

June 11, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by Mrs. Shuey. Mrs. Shuey led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present except Mr. Wolfe. Also present were Mr. Brimbury, Dr. Thompson, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Minard, Mr. Cary, Mr. Stanfield, Mr. Frushour, patrons, and a news media representative.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Stanton, the Board unanimously approved the agenda, the memorandum of May 14, and the personnel report as presented.

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Deb Flitcraft - PJHS Spec Ed teacher - retirement effective 5/31/12
2. Dennett Roettger - resignation as elementary volleyball coordinator
3. Cassie Smith - resignation as athletic secretary

B. LEAVES - No business

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS

1. Lindsey Cary - English Dept. Chair

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS - No business

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS - No business

F. REQUESTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES

1. Shannon Williams and Melanie Kiefer - 103rd Annual National AAFCS Conf. - Indianapolis - June 24 - 27, 2012 - Registration \$340 each

G. FIELD TRIPS -

1. Wrestling team - overnight field trip Mackinac Island - June 24th - 27th

H. DONATIONS

1. \$260 - PHS baseball team - anonymous

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments

II. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Brimbury extended his appreciation to the Board for their participation in the graduation ceremony Friday night. He also thanked Mr. Hanson, Mr. Cary, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Vining, and Mr. Thompson for their efforts. Mr. Cary commented the ceremony was a record setting 51½ minutes in length which was appreciated by the guests due to the warm gym. Mr. Brimbury stated the ceremony was a unifying event for our community.

III. PROGRAM

A. ISTEP/ECA END-OF-YEAR TESTING REPORT - Mr. Brimbury shared with the Board data meetings are being held with principals, teachers, and students. He would like to see the students take ownership of their academic growth. He would like to be able to share the fine tuning points of data and growth. He stated we are the only city school in the State achieving the rates we have achieved. He said we will have one four-star school if not two in the very near future. He could not release the results of ISTEP and ECA testing because they are still embargoed. He did say our achieving rates are unmatched in the State of Indiana. We will improve.

Dr. Thompson stated we have teachers who have worked hard and are talking about data and what can we do to get better. He stated we have exceeded expectations of even our own dreams and goals. Dr. Thompson shared a Power Point presentation on the 2012 testing season. He stated we are proud of our teachers and the summer school efforts last

summer. Our goal is 85.15 across the board for ISTEP testing. He reviewed the ECA - Algebra I and English 10 results. He was pleased to share at PJHS 100% of the students passed the Algebra test. At PHS 89.5% of the sophomores passed the math while 80.5% (up from 74% last year) passed the English 10.

- B. CORPORATION ATTENDANCE/DISCIPLINE CHANGES - Mr. Cary was present to review proposed changes as discussed by the committee. He stated the committee members from every building met to discuss what was working, wasn't working, and needed to be changed. He reported things were better this year. A change under 'School Responsibility - Parental Notification' was suggested. Letters will be sent per year rather than per semester which will cut down on paperwork since the parents are already notified. The other recommended change was an addition: Any student who is more than 30 minutes late without the parents' knowledge will be considered "unexcused tardy." If a student accumulates three "unexcused tardies" he/she will be considered truant. Mr. Cary stated referrals are down due to PBIS which means the students are in class and on task more since they are not spending time in the office. Mr. Cary gave credit to the great teachers we have and how they handle their classroom discipline. On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, the Board unanimously approved the changes recommended by the committee.
- C. PERMISSION TO HIRE (BASED ON ENROLLMENT) - Mr. Brimbury requested permission to hire a kindergarten teacher if the enrollment numbers warrant an additional teacher. Mr. Brimbury stated we also have a KEYS Academy position. He will be interviewing this week and would like to make an offer to a candidate as soon as possible so we do not lose the candidate. The recommendation will be brought to the Board at the July meeting. On motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Comerford, the Board unanimously approved the request.

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. Maxwell, unanimously approved as follows:

GENERAL FUND	93,942.80
CAPITAL PROJECTS	10,813.62
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	12,067.58
TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT	214.00
RETIREMENT/SEVERANCE BOND	46,313.20
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	51,411.52
KEYS ACADEMY	767.13
ACADEMIC MONITORING PACKAGE	453.49
GIFTED AND TALENTED 2011-12	1,054.10
TECHNOLOGY E-RATE REBATE	701.50
CLASSROOM INNOVATION GRANT	67.89
TITLE I 2011-12	1,974.70
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	214.65
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FUND	146.73
TITLE IV-A SAFE/DRUG FREE	224.00
TITLE II PART A TEACHER IMPROV	422.25
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN - GOV BD	19.13
FEDERAL TAX	40,800.02
SOCIAL SECURITY	23,196.91
STATE TAX	26,807.75
LOCAL TAX	18,516.70
GROUP INSURANCE	3,711.65
ANNUITIES	12,294.69
HARTFORD LOAN REPAYMENT	719.74
CELL PHONE CLEARING ACCOUNT	69.20
CHILD SUPPORT	380.00
TOTAL	\$ 347,304.95

- B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall reviewed the fund

monitoring report for the month of May. He stated there was a slight improvement in general fund. He stated the negative numbers in the other funds will go away in June when we receive our tax distribution. Mr. Comerford moved to approve the report, seconded by Ms. Rice, unanimously approved.

- C. RESOLUTION FOR A LOAN FROM GENERAL FUND - Mr. Hall reported I.C. 6-1.1-18.12.5 makes a technical correction of the maximum Capital Projects Fund levy receivable in 2012. It was passed this spring too late to correct the levy rate without delaying the tax bills. For school corporations who had a reduction in assessed valuation, the formula reduced the maximum rate. The fix in this law is to borrow the lost CPF money from the State's General Fund and then to pay back the loan from the 2013 Debt Service Fund. There is no interest charged. Specifically for us, we will borrow \$68,181 from the State's General Fund and pay it back from Debt Service Fund next year without interest. He explained this is money we were shorted in Capital Projects this year.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell to approve the resolution for a loan from the State General Fund and authorize the treasurer to sign the associated promissory note, seconded by Mr. Stanton, the Board unanimously approved the resolution. A copy of the signed Resolution is in Minute Book #13, page 75.

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

A. REQUEST TO USE FACILITIES/EQUIPMENT

1. Portable bleachers - Miami County Relay for Life - use of baseball bleachers for June 15-16 on River Walk for annual walk. Will pick-up and return.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board unanimously approved the request.

- B. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BREAD, MILK, AND FUEL BIDS - Mr. Hall requested permission to advertise for milk, bread, and fuel bids. Mr. Comerford, moved to grant permission, seconded by Ms. Rice, unanimously approved.

- C. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE BIDS FOR ART GALLERY CONSTRUCTION - Mr. Hall shared plans for the permanent Art Gallery for our \$1,000,000 collection. He stated the Fort Wayne Museum curator gave us guidance on the design. He requested permission to put this out to bid. Mr. Stanton moved to grant permission to advertise, seconded by Mr. Maxwell. Mr. Comerford asked what the estimate is for the project. Mr. Hall responded \$250,000 has been earmarked for this project from the bond issue. The motion was unanimously approved.

- D. CHANGE ORDERS - Mr. Hall shared two change orders for approval to finish out the 2010 Energy Conservation Project. As previously reported, we have achieved our goal of at least a 30% reduction in energy use.

The first change order is a decrease to the contractor for liquidated damages for being 304 days late in completion of the project and also for additional costs incurred by the commissioning agent for retesting, totaling (\$245,596). The second change order is an increase of \$93,596.13 to Envoy that is owed to the commissioning agent.

In addition to meeting the project's goal, the bond funded parking lot poles at PJHS, replacement of the Tiger Den heating unit, and UV tinting of some windows in the administration building.

On motion by Mr. Comerford, seconded by Mr. Stanton, the Board approved both change orders.

- E. SUMMER PROJECT AND MEAL PROGRAM REPORT - Mr. Hall gave the

Board an update on the summer projects stating three trees at the high school will be taken out due to ash borer disease damage. At PJHS the gym lockers will be renovated, gym floor sanded and refinished, and sidewalk and curb replacement. At PJHS and Blair Pointe we are replacing the fire alarm system and adding a fire alarm enunciated in Tig-Arena. Quality Plumbing and Heating will replace the chiller at BP as well as piping. Roofers are busy at the Administrative Center, Elmwood and then Blair Pointe later this summer. The Art Gallery will be a fall project. There will also be concrete curb and entrance replacements at PHS. Upgrades behind the stage at the high school will be done as well.

He stated this is our third summer of serving summer meals. He reported the average meals served for the 22 days of the after school meal program was 33 at PJHS and 53 at PHS. He shared a chart on the breakfast and lunch meal program. He stated we are obviously meeting a need in our community.

- F. BUS BID RECOMMENDATION - Mr. Hall recommended the purchase of a new school bus. Mr. Hall explained the Central Indiana Education Service Center has bid buses for 2012. As such, we can purchase at their bid prices. The recommendation is to purchase one 2012 conventional school bus. The bus is sized for 81 passengers and has seating for 78, which provides extra leg room. The equipment includes a Safety Vision 2 camera system and a Cummins C187 engine. The total price is \$86,900.00 from Kerlin Bus Sales and Leasing of Silver Lake, IN. Comparable 78-passenger bids were \$89,280 from Bluebird and \$87,465 from IC/Collins. Last year we purchased a 72-passenger bus for \$80,947.

Mr. Hall stated we have 18 buses on a 14-year replacement schedule. This year we have DLGF approval to purchase two buses. He stated he will recommend purchase of a second bus at the July meeting whether it be reconditioned or new. At that time we will trade in bus 7. On motion by Mr. Comerford, seconded by Ms. Rice, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of one bus. Mr. Comerford asked about the traditional warranties on buses. Mr. Frushour responded the typical warranty is three years.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

- A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Brimbury congratulated Diane Haley as PCS Teacher of the Year. He also recognized Carl Snyder, PHS custodian, and Barnie Hawkins, PCS bus driver, as recipients of the Above and Beyond awards.
- B. BOARD - Mr. Wagner stated he attended one of the evening meals at PHS for \$3.00 and stated it wasn't bad. He also reported on behalf of the Park Board the water park will not come to fruition at Davis Park. He also stated he was disappointed with the NOVIA representatives at the recent meeting. He shared that he walked through South Peru and Elmwood and gave his appreciation for the packing the teachers have done to either get ready for the move or to just pack due to the renovation.

Mr. Comerford stated he attended several of the awards and recognition ceremonies at the end of the year. He stated we have a very impressive group of students.

Mr. Maxwell stated he attended the Heartland Career Center graduation.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Maxwell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Secretary,

Lowell Maxwell

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