

October 19, 2021

Mr. Mullett led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:24 p.m. All Board members were present. Also present were Mr. Watkins, Mr. Durrwachter, Mrs. Conley, Mr. Morris, Mr. Moon, Ms. Enyeart, Mr. Frye, Mrs. Blong, Mrs. Roettger, Ms. Wolfe, Barton Co. representatives, PCS legal representation, local news media, and patrons.

BUDGET ADOPTION MEETING - Mr. Durrwachter stated that these are the three documents that were covered in the September meeting: Bus Replacement Plan, Capital Projects Plan, and Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates. Mr. Durrwachter briefly reviewed each plan with the Board and audience in attendance.

On motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board unanimously approved the bus replacement plan.

On motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the Board approved the Capital Projects Fund Plan by a vote of 5-2, Dr. Quin and Ms. Justice opposed.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the Board approved the Ordinance/Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates by a vote of 6-1, Dr. Quin opposed.

A copy of all three resolutions can be found in Supplementary Minute Book #16, page 42.

Mr. Mullett then closed the budget adoption meeting at 6:32 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Mr. Mullett.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Dr. Quin, the Board unanimously approved the public agenda with 2 changes (pull III.E.5 and III.E.6 to be voted on separately).

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the Board unanimously approved the memorandum of September 21, 2021.

- I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments.
- II. BLACK & GOLD AWARDS/RECOGNITION - Senior volleyball player, Cate Wolfe, her parents, and Coach Roettger were in attendance to receive an award for Cate's 1,000<sup>th</sup> assist for her high school volleyball career.
- III. Program
  - A. RICHMOND ART MUSEUM PRESENTATION - Mrs. Alexandria Blong presented a power point presentation to the Board.
  - B. 7-12 PROGRAM UPDATE - Brian Bohlender and Eric Woodmansee gave the Board updates and pictures on the construction of the 7-12 program.
  - C. NEOLA SECOND READING - Mr. Watkins reviewed the following policies for a second reading and approval:
    - Po8390 - New - Animals on School Corporation Property
    - Po8400 - School Safety
    - Po8405 - Environmental Health and Safety Issues - Indoor Air Quality, Animals in The Classroom, and Idling Vehicles on School Property
    - Po8462 - Child Abuse and Neglect
    - Po8600 - Transportation
    - Po8800 - Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances
    - Po9700 - Relations with Special Interest Groups

On motion by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the Board unanimously approved the NEOLA second reading.

- D. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION INSTRUMENT - Mr. Watkins recommended the new superintendent evaluation instrument for approval.

On motion Dr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent evaluation instrument.

E. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Keith Zimmer - resignation as Varsity boys' assistant track coach, effective September 13, 2021.
2. Mary Whitcomb - resignation as PHS student council sponsor, effective September 13, 2021.
3. Lindsay Gibson - resignation as 7-12 Guidance Counselor and NJHS sponsor, effective September 29, 2021 and pending school board approval at new employer.
4. Jennifer Hopkins - resignation as Miami County Adult Education aide, effective October 11, 2021.
- ~~5. Employee #11018 - Administrative retirement benefits to be paid out in a four-year period. Pulled to vote seperately~~
- ~~6. Employee #1101300 - Administrative retirement benefits to be paid out in a four-year period. Pulled to vote seperately~~

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the resignations, retirements, and terminations by a vote of 6-0-1, Dr. Quin abstained.

5. Employee #11018 - Administrative retirement benefits to be paid out in a four-year period.
6. Employee #1101300 - Administrative retirement benefits to be paid out in a four-year period.

Mr. Watkins recommended to have discussions/negotiate with the two former employees and return with a number. Mr. Wolfe stated that for the purpose of being transparent, names instead of employee numbers should have been used. Mr. Watkins stated that employee numbers are there to spare embarrassment. Mr. Wolfe stated that he has spoken to school Board legal representatives for guidance and stated that he cannot vote for this item, but there are no personal issues. Mr. Watkins then stated that the two former staff members are Mr. Ron Mullett, current Board President and former Elmwood Principal and David Hahn, former Blair Pointe Principal. Dr. Quin noted that the original request was to pay it out in four years with no fiscal amount.

No motion was made.

F. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS

1. Permission to hire 7-12 Guidance Counselor

On motion by Dr. Quin, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation for Certified positions.

G. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Danielle Calisto - Elmwood special education assistant
2. Kathryn Peck - Elmwood and Blair Pointe parent liaison
3. Permission to hire Blair Pointe special education aide

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the Board approved the recommendation for Classified positions by a vote of 6-0-1, Ms. Justice opposed.

H. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Melissa Phillips - PHS assistant Speech coach
2. Michael Gapski - JV softball head (lay) coach, pending background check
3. Tisheena Ambrose - JV softball assistant (lay) coach
4. Ann Martin - PJHS NJHS sponsor
5. Marcus Musser - 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys travel basketball (lay) coach
6. Seth Sparks - 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys travel basketball (lay) coach, pending background check
7. Adam Butt - elementary girls' and boys' basketball coordinator

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation for extra-curricular positions.

I. DONATIONS

1. \$250.00 - to PHS cheerleading clinic for general use from Bowman's Towing.
2. \$250.00 - to PHS cheerleading clinic for general use from Ulery's Flooring.
3. \$250.00 - to PHS cheerleading for general use from Elle Belle Boutique.
4. \$250.00 - to PHS cheerleading for general use from FOP.
5. \$250.00 - to PHS cheerleading for general use from anonymous.
6. \$100.00 - to PHS cheerleading for general use from Michael Prior.

7. \$1,000.00 - to PHS boys' basketball for general use from Edge Mechanical Services
8. \$500.00 - to PHS girls' basketball for general use from Bellar Construction Management, Inc.
9. \$250.00 - to PHS band for general use from anonymous.
10. \$250.00 - to PHS choir for general use from anonymous.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board unanimously approved the donations.

IV. BUDGET

- A. CLAIMS - Mr. Durrwachter presented and reviewed the claims for Board approval. Questions were asked and answered. On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the Board approved the claims by a vote of 6-0-1, Dr. Quin abstained, as follows:

**AP SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	32.88
EDUCATION FUND	298,401.15
OPERATING FUND	124,143.98
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	71,583.77
TEXTBOOK RENTAL FUND	7,940.40
INSURANCE WELLNESS CLINIC	2,173.50
KICKS FOR KIDS	77.02
REIMBURSEABLE FUND	194.62
DONATION/SPECIAL ED TEACHERS	241.25
SPEC ED MKP	16,738.80
NESP 19/20	1,634.16
HIGH ABILITY GRANT	3,196.80
TITLE I 2020/21	2,295.02
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	48.40
ADULT ED 21/22	5.43
TITLE IV-A 84.186 08/09	5,852.27
ESSER III	33,189.51
ESSER II	12,796.13
BOOK RENT	12,288.00
TOTAL	592,833.09

**PR SUMMARY**

EDUCATION FUND	19,626.30
OPERATING FUND	1,765.94
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	35.03
TITLE I 2020/21	298.81
GROUP INSURANCE	1,307.65
RETIRES-TERM LIFE INSURANCE	1,400.20
FRINGE BENEFITS	356,817.18
TOTAL	381,251.11

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

On motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the Board unanimously approved the fund monitoring report.

V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

- A. FACILITY USE REQUESTS - \*\*All requests will be subject to approvals, changes, and requirements for Covid-19 from MCHD and/or ISHD. \*\*
1. TNAC - 2021 Fall Youth Soccer tournament - October 27-30, 2021 - Wed.-Fri. 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. & Sat. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - requesting all fee waiver.
  2. Bengal Memorial Stadium track & PHS team teaching room - Peru Police Department hiring session tests - November 6, 2021 - beginning at track from 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. and written test in team teaching room from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - requesting all fee waiver.
  3. Blair Pointe kitchen, cafeteria, and gym - Miami County Soil & Water Conservation Dept. dinner and

meeting - February 9, 2022, 3:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - snow date: February 10, 2022 - will pay all rental and custodial fees. Annual request.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Dr. Quin, the Board unanimously approved the facility use requests.

- B. SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT - Mr. Watkins discussed snow removal bids for a possible recommendation in November.
- C. PERMISSION TO PURCHASE - Mr. Morris requested permission to purchase a new voicemail system for PCS. The current system is end of life and will stop working in a couple of months. There is no way to renew the current system. The purchase cost is \$11,000. The annual licensing fee will be approximately the same as it is for our current system.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board unanimously approved the permission to purchase a new voicemail system.

- D. PERMISSION TO PURCHASE - Mr. Durrwachter requested permission to purchase playground safe mulch for Blair Pointe Upper Elementary.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Dr. Quin, the Board unanimously approved the permission to purchase playground safe mulch for Blair Pointe Upper Elementary.

- E. PERMISSION TO PURCHASE - Mr. Watkins requested permission to purchase three new buses.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board unanimously approved the permission to purchase three new buses.

#### VI. AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS

- A. TUITION AGREEMENT - Mr. Watkins will request approval to pay \$1,184.67 for Josh Murray's education courses at Indiana University.

On motion by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Dr. Quin, the Board unanimously approved the tuition agreement for Mr. Murray.

A copy of the tuition agreement has been placed in Supplementary Minute Book #16, page 43.

#### VII. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

- A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Watkins expressed his gratitude, gave thanks, and congratulations to the following:
  - PCS/PCEA Negotiation Teams
  - Honeywell Winter Banner Finalists - on display in the Clark Gallery November 4-30
    - KG: Ava Bowsher, Lettie Vanblaricom, Kade Fuller
    - 1<sup>st</sup> grade: Risika Sucharski, Isabelle McPhearson, Marley Ward
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Zoe Black, Braley Seifert, Nila McClure
  - Building Level Principals: Kristy Eddy, Linda Watkins, Paul Frye
  - Athletics
    - o Tennis Team
    - o Thank Fall Coaches
    - o Winter Coaches: David Weeks, Eric Thompson, Andy Hobbs
    - o 2021 Volleyball Academic All State Honorees: Abigail Martin, Casidy Bartel, Cate Wolfe, Mallori Grund, Taylor Colter
    - o 2021 Volleyball Academic All State Support Staff: Brady Ream
    - o Boys' Tennis - TRC Champions, Peru Sectional Champions, Regional Runner-Up - Coach Saine - Wildkat Invitational #1 doubles: Lucal Slagel & Jackson Rogers
    - o Girls' Golf - Academic All State Honorable Mention:

Libby Rogers - All Conference: Libby Roger

- o Cross Country - Regional Qualifiers: Madi Nallenweg,  
Leland "Xavier" Brown
- o Jr. High Volleyball - 7<sup>th</sup> grade wins Peru invite
- Fine Arts
  - o Band: Emily Rodeck
  - o Choir: Jason Gornto
  - o Art: Mike Applegate and Arthur Hughes
- Board members

B. BOARD MEMBER - Mr. Mullett reviewed gave the Board reminders.

Mr. Wagner spoke on things that are happening at Heartland.

Dr. Rogers spoke on the athletic committee meeting. He mentioned that new mats are desperately needed as some of them are a health risk and unable to even be used and are risking being completely shut down. More discussion followed.

Mr. Wolfe spoke about an experience he had at the ISBA Fall Conference. He also mentioned our discipline in the buildings.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Quin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m., unanimously approved.

Secretary,

Brittany Justice

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