

October 30, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Mrs. Shuey. Mrs. Shuey led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present except Ms. Rice. Also present were Mr. Watkins, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Minard, and Mr. Thompson.

On motion by Mr. Mullett, seconded by Mr. Comerford, the Board approved the public agenda.

I. BUDGET

- A. RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES - Mr. Hall reviewed the Debt Service, Capital Projects, Transportation, and Bus Replacement estimated levies and tax rates. He stated the recommended tax rate is \$1.73, noting that is a little more than a penny difference from 2017. Mr. Hall requested the Board approve the Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates. Motion made by Mr. Comerford, seconded by Mr. Wagner, unanimously approved. A signed copy of the resolution is in the Supplementary Minute Book #14, page 71.
- B. RATIFICATION OF MASTER CONTRACT - Mr. Watkins stated he was very pleased with the process and cooperation in attaining an agreement. He explained teachers who were employed for the 2016-17 school year and are currently employed will receive a \$1,250 increment in base pay stipend. A 24-step plan was approved for a new salary schedule. The Board will contribute 2% of the 5% insurance premium increase that began in October. He thanked the Board in advance for their consideration of the Master Contract approval. He stated the negotiation committee worked hard and he recommended the Board approve this one-year contract as presented. Mr. Wagner moved to approve the contract as presented, seconded by Mr. Mullett, unanimously approved. Mrs. Shuey thanked Mr. Thompson, Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Mullett for their time negotiating the new contract.
- C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED/ADMINISTRATIVE STIPEND - Mr. Watkins stated the administrators worked hard when he asked them to cut back on support staff last year. He said the corporation is now in a position to give current part-time and full-time classified staff a 1.5% stipend based on their W-2s that will be prepared in January. He recommended the transportation employees also receive a 25 cent per hour increase on their base pay retroactive to the beginning of the 2017-18 school year. He also recommended the same 2% contribution on the insurance premium approved for certified staff be given to the classified staff as well as administrators. Mr. Watkins also recommended administrators receive a \$1,250 stipend. The stipend for administrators is in line with the stipend recommended for the teachers. Mr. Comerford moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Wagner, unanimously approved.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

- A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Watkins thanked the Board for their guidance and support. He also thanked Mr. Wagner, Mr. Mullett, Mr. Thompson and Ms. Miller (Uniserv Director), Mr. Hanson, and Mr. Hall for their work over the past year. He noted this is a good day for Peru Community Schools.

Mr. Watkins reminded the Board the November meeting will be held at PHS and begin at 5:30 due to the Honeywell Banner contest being held at PHS at 7:00. Several Elmwood students will be recognized at the banner presentation.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Comerford moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Secretary,