

November 8, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:30 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. Brimbury, Dr. Thompson, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Minard, Mr. Mullett, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Cox, patrons, students, and a local news media representative.

On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, the Board unanimously approved the agenda with one addition, the memorandum of October 26, 2010, and the personnel report.

### III. BUDGET

#### C. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

##### PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS - No business

B. LEAVES - No business

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS - No business

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Nicole Hilbun - South Peru instructional aide - rehire
2. Laura Hughes - South Peru instructional aide - rehire

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Chris McKinney - JV assistant wrestling (lay) coach

F. REQUESTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES

1. Jennifer Jones - NCTE Annual Convention - Nov. 18 - 21, 2010 - Orlando, FL - registration (\$225).

#### I. PUBLIC COMMENT -

Mrs. Anderson stated she would appreciate the notice of the meetings be correctly publicized. Mr. Brimbury stated the schedule of meetings for the 2010-11 school year is on our website and the agenda for each meeting is posted in the front window of the Administrative Center on the Thursday prior to the meeting.

#### II. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Brimbury distributed a copy of the top 25 school corporations for high growth in English/Language Arts. He noted PCS is listed as one of the very best on the first page of the handout which also included private and chartered schools. He noted the results compare kids who tested in a similar fashion and improved at a higher rate than at other schools. He stated this type of data is very invigorating. He noted we are a Four Star school corporation in this category. We will continue working to gain a Four Star status in all areas.

Mr. Brimbury noted Blair Pointe is also listed as an individual school achieving highest growth in English/Language Arts and also in mathematics. He added that it is tremendous for one school and one corporation to be listed. He recognized the systems we have in place are working. We are phenomenal! He thanked Dr. Thompson for a job well done!

#### III. PROGRAM

A. ELMWOOD - MINI ECONOMY PROGRAM & REX MAYS DAYS PRESENTATION - Mr. Mullett thanked the Board for coming this evening. He introduced Mrs. Cox, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, who has organized and coordinated the family event the past three years and the mini

economy program the last two years. Mrs. Cox stated Mrs. Dillman, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, and Mrs. Tanya Masters, bus driver and Elmwood's Parent Liaison, also help with the event. This year the event was a week-long event with dress up days each day of the week and the family night held outside on the final day. She stated money is raised through having a family fun night and then given to charitable organizations or needy families within our community. She was pleased to announce two Elmwood families, YMCA Giving Tree, Shop with a Cop, Rex E. Mays Memorial Fund, and the Challenger League will receive proceeds from this year's event.

She stated Mrs. Dillman and she attended a summer session at Purdue for the mini economy program two years ago. She stated the program involved choosing a classroom business. The classes chose Mays Days and charged a \$1 admission fee last year and made it a week-long event this year. Mrs. Cox stated students were taught basic economics and prepared displays, brochures, and games. They decided on what materials needed to be purchased. The students also had to decide who would receive the money. The students designed and made 'thank you' notes. The students then brainstormed after the event on improvement ideas. She stated there isn't a day to honor bus drivers and they would like to include all bus drivers next year as well as honoring bus drivers who have passed away.

Mrs. Cox stated the ICEE Awards were held at the State Capitol. Fifth grade students Isabella Eisaman and Seth Anderson were present this evening as well as attending the ICEE Awards. They reviewed display boards on what the event entailed each year and how it has changed over the past three years as they were third graders the first time the event was held. It was noted the event raised \$1,000 the first and second years and fell short this year.

Mrs. Cox stated in April Mrs. Dillman and she went to Purdue and presented their program. Since each child could not go with them to share their experiences through this program a scrapbook was put together. Each child contributed a page.

Mrs. Cox stated the money would be presented to the organizations at Elmwood's Veterans' Day recognition. Mr. Maxwell stated he and his wife attended the event and he would like to make a donation so the 2010 event would not fall short of the previous events. Mrs. Cox thanked Mr. Maxwell. (Due to the donation Circus City Soccer and Lion's Club also received funds.)

Mr. Brimbury stated the event is one of the nicest nights of the year. He stated the man we are honoring exhibited many of the character traits we emphasize to the students.

- B. GRADUATION RATE - Mr. Brimbury updated the Board on our latest graduation rate and the components involved in figuring the rate through a Power Point presentation. He stated the graduation rate has increased from 69.3% in 2007 to 95.03% in 2010. He stated our program to increase the rate included: 1) clean up our data, 2) KEYS Academy, 3) Tiger Academy, 4) credit recovery, 5) parent contact, and 6) get outside the box and do not judge. He stated he is very proud of these efforts. No one person is responsible for the fantastic increase in the rate the past four years.
- C. WELLNESS UPDATE - Mr. Hall stated the wellness committee met November 2 and requested a budget be prepared outlining their ideas. As a corporation we will continue with the health screening and health risk assessments through Med Partners and Dukes Hospital. The wellness program is fully funded by a

grant from our insurance consortium. Mr. Hall requested permission to continue our contract with Med Partners. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the continuation, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved.

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. Maxwell, unanimously approved as follows:

GENERAL FUND	90,606.37
DEBT SERVICE	2,304.91
CAPITAL PROJECTS	9,651.82
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	1,478.91
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	65,157.87
KEYS ACADEMY	812.02
PROJECT EXTENDED DAY	85.67
ACCESS INDIANA - LENIX	965.26
TECHNOLOGY E-RATE REBATE	701.50
TITLE I 2010/11	789.28
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	1,473.83
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FUND	196.70
TITLE II PART A TEACHER IMPROV	625.21
TITLE I STIMULUS-GRANTS TO LEA	264.66
IDEA-STIMULUS PART B-SPEC ED	73.17
FEDERAL TAX	36,819.91
SOCIAL SECURITY	30,612.22
STATE TAX	27,128.12
LOCAL TAX	18,797.15
ANNUITIES	13,601.24
CHILD SUPPORT	660.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 302,805.82</u>

B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall reviewed the fund monitoring report for the month of October. He stated we are nearly breaking even in the general fund. He noted we received an advance on our tax levy distribution. Mr. Comerford moved to approve the report, seconded by Mr. Wagner, unanimously approved.

C. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION - Mr. Hall stated the additional appropriation hearing was advertized in the Peru Tribune on October 25. He noted it is projected that disbursements for the Transportation Fund for the year will exceed the appropriation. Therefore, this Rainy Day appropriation is necessary. He stated we will replace the Rainy Day funds by a transfer from the Bus Replacement Fund in December. Mrs. Shuey asking if there were any questions from the public. Hearing none Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the appropriation, seconded by Mr. Comerford, unanimously carried. Mr. Wolfe noticed the notice to the public printed in the newspaper was advertised as the meeting being held at the Administrative Center rather than Elmwood School. He questioned if that advertisement could cause a problem. It was decided to table the approval until the notice could be re-advertised.

V. OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

A. REQUESTS TO USE FACILITIES

1. Daisy Troop - Elmwood art room - by-monthly meetings on Thursdays from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Melissa Knox (teacher) is the troop leader
2. Boy Scouts - PJHS cafeteria, stage, and gym - annual New Year's Eve (Eve) lock-in - Thursday, Dec. 30, 8:00 p.m. - Friday, Dec. 31, 8:00 a.m.

On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, the Board unanimously approved the requests and waived the facility rental fees.

- B. ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT UPDATE - Mr. Hall stated the project is two months behind. He noted the original schedule was rather aggressive plus E-Solutions underestimated the manpower needed. He announced the new completion schedule is PHS - December 24, Elmwood - December 17, Blair Pointe - November 22, South Peru - November 26 and the Administrative Center - December 24. Bledsoe will come in after E-Solutions has completed their portion to do the commissioning. If E-Solutions has not completed their portion by November 15 then they will owe the corporation \$500 per day.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

- A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Brimbury thanked Mr. Mullett and Mrs. Watkins for hosting the meeting this evening.

Mr. Brimbury also thanked Dr. Thompson and Mr. Hall for their help and the many hats they wear. He stated he has greatly appreciated their help during the past months.

Mr. Brimbury thanked the public for their comments. He stated we want to be very transparent and open.

- B. BOARD - Mr. Comerford stated he recently attended an athletic council meeting. He commended Mr. Strong in his efforts for promoting the athletic program looking outside the box. He stated a coaches' handbook is being put together to ensure the coaches are working toward the same goals. He also commended Mr. Strong for his idea of the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mr. Brimbury stated we received a call from the Indiana Hall of Fame on some research. He noted Mr. Strong puts in a lot of hours and does a great job.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Maxwell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m., seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously carried.

Secretary,

Lowell Maxwell

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