

November 11, 2013

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. All Board members were present. Also present were Mr. Brimbury, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Minard, Mr. Downs, Mr. Wilson, representatives of Barton-Coe-Vilamaa, Mr. Mullett, Mr. Frushour, Mr. Morris, Mr. Butte, Mrs. Hopkins, patrons Mrs. Woodd and Mrs. Anderson, and news media representatives.

On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Ms. Rice, the Board unanimously approved the agenda, the memorandum of October 14, 2013, and the personnel report.

PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS

1. Paul Frye - resignation - girls' golf coach effective immediately
2. Cindy Brandt - retirement - Blair Pointe school nurse effective December 31, 2013.

B. LEAVES

1. Gail Frazier - 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher - FMLA intermittent leave June 8, 2013 - June 8, 2014
2. Don Townsend - custodian - FMLA leave September 26, 2013 - January 6, 2014

C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS - no business

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS - no business

E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Kristin Unger - girls 7<sup>th</sup> gr. assistant basketball (lay) coach
2. Brent Touloukian - volunteer varsity basketball coach

F. REQUESTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES - no business

G. REQUEST FOR FIELD TRIP - no business

H. DONATIONS - no business

I. PUBLIC COMMENT -

II. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Brimbury stated we have much to be proud of within our community. He stated all of our schools recognized veterans on this special day on their behalf. He noted Congresswoman Jackie Walorski spoke at the Veterans' Day program for the students at PHS as well as the public program.

Mr. Brimbury acknowledged Mrs. Ellen Terry, PJHS choir teacher, for the recent jr. high combined choir and band program. He noted 30% of the jr. high students are enrolled in the music program.

III. PROGRAM

A. ART AT ELMWOOD - Mr. Brimbury thanked Mr. Mullett for hosting the meeting this evening. Mr. Mullett thanked the veterans who have served and are serving. Mr. Mullett introduced Mrs. Sofianos, Elmwood art teacher. Mrs. Sofianos said the students do some very interesting art projects. She shared a presentation exhibiting some of the art work the students have created. She also informed the Board the Honeywell banner contest is open to all Miami County students and shared some of the student artwork. She was allowed to submit three entries per grade levels. Two students from Elmwood won. Their banners will be hung from light poles around the Miami County Court House. She stated Elmwood will be having an art show in April or May. She shared a Facebook page she started for students' artwork as well as a newsletter. She invited the Board to come visit the art classes at any time.

B. BOARD PARTICIPATION REPORT - Mr. Brimbury shared the Board participation report for the third quarter which included the Board retreat and the ISBA Fall Conference. He noted the Board had 251.5 combined hours of recorded service.

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:

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| GENERAL FUND                          | 147,378.32    |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS                      | 12,696.80     |
| TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND         | 11,025.48     |
| TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT        | 220.00        |
| SCHOOL LUNCH FUND                     | 37,822.80     |
| INSURANCE WELLNESS CLINIC             | 30.60         |
| KEYS ACADEMY                          | 1,087.39      |
| ACADEMIC MONITORING PACKAGE           | 63.16         |
| GIFTED AND TALENTED 2013/14           | 2,601.60      |
| TECHNOLOGY E-RATE REBATE              | 999.75        |
| TITLE I 2013/14                       | 2,140.60      |
| PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM              | 1,126.87      |
| ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FUND            | 773.93        |
| TITLE II PART A TEACHER IMPROV TOTALS | 441.08        |
| TITLE VI-B RURAL/LOW INCOME           | 107.07        |
| FEDERAL TAX                           | 36,105.58     |
| SOCIAL SECURITY                       | 30,024.79     |
| GROUP INSURANCE                       | 1,562.80      |
| SECTION 125 REIMBURSEMENT             | 3,591.82      |
| PERF                                  | 47.71         |
| ANNUITIES                             | 12,649.41     |
| HARTFORD LOAN REPAYMENT               | 220.36        |
| RETIREEES-TERM LIFE INSURANCE         | 494.20        |
| TOTAL                                 | \$ 303,212.12 |

B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Hall reviewed the fund monitoring report for the month of October. Ms. Rice moved to approve the report, seconded by Mr. Wagner. Mr. Wolfe asked about the increase on the utility bill for waste water. He asked if that will affect the school corporation? Mr. Hall stated he will do some research on that and get back with him. The Board unanimously approved the fund monitoring report.

C. LEASE HEARING - Mrs. Shuey convened a public hearing. Mr. Downs stated the purpose of the hearing is to hear public comments on the proposed projects to improve the school corporation facilities. He stated the bonds will support the finances needed. A Building Corporation leases the bonds with the corporation paying the Building Corporation back. He stated the Board will request approval tonight of the resolutions. He noted to streamline the process we will not be executing new leases. Mrs. Shuey asked if there were any public comments. Mrs. Elaine Anderson questioned the football locker room project. Mrs. Shuey stated that project has already been approved and is not a part of this proposal. Mrs. Anderson questioned if there was another sports project. Mr. Brimbury stated there is a project for land development for land that was donated to the corporation. Mrs. Anderson questioned how the sports facilities will help the students in this community. She stated we do not have star athletes. She stated we cannot have these bonds every other year. It has to stop. Mrs. Shuey stated the tax caps have caused us to borrow money for upkeep of our facilities. She said the land was donated and we need to develop it for safe practice facilities for our students. She stated even though her own children have moved on she will be happy to pay the additional taxes. Mrs. Shuey thanked Mrs. Anderson for her comments. Mrs. Gloria Woodd stated she is very upset the Board is sliding this item through on a holiday when patrons will not be attending. She asked why this wasn't in the newspaper. She expressed her strong displeasure of the projects, the bonds, and the additional taxes. Mr. Stanton moved to close the

hearing, seconded by Ms. Rice, the public hearing was unanimously closed. Mrs. Shuey thanked both ladies for their comments.

- D. ADOPT RESOLUTION RECEIVING PATRONS PETITION AND DETERMINING NEED FOR PROJECTS - Mr. Downs stated all the resolutions can be approved with one motion if the Board so chooses. Mr. Hall stated more than 50 signatures have been received. Mr. Comerford moved to approve the resolutions as so stated, seconded by Mr. Wagner. Mr. Wolfe stated he tries to look out for the corporation. He stated he is for the roofs and some of the Capital Project items. He feels we are requesting too much money. Dr. Quin stated we have done well with what we have, especially academically. He understands we need to keep up our facilities but also feels we need to live within our budget. The question was called and approved by a 5-2 vote (Mr. Wolfe and Dr. Quin opposed). A copy of the resolutions are in Supplementary Minute Book #13, page 108.
  - E. ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDMENTS
  - F. ADOPT RESOLUTION ASSIGNING CONTRACTS TO BUILDING CORPORATION
  - G. ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS
  - H. LEVY NEUTRALITY RESOLUTION - Mr. Hall stated this resolution reduces our loss of funding to the bus replacement fund for the pension bond levy. He stated the last two years we have had the right to reduce the funds by 50% as part of resolution also. Mr. Hall requests Board approval. Mr. Stanton moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Wagner. Mr. Hall stated there are three more payments left. The motion was unanimously passed. A copy of the resolution is in Supplementary Minute Book #13, page 109.
- V. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY
- A. REQUEST TO USE FACILITIES
    1. Elk Hoop Shoot - Blair Pointe gym - December 14, 2013 from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
    2. PHS Commons - Relay for Life kick-off - January 25, 2014 - 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. They will be serving soup and having activities.
    3. Bengal Stadium, concession stand, restrooms - annual Relay for Life walk-a-thon - May 30, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to May 31 at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Brimbury noted these are all annual requests. Custodial fees will be charged. Dr. Quin moved to approve the request to waive facility rental fees, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved.
  - B. RECOMMENDATION TO ADD PROVIDER FOR OUR SECTION 125 PLAN - Mr. Hall recommended adding Liberty National as a provider for our Section 125 Plan. Liberty National is an established nationwide company that has been in business since 1900. He stated they are unique in offering term life insurance up to age 100 at a reasonable cost which is portable meaning you can take it with you when you retire. Peru will be served by Meghan Cleary, a PHS graduate. Mr. Comerford, moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Dr. Quin, unanimously approved.
  - C. RECOMMENDATION TO SELL BUS - Mr. Hall reminded the Board bus 8 has a transmission that does not work plus it is surplus since we have reduced the number of routes. The bus was advertised for sale and we did not receive any interest. He stated if we cannot get a bid for \$2,500 to sell the bus, he would like permission to scrap the bus. Mr. Frushour stated it is the oldest bus in the fleet. He stated we have five other spare buses. Ms. Rice moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Stanton, unanimously approved.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Brimbury formally congratulated Mr. Cary, PHS Principal, on being awarded a \$50,000 grant through the Secured School Safety Grant Program which he applied for on behalf of the corporation. The grant will help update cameras in the buildings and make our schools much safer for our students and staff.

Mr. Brimbury stated he thanks the Board and community for their input and consideration of the projects. Economic challenges have been unmatched. He stated he is working hard to lobby and make legislators understand how the decisions they make negatively effect schools, communities, and patrons financially. He stated our teachers and staff have rallied to rise above and continue to provide out students with a quality education. It is not easy to make the decisions we as an administration and School Board have to make. He stated his comments are heartfelt. Seeing the first snow fall outside, he wished everyone a safe trip home.

B. BOARD - no comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Quin moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Secretary,

Tim Comerford

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