

August 2, 2016

A work session of the Board of School Trustees was held at the Peru Civic Center at 5:00 p.m. All Board members were present. Also present were Mr. Watkins, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Hall, and Mrs. Minard.

Mrs. Shuey led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. On motion by Ms. Rice, seconded by Mr. Stanton, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

Mr. Watkins welcomed the Board members and thanked them for their attendance this evening. He stated the presentations this evening are categorized into three areas - green being good, yellow as monitoring, and red as alert.

I. BUDGET -

Mr. Hall reviewed the following topics and welcomed questions.

- Quarterly payroll and benefits summary
- Estimated impact of staffing changes
- Funding Estimate Comparison
- Debt Service Schedule
- Finance - Transportation Fund, Bus Replacement Fund, and Food Service Funds - green
- General Fund, CPF, and Rainy Day Fund - yellow

II. TECHNOLOGY AND CURRICULUM

Mr. Hanson stated we do not teach off our old standards. He stated we continue to develop our curriculum. He discussed the changes with ISTEP. He pointed out school grades have not gone away. He noted we are in year three of our digital initiative. He stressed we want to use a blended learning curriculum with textbooks, research data, internet, etc.

- Assessments - green with Calculate Grades, High School Accountability, Junior High Accountability, Blair Pointe Accountability.
- Curriculum - yellow with implementing Canvas, new learning management system. Very pleased with progress.
- Hardware - green as all students and staff will have a device
- Networking - green

III. 2016-17 GOALS/REFLECTIONS

Mr. Watkins reflected on the achievements of the school corporation, especially with the demographics of our students and economy.

- Extra-Curricular - all green
 - Athletics - increase in student and staff participation. Report from AD's last was the numbers are on the rise.
 - Fine Arts - continued student success in art and music
 - Academic - continued success
- Technology - green as we continue the use of technology to facilitate students and classroom
- Implement the Peru Academic Method.
- Provide college and career readiness opportunities pathways for all secondary students.
- Balance our budget so that PCS will be competitive in wage and benefits to attract and retain the best qualified staff and ensure a quality educational experience for all students.
 - Strategy: Work with the Board and central office staff to ensure we can annually put 1% of our general fund cash balance into our Rainy Day fund.
 - Strategy: Work with our building level administrators to balance our classroom numbers while retaining a state leading curriculum
 - Strategy: Work with our Board and central office to update our athletic fields and fine arts facilities.
- Facilities - green for Buildings/Exterior and Infrastructure with yellow for Athletic/Fine Arts
- Building Plans - PHS, PJHS, Blair Pointe, and Elmwood
- Culture and Climate - yellow with public, green with staff and students
- Quality of Staff - all green - Administrative, Certified, and Classified
- Vision Goals - both yellow - Strategic Plan and Building Plan

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Watkins reminded the Board our annual opening year breakfast will be Thursday morning at PHS in the commons beginning at 7:15 with breakfast. Mr. Watkins stated he will introduce new teachers and share his opening comments at 8:15. Mr. Hanson stated students start Friday. He also reminded the Board we have our next regular meeting on Monday. Mr. Watkins stated he is excited about the 2016-17 school year!

With no further business to discuss Ms. Rice moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, unanimously approved. The work session was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Secretary,

Tim Comerford

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