

August 6, 2014

A work session of the Board of School Trustees was held at the Administrative Center at 5:50 p.m. All Board members were present. Also present were Mr. Brimbury, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Hall, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Minard, and a news media representative.

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

- I. WELCOME - Mrs. Shuey welcomed the Board members and thanked them for their attendance this evening.
- II. BUDGET
Mr. Hall reviewed the following topics and welcomed questions.
 - ADM Projection
 - Personnel changes for 2014-15
 - General Fund Budget
 - Circuit Breaker Loss
 - Bus Replacement Plan
 - Capital Projects Requests
 - Tax Levy and Tax Rates
 - Levy Neutrality for Pension Bonds
 - Four Star Bonuses
 - Facility Needs
 - Public Hearing Notices
- III. TECHNOLOGY AND ACADEMIC UPDATE/GOALS
Mr. Hanson stated he sees our tech department as being service oriented. He stated we need to provide our students with the latest and greatest in technology. The tools need to be in front of them. The challenge will be training the teachers.

Mr. Hanson's presentation included:
 - Academic -
 - ISTEP score review - results and comparisons to previous years, other school corporations, and state;
 - Curriculum re-mapped 3-12 by teachers for new CCR standards
 - Resources released monthly by DOE for CCR standards
 - Formatives revised
 - New Acuity, NWEA, and Standardized testing (ISTEP and ECA)
 - Elmwood - Readers' Workshop (Lori Badry)
 - Blair - Additional Aides (5th & 6th)
 - PJHS - GTT PLTW pathway. Re-Training Read 180. Model School
 - PHS - HIRE pathway (Advance Manufacturing), Honors curriculum revised in English. CCR standards.
 - Technology -
 - Previous Year infrastructure Overhaul
 - Filter - SonicWall
 - Virtual Server - VMWare subscription
 - Switch project for Network Data center (Redundant Core)
 - New Fiber throughout district
 - UPS units
 - Access Points expanded
 - Cameras replaced and upgraded in all buildings
 - Bandwidth upgraded
 - 1100 Surface Pro devices, Students and Staff 7-12
 - Laptop carts moved to Blair Pointe
 - Office 365 for all students/staff
 - MBC
 - Mass Media desktop computers and editing software
 - Skyward (SIS) - training all summer long
 - Telephony at Admin
 - New ID printers
 - Virtual Field Trips - Biomedical PLTW - Video Conferencing
 - Sound system renewed to Tig-Arena
 - Waterford Upgrade
 - Microsoft Training
 - Next Year - continue with PCS Digital Initiative
 - Mobile devices/tablets/laptops - Blair Pointe
 - Discuss and plan for Elmwood digital initiative

- Continual tech PD for staff and students
- Smart Board expansion to PJHS and Fine Arts areas K-6
- Telephony expansion to K-12 buildings
- Doug Meyer - Technology Professional Development
- Bus locations, when kids get on and off the bus, etc.

IV. REFLECTION

Mr. Brimbury reflected on the achievements of the school corporation.

- Classroom sizes
- Scores - GREAT 87-13! 90-90-95 all grades 3-8 90%!!
- General Fund - better
- Special Education scores improving
- Discipline down / attendance up
- Early Childhood Literacy - great
- Data-based decision making
- Eight highest IREAD scores
- AP scores up
- Increased Dual Credit leader
- Continued support of Fine Arts K-12

Mr. Brimbury stated it was unfortunate the newspaper printed the negative side of the ISTEP scores at PJHS which were actually not down. The Tribune was not comparing the same grade level from last year. He stated we will celebrate our increased scores and pointed out our scores were still the highest in the county.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hanson reminded the Board our annual opening year breakfast will be tomorrow morning at PHS in the commons beginning at 7:15 with breakfast. Mr. Brimbury stated he will introduce new teachers and share his opening comments at 8:15. With no further business to discuss Ms. Rice moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved. The work session was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Secretary,

Tim Comerford

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