

July 20, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Shuey. Mrs. Shuey led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present except Mr. Comerford. Also present were Mr. Watkins, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Hall, Ms. Rusie, and two local news media representatives.

On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Ms. Rice, the Board unanimously approved the public agenda, the memorandums of June 8 and July 1 (with name amendments to the July 1 minutes), and the personnel report with two deletions and three additions (noted by *).

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Bryan Edwards - resignation - KEYS Academy teacher - effective immediately
2. -deleted-
3. Daniel Wyant - resignation - PHS Special Education Resource aide - effective immediately

B. LEAVES

1. Alison Mathews - 3rd grade teacher - 2014-15 leave extension through November 6, 2015
2. Jeryl Buffington - 1st grade - temporary leave August 7 through October 9, 2015
3. Kylie Reading - PHS English - Sept. 24 - Nov. 24, 2015

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS

1. Sandy Jones - temporary contract - August 6 - November 6, 2015 - Mrs. Jones covered three temporary leaves last year at Elmwood
2. Julie Brower - temporary contract - August 6 - October 9, 2015 - for Katie Yoars 3rd grade. Mrs. Brower is currently an aide with a teaching license.
3. Administrators - two-year extended contracts for Jason Cary, Chuck Brimbury, Sheri Spiker, *Brady McClure, Linda Watkins, Paul Frye, *Kenneth Hanson, and *Stanley Hall through June 2017
4. Scott Thompson - transfer to KEYS Academy teacher
5. Recruitment incentive pays - \$1,500 to Nouri Marrakchi (PHS ASL teacher) and \$1,000 to Meredith Pauley (PHS Spanish teacher) as both are out-of-state teachers. The funds will be paid from Title II. *The teachers must fulfill a one-year contract with PCS or will be required to pay back the funds.

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Tonia Ray - temporary aide - August 7 - October 9, 2015 - while Mrs. Brower is on a temporary teaching contract
2. Susan Jodry - classification change from head cook to Assistant to the Cafeteria Director. This better describes her duties.
3. Jordan Clark - 1st grade Academy Title I aide

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. James Guthrie - PJHS NJHS sponsor and boys' assistant tennis coach
2. Christina Overdorf - PJHS student council sponsor (splitting with Kellie Lukowiak who is current sponsor)
3. Jessica Mast - JV volleyball coach
4. Takyia McCord - freshmen volleyball (lay) coach
5. Brittany Parkman - 8th grade head volleyball (lay) coach
6. David Swihart - volunteer HS volleyball coach
7. Mike Saine - boys' and girls' head tennis (lay) coach
8. Doug Muzzillo - JHS head tennis (lay) coach
9. Tony Martino - JHS assistant tennis (lay) coach
10. Lizzy Curtis - boys' and girls' cross country assistant (lay) coach
11. Cody Siblisk - boys' and girls' cross country volunteer coach
12. Chris Butte - JHS cross country (lay) coach

13. Chelsea Wilkinson - JHS cross country assistant coach
14. Doug Meyer - varsity assistant football coach
15. Tony Hayden - jr. varsity head football (lay) coach
16. Jacob Bockover - jr. varsity assistant football (lay) coach
17. Tim Clark - freshmen football (lay) coach
18. Brian Robertson - volunteer football coach
19. Ruben Dilworth - 8th grade head football (lay) coach
20. Jason Nero - 8th grade assistant football (lay) coach
21. Shaun Dwyer - 7th grade head football (lay) coach
22. Jeff Dicken- 7th grade assistant football (lay) coach
23. Nathan Campbell - varsity assistant/JV head soccer (lay) coach
24. Luke LaBare - JV/V assistant soccer (lay) coach
25. Michael Haney - volunteer soccer (lay) coach
26. Marcus Snyder - volunteer soccer (lay) coach

F. REQUEST FOR CONFERENCE - no business

G. *DONATIONS

1. Elmwood Pre-school - \$1,500 from Tri-Kappa
2. Elmwood Pre-school - \$1,000 from Walmart/Sam's Club

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments

II. RECOGNITIONS - Mr. Watkins complimented Mr. Hall for his hard work on the summer projects and working with the building principals and custodians in getting the summer worked completed. He encouraged the Board to stop by the media centers to see our fabulous centers.

Mr. Watkins also thanked all the administrators, teachers, and staff who manned the PCS booth during the Circus City Days.

Mr. Watkins gave Mr. Hanson a shout out in working with Mr. Higgins at Heartland Career Center in donating some computers and obsolete parts which will allow HCC to work with our students as well as students from other area corporations.

III. PROGRAM

A. SCHOOL BOARD PARTICIPATION REPORT - Mr. Watkins stated we have a very active Board. He reported on the second quarter Board activity noting there were regular sessions with executive session and special sessions this quarter as well as many other activities the Board participated in. Mrs. Shuey stated 133 hours of participation were recorded. Mr. Watkins stated being a Board member is a thankless job and he appreciates the Board members' service to Peru Community Schools. A copy of the report is in Supplementary Minute Book #14, page 25.

B. HEAD START MOU - deleted -

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. Wagner. The Board voted 3-3 (Ms. Rice, Mr. Wolfe, and Dr. Quin opposed). Mrs. Shuey asked the members their reason for voting against the claims. Ms. Rice and Mr. Wolfe did not agree with the Bengal Backer claim Dr. Quin stated he did not have sufficient time to review the claims and was still concerned about the errors noting the claims need to be cleaned up. Mrs. Shuey asked what we do since there was a tie. Mr. Hall responded we have to have a majority vote so therefore we cannot pay the claims. Mr. Wolfe stated if the Bengal Backer claim is pulled out he would approve the claims. Mrs. Shuey stated a claim can always be pulled from consideration. Mr. Wolfe noted he agreed with Dr. Quin, the errors in the claims need to be addressed. Ms. Rice asked if the claims have already been paid. Mr. Hall responded the utility bills have been paid and GFS has been paid since we receive a 1% discount for payments made within 10 days. He said the checks have been printed and are ready to be mailed Tuesday. Ms. Rice asked if the Bengal Backer claim has already been paid. While the claim number was being

looked up, Mr. Hall stated procedurally he would need a new motion to pay the bills removing the Bengal Backer claim. Mrs. Shuey requested in the future if there is a claim in question to please call ahead so the claim can be removed from consideration. Mrs. Shuey asked for a motion to approve the claims excluding the \$200 claim to the Bengal Backers. On motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Stanton, the claims were approved with the exclusion of the \$200 Bengal Backer claim by a vote of 5-1 (Dr. Quin opposed).

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| GENERAL FUND | 261,093.35 |
| DEBT SERVICE | 1,200,030.00 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS | 133,806.53 |
| TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND | 11,032.37 |
| TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT | 209.00 |
| SCHOOL LUNCH FUND | 27,617.88 |
| TEXTBOOK RENTAL | 397.34 |
| INSURANCE WELLNESS CLINIC | 5,763.33 |
| EARLY INTERVENTION FUND | 1,569.60 |
| DONATION/SPECIAL ED TEACHERS | 190.04 |
| GIFTED AND TALENTED 2015 | 3,836.39 |
| STATE CONNECTIVITY FUND | 239.20 |
| TECHNOLOGY FUND | 1,273.98 |
| COLLEGE SUCCESS COALITION | 198.72 |
| TITLE I 2014-2015 | 656.28 |
| PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM | 22.09 |
| ADULT EDUCATION SALARY | 49.00 |
| TITLE II 2015 | 697.47 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$ 1,648,682.57</u> |

B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall reviewed the fund monitoring report for the month of June stating we are half way through the year. He directed the Board's attention to the general fund noting we are up \$133,000 year to date due to the \$359,000 payment from debt service to the general fund for the common school loan so that brought up the general fund receipts for the year to 49.6%. He reported taxes were received in June along with excise FIT and CVET so we are at 46% for the tax funded funds. We have a 19% circuit breaker credit that comes off the top. That is up from 10% from last year. Mr. Hall stated the only fund at a negative balance is transportation and he will keep an eye on that. Mr. Stanton moved to approve the fund monitoring report, seconded by Mr. Wagner, unanimously approved.

C. BUDGET CALENDAR - Mr. Hall pointed out on the budget calendar the bold font budget dates are statutory last dates you can do things. He stated there are four Board action dates under the narrative. August 4 will be the Board workshop with dinner at 5:00 and the meeting hopefully ending by 8:00. August 10 will be authorization of publication and the budgets. He noted the law changed regarding public notice. For Capital Project Funds you still have to put the notice in the newspaper. For all the other publications we advertised in the paper, we now use a state website called Gateway. He stated therefore we need to make sure the public knows they can access the reports on line. A hard copy will also be available at the receptionist's desk at the Administrative Center. Mr. Hall added on September 14 we will hold the hearing. On October 12 the Board will be requested to adopt the budget. On motion by Ms. Rice, seconded by Mr. Stanton, the Board unanimously adopted the budget calendar.

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY - No business

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Watkins reminded the Board registration dates are July 28 and 29 at each of the schools. The principals and secretaries will be back this Thursday.

Mr. Watkins stated Jump Start starts on Thursday for remediation in preparation for ISTEP testing.

Mr. Watkins commented freshmen orientation will be Friday.

The Tiger Leadership students are involved in helping the counselors and administrators make that a successful day.

Mr. Watkins stated we had a great circus week. We take for granted our Circus and how spectacular it is and how good and talented the kids really are. He stated he appreciates what the Circus committee, volunteers, and kids do. We are fortunate to have it in Peru.

Mr. Hanson added the PJHS Jump Start will be at PHS due to the construction finishing up at the jr. high school. He said we are close. Lunch is there anyway. A caller will go out to those parents.

Our first day back for our staff will be Thursday, August 6, with contract signing and breakfast beginning at 7:15 a.m. in the commons at PHS. Friday, August 7, will be the first student day.

Mr. Hanson also invited the School Board to the Kokomo Jack Rabbits game, which is their new prospect baseball team, on Thursday, July 30. He stated we have partnered with them for a family fun night.

He said we need every hour of the next two weeks to get the buildings, grounds, and technology ready for the 2015-16 school year.

Mr. Watkins announced he received a phone call from the Dean of Ball State University informing him Mr. Brimbury was chosen as a distinguished alumni.

Mr. Hanson informed the Board we are considering putting a float in the 2016 Circus parade. He said the band is a part of the parade every year and we would like to step up to the challenge of participating with a float as well.

Mr. Hall stated the Art Gallery has a traveling exhibit of Red Skelton's paintings. The Gallery is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. with special presentations on some Sundays.

B. BOARD -

Mr. Wolfe asked about the time of the freshmen orientation. Mr. Hanson responded the orientation is more for the students although parents are welcome. He said an open house is held in the spring for the parents. He stated Friday is more of an introduction/kick start to the school year for the freshmen as they will break off in groups with the Tiger Leadership team.

Dr. Quin extended kudos to the custodial and maintenance staff as well as Mr. Hall for all their efforts during the monsoon rains we experienced this summer.

Mr. Stanton said the PCS Art Gallery had the second of three scheduled Sunday presentations Sunday. Maggie Snyder, a 1972 graduate, is a young sculptor in New Orleans. She brought some of her pieces and gave an outstanding presentation. Mrs. Shuey stated she was out of town but heard there was a good turnout.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Wolfe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Secretary,

Tim Comerford

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