

September 16, 2024

Dr. Quin led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:19 p.m. The following board members were present Dr. Quin, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Beattie, Ms. Justice, Mr. Mullett. Dr. Rogers and Mr. Wolfe were absent.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING - Dr. Quin called the budget public hearing to order. Chad Blacklock from Stifel Public Finance reviewed the 2025 budget, the 2025-2029 school bus replacement, and 2025-2027 capital projects plan. It was noted that this is an informational hearing. The adoption will be at the October meeting. Dr. Quin asked if there were any public comments or further discussion. There were none. At 6:29 p.m. Ms. Justice motioned to adjourn the hearing.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION HEARING - Chad Blacklock reviewed the additional appropriation in excess of the budget for the current year.
Education Fund - 1.8 million
Operation Budget - 1 million

Action was taken in the regular public session following hearings.

At 6:40 p.m. Ms. Justice motioned to adjourn the additional appropriation hearing.

STUDENT RECOGNITION - Mrs. Eddy principal of Elmwood Primary Learning Center introduced students of the month.

PROJECT HEARING - At 6:52 p.m. Dr. Quin opened the hearing. He stated that if anyone would like to speak on the renovation of and improvements to school facilities, including deferred maintenance improvements, site and athletics improvements, and the purchase of technology and equipment (collectively, the "Project") for them to please sign the comment form located at the desk. He stated that everyone signed up to speak will be given 3 minutes each at the end of the hearing. He also requested that speakers only comment on the project. The first hearing on the preliminary determination for the Project was held on September 9, 2024. Notice of both public hearings was published as legally required in the Peru Tribune on August 29, 2024, and was sent via first class mail to the Miami County Clerk. The proofs of publication of the notice of the hearings are on file and was presented.

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 20-26-7-37, before a school corporation may spend more than \$1,000,000 to build, repair or alter a school building that will be financed by a lease or bonds, it must hold a public hearing. Additionally, pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1, whenever a school corporation with a certain debt service tax rates proposes to issue bonds for the construction or renovation of a school building or buildings resulting in total costs in excess of certain thresholds, such school building or buildings resulting in total costs in excess of certain thresholds, such school corporation is required to hold two public hearings on its preliminary determination to issue such bonds. This public hearing and the consideration of resolutions, which are going to happen later, are the very beginning of the legal process. These resolutions establish the maximum financial terms for the proposed Project. The purpose of the hearing is two-fold: (1) to inform the public as to the proposed Projects; and (2) to allow all interested parties, taxpayers and patrons of the School Corporation to voice their opinions as to the Projects and ask any questions.

After the purpose of the hearing was explained, the presentations regarding the need for the Project were given. An evaluation of the existing facilities and equipment was then presented, as well as a discussion of the details of the proposed Project. The estimated Project cost and schedule were then presented to the public. It was explained how this Project could be funded, and the potential tax rate impact the Project would have on the community.

Dr. Quin then opened the hearing for public comment. There were none.

At the conclusion of the public testimony and question, the board considered the Project Resolution to complete the Project at a cost of more than one million dollars. On motion by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. Mullett the board unanimously approved the Project Resolution 5-0.

Next the board considered the Preliminary Determination Resolution to issue bonds in order to complete the Project. On motion by Mr. Mullett, seconded by Ms. Justice the board unanimously approved the Preliminary Determination Resolution 5-0.

The board then considered a Reimbursement Resolution. On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Beattie the board unanimously approved the Reimbursement Resolution 5-0.

On motion by Ms. Justice, the Board adjourned the hearing at 6:56 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:56 p.m. by Dr. Quin.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Hoover, the Board unanimously approved the public agenda 5-0 with the following changes: III. C. table item and change to information only, no board action.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the Board unanimously approved the memorandum of August 19, 2024. 5-0

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - no comments.

III. AGREEMENTS

A. GIBRALTAR DESIGN LETTER OF INTENT - The letter of intent from Gibraltar Design with Peru Community Schools to hire Gibraltar Design as the district's architect/engineer partner for upcoming new building projects and/or district-wide facility improvements was presented to board members. Dr. Quin recommended to have the time frame be by school year.

On motion by Mr. Mullett, seconded by Ms. Justice the board unanimously approved the Gibraltar Design letter of intent. 5-0.

B. STIFEL ENGAGEMENT - Mr. McCormick requested approval of the engagement agreement between Stifel Public Finance and Peru Community Schools relating to budget and planning services (The Project). It was noted the agreement is for half the year. July1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Hoover the board voted 4-0-1, Dr. Quin abstained to approve the engagement agreement with Stifel Public Finance.

C. HEARTLAND CAREER CENTER OPERATING AGREEMENT - This item was tabled.

D. TUITION AGREEMENT - Mr. McCormick requested approval to pay a maximum of \$1,500 for the 2024-2025 school year towards Shannon Smith's guidance counseling certification at Grand Canyon University.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Hoover the board unanimously approved the tuition agreement. 5-0

E. MASTERS DEGREE COMPLETION - Duane Johansen \$1,000 stipend for completing a Master of Education in International and Comparative Education.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Beattie the board unanimously approved the Masters degree stipend. 5-0

IV. BUSINESS

A. Donations

1. \$300.00 - to Junior Senior High band for general use from Robert Arvin Jr.
2. \$200.00 - to Elmwood for end of the year bikes from anonymous donor.

On motion by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Ms. Justice the board unanimously approved the donations. 5-0

B. NIPSCO PROJECT - An easement compensation proposal for Heartland Career center was presented.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Beattie the board unanimously approved the proposal. 5-0

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

A. FACILITY USE REQUESTS -

1. Miami County Biddy Basketball League -
 - *Elmwood gym from October 28, 2024-February 8, 2025. Evenings for practices and Saturdays for games. Time estimates Monday thru Friday 5 pm-8 pm. Saturday 8am-2pm.
 - *Blair Pointe gym request for November 22 in the evening for picture day set up and November 23 during the day for pictures. Saturdays for games running from December 7, 2024-February 15, 2025. If there is any available time for practices during the season they would love that also.
 - *Old Junior High gym on Saturdays for games running from December 7, 2024-February 15, 2025.

--League would like permission to replace the bulbs in the scoreboard in the old Junior High--

On motion by Mr. Mullett, seconded by Ms. Justice, the board unanimously approved the facility use request. 5-0

VII. PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/ SUSPENSIONS/TERMINATIONS

1. Michelle King-Green - resignation as a 1:1 aide at the Junior Senior High effective 9.9.24.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Hoover, the Board approved the Resignations/Retirements/Suspensions/Terminations by a vote of 5-0.

B. RECOMMENDATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1. Josh Murray - 10 days leave of absence request - effective January 6, 2025 - January 16, 2025 - could return sooner than January 16, 2025 - start date could possibly begin before January 6, 2025.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the board unanimously approved the leave of absence. 5-0

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED/ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

1. Amiah Cannon - transfer from sub bus monitor to bus monitor
2. Brandy Garretson - Elmwood one to one special education aide (pending background check)
3. Sidney Smith - part time custodian for South Peru and Administration office (retro start Sept. 3, 2024)
4. Stacia Balaira - Elmwood kitchen cook

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Hoover, the Board approved the recommendation Certified/Administrative positions by a vote of 5-0.

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR SUB TEACHER/NURSE/CAFETERIA/TRANSPORTATION POSITIONS

1. Charles Cole - sub teacher for all buildings (pending background check)
2. Emmily Musser - sub teacher for all buildings
3. Anna Garner - sub nurse for all buildings
4. Alaura Case - sub teacher for all buildings (pending background check)
5. Debra Helton - cafeteria sub for all buildings (pending background check)
6. Andrea Colelli - sub teacher for all buildings (pending background check)
7. Tammy Manriquez - sub cafeteria for all buildings (pending background check)

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Mullett, the Board approved the recommendation for Classified positions by vote of 5-0.

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Ryann Constable - 7th grade (lay) girls volleyball assistant coach. (pending background check)
2. Chris Snyder - ELL corporation coordinator.
3. Landon Caldwell - volunteer (lay) co-ed cross country assistant coach.
4. Brianna Craig - volunteer (lay) Blair Pointe intramural girls volleyball coach.
5. Alisha Jent - volunteer (lay) Blair Pointe intramural girls volleyball coach.
6. Delorean Moore - volunteer (lay) Blair Pointe intramural girls volleyball coach.
7. Karlie Atkinson - volunteer (lay) Blair Pointe intramural girls volleyball coach.
8. Katie Arwood - volunteer (lay) Blair Pointe intramural girls volleyball coach.
9. Torion'Ja Forrest - head varsity girls track coach.
10. Devin Reagle - head varsity girls wrestling coach.
11. Jenna Hayes - freshman class sponsor
12. Kelly Stillings - volunteer (lay) BP intramural cross-country coach.
13. Jazzmyan Harrison - volunteer (lay) BP intramural cross-country coach.
14. Jeff Morehead - elementary (lay) volunteer football coach (change from paid coach approved on 8.19.24)
15. J.J. Burns - corporation testing coordinator
16. Shine Hall - assistant corporation testing coordinator

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the Board approved the recommendation for extra-curricular positions by a vote of 5-0.

F. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED STAFF RECRUITMENT RETENTION STIPENDS

1. Maria Elser - \$1,000
2. Ethan Hyde - \$1,000
3. Amy Lunceford - \$1,000
4. Hannah Olson - \$1,000
5. Mackinsey Wentz - \$1,000
6. Gwen Werner - \$1,000

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Hoover, the board approved the recommendation for certified staff recruitment retention stipends by a vote of 4-1-0. Mr. Mullett voted no.

G. REQUEST TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

1. FALL SAFETY CONFERENCE - 2-DAY RECERTIFICATION: Rod Richard, Steve Hoover, Pat Polk, Clint Mathews - Indianapolis - October 21-22, 2024, Requesting lodging for 1 night, meals, mileage, parking.
2. SKYWARD USER CONFERENCE - Jennifer Forth - Indianapolis October 3, 2024. Requesting registration \$190.00 and mileage.

On motion by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Ms. Justice, the board unanimously approved the request to attend conferences. 5-0

VIII. BUDGET

A. CLAIMS -On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the Board approved the claims by a vote of 5-0, as follows:

AP SUMMARY	
EDUCATION FUND	91,548.75
OPERATING FUND	206,684.49
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	72,194.99
INSURANCE WELLNESS CLINIC	228.73
REIMBURSABLE FUND	388.56
LOCAL ADULT ED GRANT	340.00
DONATION/SPECIAL ED TEACHERS	21.79
KROGER REWARDS	131.29
HIGH ABILITY GRANT	4,840.30
TITLE I 23/24	1,727.11
TITLE IV-A SAFE & DRUG FREE	568.00
TITLE IV, PART A FFY 23	364.74
TITLE II GRANT CFDA 84.367A	1,051.00
TITLE VIB RLIS FFY 21-23	258.27
ESSER III	33,517.65
TOTAL	413,865.67
PR SUMMARY	
EDUCATION FUND	123,873.30
OPERATING FUND	12,458.71
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	2,604.90
SECURED SCHOOL CURRENT 2022	1,492.59
TITLE I 23/24	108.46
GROUP INSURANCE	5,084.62
RETIREEES-TERM LIFE INSURANCE	273.00
FRINGE BENEFITS	418,197.34
TOTAL	564,092.92

B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Ms. Enyeart reviewed the monthly fund monitoring report. Questions were asked and answered.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Mullett, the Board unanimously approved the fund monitoring report 5-0. Dr. Quin noted the rainy-day fund has not been reimbursed from the bus purchase.

C. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION - The additional appropriation in excess of the budget for the current year was reviewed.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Hoover, the board unanimously approved the appropriation. 5-0

IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. BOARD MEMBER - Dr. Quin thanked the staff.

X. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS - No comment

With the no further business Mr. Beattie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm.

Secretary,

Brittany Justice