ivy Tech's graduation ceremonies last Friday. Congratulations to Haven and Kyiah!
- Noah Cohee - Hired full-time at the Miami County jail as a direct result of the HCC internship program. Congratulations Noah, PCS is proud of you!
- PHS and PJHS Spring Music Finale - members of JH and HS choirs, PHS swing choir, and members from the community joined together in their closing song - Thank you to Dr. Gornto and our music team!
 - o The swing choir also performed at Main St. UMC as special guests and have been invited back in the Fall.
 - o PHS Jazz and Concert band performed on May 12. Thank you Ms. Rodeck. Great job by all!
- Spring Sports
 - o Zach Johnson - signing to play football for Millikin University. Congratulations Zach!
 - o Track
 - Girls Sectional is Tuesday, tonight @ Western
 - Boys Sectional is Thursday, May 20th @ Kokomo
 - o Varsity Baseball
 - Great job on becoming Miami County Classic Champions
 - o Boys Golf
 - Record 5-2
 - Rock Hollow Invitational on Saturday, May 22nd. Peru is the host of this tournament.
 - o Girls Tennis
 - Record 12-0 Undefeated Season - Wow! Congratulations!
 - TRC Champions 7-0
 - The last time any girls sport won a conference championship was in 2014 and it was Girls Tennis
 - o Softball
 - Varsity TRC Record 6-2
 - o Bowling - Gabe Garber - Teen Master's Champion and will be competing in the Indiana/Kentucky All Starts Bowling match - Congrats Gabe!
- Board Members - Thank you Board for allowing us to do the jobs we do.
- We will continue educating Students Positively, Compassionately, and Successfully

B. BOARD MEMBER - Mr. Wolfe stated that a new gymnastics mat is long overdue and the clinic is need of an adequately operating computer to do their job effectively.

Mr. Mullett stated that he is very proud of our teachers and gave a reminder for upcoming meetings.

Mr. Wagner stated that Mr. Conner had mentioned Mr. Fox earlier. Mr. Fox was on the Board that hired Mr. Wagner almost five decades ago. He then told a story about him being in Mr. Fox's mothers' advanced math class.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Rogers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m., unanimously approved.

Secretary,

Brittany Justice

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