

October 13, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mrs. Shuey. Mrs. Shuey led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Aliya Pruett, a PJHS student, also sang the National Anthem. Ms. Spiker said she is very proud of Aliya because she has not been in choir before. Aliya said was encouraged to try something new and loves choir and Mrs. Terry! All Board members were present. Also present were Mr. Watkins, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Minard, Ms. Spiker, Mr. McClure, Ms. Halton, Mr. Bishir, a patron, four PJHS students, and a news media representative.

On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board unanimously approved the agenda with the deletion of the volunteer coaches from the personnel consent report, the memorandum of September 8, and the personnel report as revised.

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Patty McCormick - PHS foreign language teacher - retirement effective end of 2014-15 school year

B. LEAVES

1. Caley Stith - Elmwood 1st grade teacher - leave effective January 5 - February 24, 2015

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITION

1. Temporary contract wages - beginning teacher rate of \$185.85 per day rather than the temporary teacher's daily rate of pay

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Jim Hoover - part-time SRO KEYS Academy
2. Katrina Baker - Blair Pointe Instructional Aide
3. Nurse Health Care Assistants - PHS - Christel Dziengel, PJHS - Kyletta Marburger, KEYS - Kristi Eddy, Blair Pointe - Danyell Hillman, Elmwood - Jo Enyeart
4. Leah Jeffers - from sub to full time café Blair Pointe
5. Tonia Ray - KEYS Academy teacher - October 15 - December 19 on Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays
6. Amber Sturch - KEYS Academy teacher - October 15 - December 19 on Monday and Wednesdays
7. Judy Wylam - Elmwood 1st and 2nd grade G/T instructor
8. Wage increases
 - Accounts Payable - from \$14.69 to \$16.45
 - SRO - from \$20 to \$20.47 (overlooked their 2.34% raise in Sept.)All retroactive to July 1 / beginning of school year
9. Substitute teachers with teaching license/degree - from \$75 to \$80, effective 10/14/14

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Jennifer Hopkins - assistant speech (lay) coach
2. Brent Touloukian - varsity assistant boys' basketball (lay) coach
3. Mike Kay - JV boys' basketball (lay) coach
4. Keith Zimmer - freshman head boys' basketball coach
5. Doug Muzzillo - varsity girls' assistant basketball (lay) coach
6. Ron Whitney - JV girls' head basketball (lay) coach
7. Gary Downing - 8th gr. boys' head basketball (lay) coach
8. Jamie Wright - 8th gr. boys' assistant basketball (lay) coach
9. Kip Chandler - 7th gr. boys' head basketball (lay) coach
10. Mike Gapski - 7th gr. boys' assistant basketball (lay) coach
11. Taylor Smith - 8th gr. girls' head basketball (lay) coach
12. Chelsea Smith - 8th gr. girls' assistant basketball (lay) coach
13. Gail Raber - 7th gr. girls' head basketball (lay) coach
14. Kristin Unger - 7th gr. girls' assistant basketball (lay) coach
15. Chris McKinney - PJHS head wrestling (lay) coach
16. Brett Worden - PJHS assistant wrestling (lay) coach
17. Greg Mullett - 5th gr. basketball travel (lay) coach

F. REQUESTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES

1. Jason Cary - Fall Principals' Conf. - November 24-25, 2014 - Indianapolis - mileage, registration \$279, meals \$40, and parking \$40
2. Rob Hileman - National PLTW Conference - November 2-5, 2014 - Indianapolis - registration - \$595, lodging (share with Mr. Bishir) - \$555, meals - \$80
3. James Bishir - National PLTW Conference - November 2-5, 2014 - Indianapolis - registration - \$595, lodging shared with Mr. Hileman
4. Kenneth Hanson, George Morris, Chris Butte, and Dave Moon (all two days) and Doug Meyer (one day) - HEEC Conference - November 12 -14, 2014 - Indianapolis - registration - \$1,475, lodging - \$440.60, parking - \$40, meals - \$130

G. REQUEST FOR FIELD TRIP - no business

H. DONATIONS

1. \$1,500 - Blair Pointe Outdoor Science Lab donation from Tri-Kappa. The philanthropic organization states with children today spending more and more time consuming media than with enjoying the world outside, they believe the Outdoor Science Lab is an important asset to our community that needs attention. Mr. Hahn states the students could also benefit from having picnic tables in the area to have outdoor class time.
2. \$200 - PHS band from Robert Arvin Jr.
3. \$260 - PHS library book fund from the Class of 1979

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments.

II. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Watkins congratulated the boys' soccer team as the sectional champion and advancing to regional Thursday evening. He also congratulated the boys' cross country for placing 2nd in MIC and advancing to regionals at Culver. He also pointed out the boys' tennis team won the sectional this year.

Mr. Watkins thanked Mrs. Hochstedler for all her work with the students and Mississinewa 1812 trip.

Mr. Watkins also acknowledged KEYS Academy has 94 credits so far. He reported all the seniors at KEYS are in position to graduate on time.

Mr. Watkins specifically noted the donations the Board approved on the consent agenda adding we are very grateful for the support of the community.

III. PROGRAM

- A. PJHS PRESENTATION - Ms. Spiker introduced two new PJHS teachers and the classes they are teaching, Janel Halton, art teacher, and James Bishir, Project Lead the Way teacher. She thanked the Board for the full time art position.

Ms. Halton thanked the Board for hiring her. She stated she loves her job teaching four sections of art. She introduced three of her top students, Kayla Nance, Addy Ulery, and Lukas Maynard, who shared some of their artwork with the Board. The Board asked what some of their favorite artwork was. Addy said she liked water colors. Lukas stated he likes drawing. Ms. Halton stated they have also worked with oil pastels. She noted art therapy has been a huge success. She added as the program grows they would like to have an art club noting not all kids are good at athletics. The club would help them be better artists and prepare for high school. The Board asked the students if they will continue with art at the high school. They replied they would. One student was even interested in designing. Ms. Halton said textiles is even a part of art.

Mr. James Bishir is the new Project Lead the Way teacher. He shared his background with robotics teaching in Florida. He

stated the PLTW program at PJHS is the gateway to the high school program. He said the students are engaged in the design and modeling program at this time. Their projects are performance-based tested. He said they are incorporating real world problems and teamwork. That is one component. Another component, which he is trained in, is animation and robotics. Students compete in project-based challenges. The programs engage the students in math and science. He stated he has approximately 50 students in the program. Mr. Hanson stated we are excited to offer this program at the jr. high. Mr. Watkins stated we have had the program at PJHS before but not with this level of training experience Mr. Bishir has to teach the students.

- B. BOARD PARTICIPATION REPORT - Mr. Watkins reviewed the third quarter Board participation report. He stated this was a busy quarter with 337 hours reported. He thanked the Board for their attendance at all the meetings, special meetings, and events. A copy of the report is in Supplementary Minute book #14, page 12.
- C. ADM REPORT - Mr. Watkins stated count day was September 12. Our student enrollment is nearly 20 students more than was projected. Mr. Hall stated he has a 20-year ADM history and was pleasantly surprised with the increase over the projection which was basically all at PHS. He noted this projection equates to an increase of more than \$50,000 for our tuition assistance this school year. Mr. Hanson stated the second count day will be in February.

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. Comerford, unanimously approved as follows:

GENERAL FUND	315,943.55
CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,184.79
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	12,169.09
TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT	215.00
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	34,818.63
INSURANCE WELLNESS CLINIC	500.00
COLLEGE SUCCESS COALITION	51.65
TITLE I 2014-15	2,234.21
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	54.38
ADULT EDUCATION	237.76
TITLE II-A 14/15 CFDA 84.367	949.47
TITLE VI-B RURAL/LOW INCOME	918.00
FEDERAL TAX	53,529.43
SOCIAL SECURITY	42,226.78
TEACHER RETIREMENT	55.40
GROUP INSURANCE	1,951.13
ANNUITIES	12,498.28
AMERICAN FUNDS REPAYMENT	484.16
CHILD SUPPORT	866.00
TOTAL	\$ 480,887.71

- B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall stated we are at 74.4% of receipts for general fund. He noted we are pretty much on target for all funds. Ms. Rice moved to approve the report, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved.
- C. BUDGET ADOPTION - Mr. Hall presented the following items for budget adoption: Resolution of Appropriation and Tax Rate, Adoption of Capital Projects Plan, Adoption of Bus Replacement Plan, Levy Neutrality Resolution, and Resolution to Reduce an Existing Appropriation. He noted we have 2013 funds that we cannot spend. Approving the resolution allows us to put it in the 2015 CPF budget. Dr. Quin asked that in the future the Board have the opportunity to review what other options there would be for funds not used. Mr. Hall asked for one motion to approve all the items. Mr. Comerford motioned to adopt the budget as presented, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved. A copy of the budget paperwork is in Supplementary Minute Book #14, page 13.

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

A. REQUEST TO USE FACILITIES -

1. PAL basketball - Blair Pointe gym - 3rd - 6th grade girls' basketball practice (all girls are BP students / games are played in Kokomo) - 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. on Fridays beginning ASAP until November 21 - requested by Coach Weeks. Waive Certificate of Liability Ins. requirement and rental fees.

Mr. Watkins stated he did approve this and they started two weeks ago. He noted he will do a better job in getting the requests to the Board prior to the facilities being used. This request did come in after the September meeting. Dr. Quin moved to approve the requests, seconded by Mr. Wagner, unanimously approved. Dr. Quin thanked Mr. Watkins for his comments.

- B. PERMISSION TO BID FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE PICKUP WITH SNOW PLOW - Mr. Hall requested permission to bid a four-wheel drive pickup truck with a snow plow stating we learned from last winter's weather we had inadequate capacity to clear our lots from major snow fall in a timely manner. He stated this will be an additional vehicle with a standard cab and regular fuel. On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Ms. Rice, the Board unanimously granted permission to bid for the truck.
- C. RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTIVITY BUS - Mr. Hall stated three bids were received through Wilson Educational Center for a 12-passenger activity bus with a wheel chair lift. MacAllister's bid was \$59,581, Kerlin's bid was \$56,234, and Midwest's bid was \$58,904. He stated with the addition of the transition class at PJHS and a wheel chair student attending Wabash, the activity bus with the lift is in big demand. A teacher or coach can drive the activity buses versus a bus driver which is a financial savings to the corporation. He recommended awarding the bid to Kerlin. On motion by Dr. Quin, seconded by Mr. Stanton, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation.
- D. DISCUSSION OF THREE-HOUR DELAY - Mr. Watkins asked for permission to begin a discussion with the principals and Scott Thompson to meet and discuss the possibility of implementing a 3-hour delay on days the weather is questionable and two hours is not sufficient time for the weather or conditions to clear. Mr. Wagner moved to approve the request, seconded by Ms. Rice, unanimously approved.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

- A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Watkins thanked Ms. Spiker and Mr. McClure for hosting tonight's meeting.

Mr. Watkins updated the Board on the Integrated Technology Education program at PHS. Ivy Tech received a \$3.27 million grant to put into the program over the next three years. PHS students will take dual credits, paid for by the grant, which will lead to certification in the programs while still PHS students. As graduates they could have technical certificates and be well on their way to earning associate's degree. Mr. Watkins stated he is excited PHS is meshing classes with Ivy Tech. He noted the college credits will transfer. He emphasized every student needs to go to college, but that college education does not look the same for all students - certification program, vocational, 2-year degree, or 4-year degree. Mr. Hanson stated we got in on the initial steps, and he is excited about the program. He added this is an excellent opportunity for Peru students.

Mr. Watkins also stated we are working with Honeywell Center on the educational outreach program in art. He stated Mr. Hahn, Mrs. Watkins, and he met with Teresa Galley from Honeywell today. Once a month Honeywell Center will work with the 3rd grade art classes culmination with our Art Gallery at the end of the year.

B. BOARD - Mrs. Shuey stated we are having great success with the athletic program. She stated the play was good this weekend too.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Stanton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Secretary,

Tim Comerford

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