

October 16, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Mrs. Shuey. Mrs. Shuey led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present. Also present were Mr. Watkins, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Minard, Mr. Morris, Mr. Frye, Mr. Prescott, Ms. Spiker, Mr. McClure, Mrs. Eddy, patrons, and local news media representatives.

On motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the Board approved the public agenda, the memorandum of September 11, and the personnel report by a 5-1-1 vote (Mr. Mullett abstained and Dr. Quin opposed).

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Jordyn Rossi - resignation - transportation effective September 29, 2017
2. Jerry Schoenberger - resignation - delivery driver/warehouseman, effective October 6, 2017
3. Mary Miller - resignation - Elmwood instructional aide, effective October 6, 2017
4. Matt Crawford - resignation - 8th grade head boys' basketball coach, effective October 11, 2017
5. Debra Wix - termination - PJHS food service worker, effective September 13, 2017

B. LEAVES

1. Emily Truax - Elmwood 2nd grade teacher, January 16 - February 23, 2018

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS

1. Bob Prescott - PHS Assistant Principal, effective October 16, 2017, \$73,500 for 205-day contract. (Will be prorated for this school year.)
2. Angela Ebert - PJHS temporary music teacher, October 16 - November 14, 2017

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Donnie Mullett - Blair Pointe head custodian, effective September 19, 2017
2. Irene Center - Blair Pointe temporary instructional aide, effective October 16 - November 14, 2017
3. Sara Sharp - Elmwood evening custodian, effective October 9, 2017
4. Jill Thomlison - Elmwood instructional aide, effective October 16, 2017
5. Shalayna Correll - Elmwood temporary instructional aide, effective October 16, 2017
6. Permission to hire - KEYS Academy instructional assistant
7. Jessica Hiles - temporary part-time custodian, effective as soon as possible
8. Dennis Frye - maintenance, effective October 17, 2017
9. Carl Philpot - delivery/warehouseman, effective as soon as possible
10. Jennifer Hopkins - classified representative to North Central Indiana School Insurance Consortium for one year

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Teresa McCain - Blair Pointe academic coach/robotics
2. Stephany Astrup - Blair Pointe academic coach/robotics
3. Gloria Werner - PJHS NJHS sponsor
4. Amy Wilson - PJHS NJHS sponsor
5. Daniel Wyant - 7th grade head boys' basketball coach
6. Jamie Wright - 7th grade assistant boys' basketball (lay) coach
7. Justin Engel - 8th grade head boys' basketball (lay) coach
8. Terry T. Smith - 8th grade assistant boys' basketball (lay) coach
9. Takiya McCord - head gymnastics (lay) coach
10. Kayla Boggs - assistant gymnastics (lay) coach
11. Terry B. Smith - varsity assistant boys' basketball (lay) coach

12. Travis Smith - jr. varsity head boys' basketball (lay) coach
13. Josh Ulery - freshman boys' basketball (lay) coach
14. Doug Muzzillo - varsity assistant girls' basketball (lay) coach
15. Ron Whitney - jr. varsity head girls' basketball (lay) coach
16. Jenny Glasier - PHS girls' basketball volunteer
17. Kelsie Lilla - PHS girls' basketball volunteer
18. Stacie Swinford - PHS girls' basketball volunteer
19. Chris McKinney - jr. varsity assistant wrestling coach
20. Tom Brunner - PHS wrestling volunteer
21. Adam Constable - PHS wrestling volunteer
22. Dave Hoover - PHS wrestling volunteer
23. Dustin Kern - PHS wrestling volunteer
24. Evan Loe - PHS wrestling volunteer
25. Peyton Sturgill - PHS wrestling volunteer
26. Colin Quin - PHS wrestling volunteer

F. REQUEST FOR CONFERENCE

1. Caitlin Nieto & JJ Burns - PHS Guidance Counselors - ISCA Conf. In Indianapolis November 2-3, 2017 - conference \$400 (total for both), lodging \$108 plus taxes for each
2. Ken Hanson - HECC Conf in Indianapolis November 10-11, 2017 - conference \$325, lodging \$194 (one night), and parking \$40
3. Jennifer Hopkins - IASBO Leadership Academy in Indianapolis November 16-17, 2017, March 15-16, and April 12-13, 2018 - lodging \$158 and mileage \$60 for each session
4. Dan Durrwachter - WIDA National Conf in Tampa, FL - October 16 -19, 2017 - registration, lodging, transportation, and meals = \$1,805 paid by EL grants
5. Sam Watkins - EPIC presentations and graduation Butler University - November 15, 2017 - lodging and parking for one night

G. DONATIONS

1. \$25 - PHS band - Keller Memorial donation from Carol Johnson
2. \$50 - PHS band - Keller Memorial donation from Kara Shaw
3. \$50 - PHS band - Keller Memorial donation from Dooley Funeral Home
4. \$50 - PHS band - Keller Memorial donation from Randy & Marcia Poisel
5. \$100 - PHS band - Keller Memorial donation from Allen & Kimberly Reiling
6. \$100 - PHS band - Keller Memorial donation from Circle City Ringers
7. \$100 - PHS band - Keller Memorial donation from Angelo & Christy Julovich
8. \$200 - PHS band - Keller Memorial donation from Leesa Kercheval
9. \$500 - PHS band - Keller Memorial donation from Decision Information Systems, Inc.
10. \$50 - Blair Pointe Robotics Club - Hometown Credit Union
11. \$100 - Blair Pointe Robotics Club - Comerford & Co.
12. \$500 - Blair Pointe Robotics Club - Schneider Electric

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - no comments

- II. BLACK AND GOLD AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS - Mr. McClure recognized Ruben Dilworth, PJHS football coach, for his dedication to his players. Mr. McClure stated at a recent game two players collided on the football field. One had to be taken to the hospital. Coach Dilworth contacted the parents and stayed with the parents and player at the hospital until the injury results were determined. Mr. McClure stated Coach Dilworth is not the only coach showing concern and dedication to his players, but he wanted the Board to be aware of the caliber of coaches PCS has on staff. Mr. Watkins noted Coach Dilworth is a long time coach for PCS as he coached at PJHS football when Mr. Watkins was the PJHS principal.

III. PROGRAM

- A. PJHS ENGINEERING PRESENTATION - Mr. Watkins stated PLTW Pathways at the high school level as well as classes at PJHS. Mr. Worden is building the program at the jr. high level. Ms. Spiker stated Mr. Elliott is doing more of the computer base work while Mr. Worden is doing the hands on portion of the class. Ms. Spiker shared her observation of the class when they were racing their boats. Mr. Worden stated he was one of the first students in the high school classes when they began PLTW. Mr. Worden noted this is his first year in the new position as the engineering teacher at PJHS and he is having fun learning along with the students. Mr. Worden and Brady Ream, a student, presented projects - CO2 car, mouse trap car, skimmer boats, and airplanes. Brady stated his favorite project was the skimmer boats. He said they started out big and then got as small as a quarter. Mr. Watkins said the students begin projects as a draft and they will be moving on to CAD CAM. Mr. Worden said future projects include table router, and a communications projects of making a T-shirt, and making tool boxes. The Board thanked Mr. Worden and Brady for their presentation and excitement.
- B. KIDS HOPE USA - Mr. Watkins stated Mrs. Eddy and Mr. Walker presented this project for Elmwood students at the September Board meeting. Mr. Walker stated if the Kids Hope USA program is adopted, the adults will start the mentor training. He said it would actually be a couple months before they would actually meet with the students. He stated there are nine steps to the training. He noted it will be very important for everyone to know their role. He reiterated all volunteers will have background checks and will provide a valid ID for each visit. Mr. Wolfe asked if the meeting between the student and mentor will be at lunch time. Mr. Walker said that will be the intent, but they will be flexible with the students' schedules. Mr. Wolfe also asked if the volunteers could only be from the church. Mr. Walker responded they are willing to partner with whomever is interested in being a mentor but the individual has to go through First Presbyterian Church for the background check and mentoring training. Mr. Walker pointed out it will be made clear the separation of the church and school. Mr. Watkins recommended the Board approve the program. Dr. Quin moved to approve the program, seconded by Mr. Mullett, unanimously approved.
- C. REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - Mr. Watkins stated this is part of our JAG program at PHS. Mr. Tyler Ness, Youth Team Leader for Jobs for America's Graduates, was present to explain JAG and the leadership conference. Mrs. Diana Kerrigan is the instructor and requested permission for Dreamah Routt, JAG President, and Jaqueline Cook, JAG Vice President, to attend the 2017 JAG National Student Leadership Conference on November 27 - December 2, 2017, in Washington, D.C. Mr. Ness explained the expenses will be paid by JAG except for one lunch and Metro Fair on the first day. He noted this will be his third trip. There will be two other adults and seven students from other area schools attending. Mr. Watkins recommended the Board approve this trip noting it has been extremely beneficial for the students. He added it has been very beneficial for the students in internships as well. Dr. Quin moved to approve the trip noting this is a great opportunity for the students, especially with the funding being provided. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion, unanimously approved.
- D. NEOLA POLICIES FIRST READING - Mr. Watkins briefly reviewed NEOLA policies for a first reading. He stated he will request approval at the November meeting.
- po0100 Definitions
 - po2261.01 Parent Participation in Title I Programs
 - po5111 01 Homeless Students
 - po5111.03 Children and Youth in Foster Care
 - po6330 Approval of Contracts
 - po8330 Student Records

Mr. Mullett asked about the definition of homeless and questioned the living conditions to include trailer parks. He understood the portion of the definition including campers and hotels but noted several of our students live in trailer parks. Mr. Watkins stated he would check into the definition further.

IV. BUDGET

A. CLAIMS - Mr. Hall presented and reviewed claims. Several questions were asked and answers given. Mr. Mullett moved to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Comerford, unanimously approved. (Dr. Quin was absent at the time of the vote.)

GENERAL FUND	250,667.57
CAPITAL PROJECTS	103,480.46
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	30,896.82
TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT	222.00
CONSTRUCTION 2016 GO BOND	597,343.76
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	75,451.94
TEXTBOOK RENTAL FUND	795.00
DONATION/SPECIAL ED TEACHERS	488.87
PBIS	1,032.34
PARENT/STUDENT ACTIVITIES FU	350.92
KROGER REWARDS	1,140.30
GIFTED TALENTED FUND 2016-17	542.56
TECHNOLOGY FUND	8,913.67
TITLE I 2017-18	2,732.62
TITLE I 2012-13	538.31
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	1,757.35
TITLE II GRANT CFDA 84.36A	1,251.41
GROUP INSURANCE	370.80
RETIREEES-TERM LIFE INSURANCE	557.70
BOOK RENT	11,558.87
FRINGE BENEFITS	<u>419,325.18</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,509,418.45

B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall reviewed the fund monitoring report for the month of September. He noted there were three pay periods in September. He stated our ending general fund balance is \$1.3 million cash balance or 9.1%. Our target is 10%. He noted we will recover that more toward 11% by the end of the year. He stated the hot lunch fund has made some progress compared to this time last year. He informed the Board he will be meeting with the food service director shortly to see if additional action will need to be taken to reduce the deficit. Mr. Comerford moved to accept the fund monitoring report, seconded by Ms. Rice, unanimously approved.

C. PUBLIC HEARING - 2018 BUDGETS, TAX RATE, AND TAX LEVY - Mrs. Shuey called the hearing to order. Mr. Hall reviewed the 2018 budget and levies noting we will be \$58,000 less than last year. In terms of rates, he is predicting \$1.53 compared to \$1.52. There were no public comments. Mrs. Shuey closed the public hearing. Mr. Hall stated the last two years we had two count days. We only have one count day that counts this year which is September. The February count will be informational. Our ADM is 2032 which translates into more funding and correlates more to what funding we have this year. He stated because of that we can spend more money, so he adjusted the budget. Board approval will be requested at the special October 30 Board meeting.

D. RESOLUTIONS - BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN AND CPF PLAN - Mr. Hall reviewed the bus replacement plan and CPF plan noting the tax levy of \$1,884,500 will be cut by the Dept. of Local Government Finance, and we will not get all of that. Mr. Hall requested Board approval of the plans. Dr. Quin moved to approve the resolution of the bus replacement plan, seconded by Mr. Mullett, unanimously approved. Ms. Rice moved to approve the resolution for the CPF Plan, seconded by Mr. Wagner, unanimously approved. A copy of the resolutions is in Supplementary Minute Book #14, page 69.

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

A. FACILITY USE REQUESTS -

1. YMCA - youth basketball league - Elmwood (ages 4-7) and South Peru (ages 8-12) from November 27, 2017 through March 10, 2018 - Monday thru Friday 4:00 - 8:00 while school is in session. Season tournament at Tig-Arena on Saturday, March 10, from 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
2. Kiwanis - PJHS gym - November 3 and 4 - Coats for Kids distribution (18th year) - Friday setup at 5:00 and Saturday distribution 8:00 - noon. This is an annual request. Also requested use of the box lunch truck on 11/3 to transport the coats from the YMCA storage barn to PJHS.
3. Kiwanis - PHS auditorium - November 10 - Veterans' Day Program - school presentation at 10:00 a.m. as well as public presentation at 11:00 a.m., annual request.

Mr. Wolfe moved to approve the requests, seconded by Mr. Wagner, unanimously approved.

- B. AGREEMENT WITH ROXY THEATER - Mr. Watkins thanked the Board for their input and well as Mr. Downs' preparation and review of the agreement. Mr. Watkins shared we need parking for the Tiger Cub practices, games, cross country meets, and for the soccer matches. He noted we will be adding parking off of Broadway and Hay St. but will still need this additional parking. He stated an agreement has been reached with Roxy Theater on behalf of the Roxy 5, LLC for PCS to use the Roxy Theater parking lot for athletic events. On motion by Mr. Comerford, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the agreement. A copy of the agreement is in Supplementary Minute Book #14, page 70.

- C. FOOD SERVICE ADULT MEAL INCREASE - Mr. Hall requested the Board increase the adult breakfast price from \$1.80 to \$2.05. He noted this increase is due to the state mandating our meal prices using the formula for reimbursable meal pricing and the participation in the CEP. On motion by Ms. Rice, seconded by Mr. Mullett, the Board approved the increase effective real soon.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

- A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Watkins recognized Jason Gornto stating he has worked with many of his students. He was pleased to share that all 27 of his seniors received acceptance letters to IVY Tech.

Mr. Watkins stated Mr. Applegate and Mr. Zwiebel have several students with artwork on display at Honeywell in Wabash.

Mr. Watkins stated the cross country team had five team members advance to regionals. They are a young team and all will be returning next year.

Mr. Watkins stated the 2nd annual Tiger Athletic night will be held tomorrow evening at Bengal Memorial Stadium from 6:30 - 8:00. There will be a cook out, music, and free activities for the kids with the high school coaches and athletes.

Mr. Watkins thanked the Board for attending the ISBA Fall Conference. He stated it was very beneficial for the Board.

Mr. Watkins thanked Mr. Wagner and Mr. Mullett for their participation on teacher negotiations.

Mr. Watkins stated we continue to have academic success in our schools. We have great students, parents, teachers, support staff, and administrators. He was pleased to stated PCS maintained a 'B' rating.

Mr. Watkins reminded the Board of a special meeting on Monday, October 30, at 5:30 p.m. at the Admin Center.

Mr. Watkins stated our ADM is 2032. He noted we maintained a large portion of our transfer students. We have a lot of people choosing Peru Schools. We have a good culture and climate.

- B. BOARD - Mr. Wagner stated HCC has received a tentative agreement with the teachers.

Dr. Quin stated on behalf of the Parks Board the golf course is in good condition and he encouraged the cross country team to return for their cross country course.

Mr. Hall reported on the recent ACAB meeting. He stated they are updating the insurance values of new donations.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Rice moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Secretary,

Tim Comerford

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