

June 8, 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, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Mongosa, parents, students, and local news media representatives.

On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Ms. Rice, the Board approved the public agenda, the memorandum of May 11, and the personnel report with one deletion and two additions by a vote of 5-1-1 (Dr. Quin abstained and Mr. Wolfe opposed). Mr. Wolfe stated he would like to go away from the consent agenda in the future.

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Alexis Kindig - resignation - varsity cheerleader co-coach effectively immediately
2. Judy Stevens - retirement - 6th grade instructional assistant, effective end of the 2014-15 school year (22 years of service)
3. Tiffany Raidy - resignation - PHS guidance counselor, effective June 10, 2015
4. Sandy Jones - resignation - Elmwood kdg. summer reading program effectively immediately

B. LEAVES

1. Katie Yoars - 3rd grade teacher - August 6 through October 9, 2015.

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS

1. Kristi Eddy - lump sum payment from Rural and Low Income Grant in recognition of her leadership/extra duties in our highly effective KEYS Academy
2. Tricia Sederholm - 7th/8th grade science - Master's degree - 7 years experience at Rochester Middle School
3. Gloria Werner - 8th grade English - Bachelor's degree - 1 year experience Wabash Middle School
4. Matthew Crawford - Elmwood PE teacher - Bachelor's degree with 7 years of experience, most recently Kouts High School
5. Greg Badry - Assistant to the Principal
6. Alisha Reeve - Blair Pointe music - Bachelor's degree, beginning teacher
7. Natasha Eckerley - transfer from 6th grade to 6th grade LIFT class
8. Ashley Bargerhuff - 5th grade, Bachelor's degree - 0 years experience in public education, current 5th grade instructional aide at Blair Pointe
9. -deleted -
10. Abigail Schwenk - Elmwood kdg. summer reading program teacher
11. Jump Start: 2 weeks - July 23-August 5 at PJHS
English - Angie Legg and Kellie Lukowiak
Math - Alyssa McDowell and Eric Isenburg
12. Permission to hire prior to July 20 Board meeting. At this point we will have a high school counselor to hire and a school nurse at Blair. Those individuals will begin work on July 23. This permission will also cover us in the event we have personnel resignations prior to the next meeting.

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Jump Start aide positions: 2 weeks - July 23-August 5 at PJHS
Kristi Wilhelm, Ann Martin, and Beth Wicker
Tech aide - Merilyn Bennett will be shared between PJHS and Blair Pointe
2. Summer technology hire - Jake Pickering
3. Summer cleaning workers - Mary Ann Hiers and Mitchell Johnson- 30 hours per week at \$8.00 per hour.

4. - addition - Linda Bandekar - 5th grade instructional assistant, replacing Ashley Bargerhuff, new 5th grade teacher. Linda was our temporary ESL aide.

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Matthew Crawford - varsity assistant basketball coach
2. Brandy Caldwell - varsity cheerleader (lay) co-coach
3. Meredith Pauley - varsity girls' soccer coach (new Spanish teacher)

F. REQUEST FOR CONFERENCE

1. - addition - Tom Elliott - PLTW Civil Engineering certification - June 14-26, 2015 - Purdue Univ. at IUK campus - \$2400 for 2-week course plus lodging and meals.

G. DONATIONS

1. \$1,100 to Swing Choir for 2016 NYC trip from Psi Iota Xi, Beta Gamma Chapter
2. \$250 to PHS band to use at their discretion from Peru Music Center
3. \$3,500 to PHS athletic fund for general athletics from Peru Bengal Backers
4. \$5,000 to PHS athletic fund for general athletics from anonymous donor

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments

II. RECOGNITIONS - no staff recognitions

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.

Mrs. Watkins presented Karsynn Beattie with a Black and Gold award for receiving the J & J Citizenship award. Mrs. Watkins explained the 5th grade teachers nominated two students per class. Karsynn won hands down. Mrs. Watkins explained Karsynn is eligible to apply for the scholarship her senior year by writing an essay and submitting it through the Miami County Community Foundation. She will be given top priority based on her citizenship for the 2014-15 school year.

Mr. Watkins stated our art students continue to win awards for their artwork. PCS students won four of eight awards in the IUK 20th Annual Art Show. Emily Shircliff, Amanda Weaver, Grace Comerford and Alexis Coomer were given the Black and Gold award.

Mr. Watkins was proud to announce PHS won the sectional track championship. He read the 21 names of the team members stating Peru has not won the track sectional in the last 33 years. He also pointed out Sydney Fuller qualified to run the 100 hurdles at the state championship.

Mr. Watkins acknowledged students who have signed for college athletics. Jose Morales will be playing tennis at Bethel. Jack Zvers will be playing tennis at Grace College.

The Board congratulated all the students and their parents.

- B. IREAD RESULTS - Mr. Hanson stated the iRead results were embargoed until a few weeks ago. Mrs. Watkins stated this is her favorite topic. The first year we scored a 90.2% after the spring testing. After the first summer session (2013) and retesting the iRead results were 96.3%. The 2013-14 spring results were 93.7%. Again after the summer session our results increased to 96.9%. This year the spring results were 92.6%. Mrs. Watkins stated the state average this year was 84.2%. The summer class started today. The class is at

Elmwood this year due to renovation work at Blair Pointe. Interventions begin on the very first day of school. We know where the students are at in the reading level when they walk through the door. The reading specialists and intervention specialists are excellent. The literacy coach coordinates the resources. She stated we have a strong guided reading block. Mrs. Watkins stated she is excited about the collaboration with Mr. Frye, Elmwood Principal. She stated iRead has helped us focus our concentration with reading for the students. She summarized if we are a reader, then we are a leader!

Mrs. Roettger is teaching the summer class. She was our Teacher of the Year this year. She teaches the academy class at Blair Pointe and only one student did not pass.

C. 2015 G/T SUMMER ART PROPOSAL AND BUDGET - Mrs. Watkins stated this is the 29th year for the summer program. She requested permission to use the summer funds that were set aside in the G/T grant. Ms. Wilkinson will be the teacher again this summer. She will teach the students about printmaking mediums, weaving, and glass etching from June 15-26. The class will also take a field trip. Mrs. Watkins stated this is in line with what we have done in the past summers. On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Dr. Quin, the Board unanimously approved the summer art proposal. Mrs. Shuey stated the program must be a success as we have several awards at the high school level.

D. TEXTBOOK RENTAL RATES - Mr. Hanson presented the textbook rental rates for the 2015-16 school year. He stated the elementary level is basically the same with a slight increase due to an error he saw in the charge for reading materials. The rate reflects correct charges for this year. He noted the spelling fee for 4th and 6th grades has been removed. Mr. Hanson stated the PJHS and PHS rates reflect a reduction in course fees for advanced PE and wellness. Students will continue to have textbooks but will not be charged textbook fees. PJHS and PHS will not have textbook fees but will have course fees as well as tech fees. Mr. Hanson stated the high school is a little more complicated. He stated he has removed all textbook fees but there will be a tech fee charge. He stated the most expensive classes are art and FACS. He noted German has been phased out and American Sign Language has been added. Since ASL is a new course there is a charge for that class to order curriculum. Mr. Wolfe thanked Mr. Hanson for keeping an eye on the rates and trying to keep them as low as possible. Mr. Stanton stated he was pleased we are offering the American Sign Language class. Mr. Hanson stated our bookkeepers are very flexible in working with families on the textbook payments. Ms. Rice moved to approve Mr. Hanson's proposal, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved. A copy of the textbook rental rates is in Supplementary Minute Book #14, page 23.

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, unanimously approved.

GENERAL FUND	96,497.34
DEBT SERVICE	1,500.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	88,311.93
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	6,756.85
TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT	209.00
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	57,090.64
DONATION/SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS	279.85
PARENT/STUDENT ACTIVITIES FU	367.98
GIFTED AND TALENTED 2015	1,200.00
STATE CONNECTIVITY FUND	4,300.00
TECHNOLOGY FUND	496.00
COLLEGE SUCCESS COALITION	529.78
TITLE I 2014/15	827.07
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	792.97
PARENT NURTURING ALCOHOL	27.98

ADULT EDUCATION SALARY	901.49
TITLE II 2015	<u>1,200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 261,288.88

B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall reviewed the fund monitoring report for the month of May. He stated the month of May had three pay periods. The results are a negative balance due to that. He stated we are at 40.7% so we are trending fine. He explained the general fund has some spending that is not monthly. He added when we receive our tax distribution in June we will be good. He noted the tax bills did go out on time. Mr. Wolfe asked if we are due money from the state for the food lunch program. He stated it is currently low. Mr. Hall explained due to menu requirements expenses have increased. Mr. Wolfe asked if we will be making changes. He stated we are gaining in funding with the evening meal program. Mr. Comerford moved to approve the fund monitoring report, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved.

C. RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS - Mr. Hall stated this resolution is a temporary transfer up to \$25,000 from the general fund to the transportation fund. The funds shall be transferred back to the general fund upon distribution of the 2015 tax levy from Miami County. On motion by Dr. Quin, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board unanimously approved the resolution. A copy of the signed resolution is in Supplementary Minute Book #14, page 24.

D. 2012-14 AUDIT REPORT - Mr. Hall reported on our 2012-14 audit. He directed the Board's attention to the full audit they previously received. He stated the auditor does field work. He informed the Board the state has made a budget cut in the number of auditors they have and are thus cross training their auditors. He stated the most important part of the audit is their opinion of the financial statements present fairly the financial position. He stated the most important part of the federal report was their written opinion the school corporation complied with the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the corporation's major federal program for the period of the audit. He stated the main cause of the write-up is the confusion from the state and federal government in knowing which funds are state and federal. Mr. Hall reviewed our corrective action plan. He stated the auditor reported her findings were very common to schools in Indiana. All the items noted in the report are fixable. None of the errors resulted in missing money. Mr. Hall stated the report was typical. He noted the necessary changes were made when we were made aware of the findings. Mr. Watkins stated Mr. Hall and his staff work very hard. He stated he talked with the auditor at the exit interview. He was assured by the auditor these were all minor issues. Mr. Comerford commended Mr. Hall and his staff for the job they do and the handling of the corporation financing. Mrs. Shuey reiterated Mr. Comerford's comment.

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

A. REQUESTS TO USE FACILITIES

1. PHS PLTW Computer Lab - IVY Tech - June 15-26 and July 6-17 from 8:30 - noon - Rob Hileman will be teaching two classes for IVY Tech and they are requesting use of the high school PLTW computer lab

Mr. Stanton, moved to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Wagner, unanimously approved.

B. AWARD 2015-16 FUEL, MILK, AND BREAD - Mr. Hall recommended bid awards for fuel, milk, and bread for the 2015-16 school year. He stated the milk and bread bids are through our Wabash Valley Education Center (WVEC). The pricing is the same for both bids for the 2015-16 as for the 2014-15 and the vendors are the same as we have previously used. He noted the fuel contracts report shows historic contracts for gasoline and diesel. He stated the market price is well below those

amounts. Recent pricing was \$2.00 for gasoline and \$2.25 for diesel. Mr. Hall stated that sometime soon he will be locking in a price on approximately 10,000 gallons of fuel. He noted we currently purchase fuel at Country Mark at the west end of town. Mr. Comerford approved the process for purchasing milk, bread, and fuel, seconded by Dr. Quin, unanimously approved.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Watkins stated graduation went very well. He complimented the teachers, parents, and community for all the efforts with the students.

Mr. Watkins recognized the baseball team for their efforts at regionals Saturday.

Mr. Watkins informed the Board the golf team placed second in today's sectional and will be moving on to regional in Warsaw.

Mr. Watkins reminded the Board we will have a booth during Circus City Days, June 13-16. He stated Ian Applegate is looking for volunteers to work the booth.

Mr. Watkins thanked Daniel Herda for his positive coverage of Peru in the Peru Tribune.

Mr. Watkins read the donations the Board accepted in the consent agenda. He stated we are very appreciative of the donations and the community support.

B. BOARD -

Mr. Wagner stated he was privileged to participate in the Heartland Career Center graduation at the Honeywell Center.

Mr. Comerford stated he has attended several end-of-the-year banquets and activities. He said he attended the Tiger Leadership breakfast. He heard some very positive comments from students about how PCS teachers and staff made a positive impact on their lives. Mr. Wolfe added he liked the placemats that were on the tables which had a picture of each of the Tiger Leadership students. Mr. Watkins stated we've had retired teachers, secretaries, coaches, and administrators receive the recognitions.

Mr. Comerford stated he also went to the academic banquet. He said our athletes are very successful, but our academic bowls are very successful as well.

Mr. Hanson stated we had six interns in the manufacturing field who were all placed locally.

Mrs. Shuey stated our auction will be June 13 at PJHS. She also noted the end-of-the-year staff breakfast was very nice.

Mrs. Shuey congratulated the Board members who had seniors graduate this year.

Mrs. Shuey noted we have a special meeting July 1 and the next regular meeting is July 20 rather than the second Monday (July 13) due to circus week.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Stanton moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Secretary,

Tim Comerford

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