The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Mr. Stanton. Mr. Maxwell led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present except Mr. Wagner who arrived during V. Operations. Also present were Mr. Brimbury, Dr. Thompson, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Minard, Mrs. Hull, a patron, and a local news media representative.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Stanton, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented, the memorandum of November 22, 2010, and the personnel report.

#### PERSONNEL

- A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS
  - 1. Bill Skelton varsity football coach
- B. LEAVES
  - 1. Stephany Astrup Blair Pointe librarian & computer teacher leave from February 14 to May 16, 2011.
- C. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS No business.
- D. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS
  - 1. Mark Ramsey Media Coordinator
- E. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS
  - 1. Koleen Murphy varsity gymnastics head lay coach
  - 2. Beth Piper varsity gymnastics assistant lay coach
- F. REQUESTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES No business.
- I. PUBLIC COMMENT No comments.

### II. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Brimbury passed around the Peru Utilities 2011 calendar. He noted there are several Peru students' artwork featured in the 2011 calendar. He thanked Peru Utilities for publishing the annual calendar.

Mr. Brimbury recognized the MIC fall athletes by name and sport. He stated Mr. Strong, PHS athletic director, tracks the kids athletically and academically.

# III. PROGRAM

A. AYP RESULTS - Dr. Thompson stated on November 29th, the state officially released the final AYP ratings for every district in the state of Indiana. Dr. Thompson was proud to announce Peru Community School Corporation was the number 1 school district for improvement in the State of Indiana. He added we are the top academic gaining district in the state of Indiana in all academic core areas across all tested grade levels! Mr. Brimbury stated we are going to celebrate with our teachers this week. It is not any one thing we did, but a culmination of many things. This is a huge motivator for the teachers and students. Mr. Brimbury stated it is the teachers doing a great job working under the direction of their administrators with the support of the School Board helping the students gain to their full potential.

B. PCS STUDENT ATTENDANCE - Dr. Thompson shared our attendance rate for the first term of the 2010-11 school year. He stated PHS and PJHS are on trimesters so their attendance rates were based on 12 weeks vs 9 weeks for the elementary. The attendance rate was 96.48% at the high school, 97.03% at the jr. high school, and 96.98% at the elementary schools for an overall attendance of 96.85%. The elementary high attendance winners for the grading period were:

Blair Pointe 6<sup>th</sup> grade Mrs. Eckerley 97.56% Blair Pointe 5<sup>th</sup> grade Mrs. Tschiniak 98.00% Blair Pointe 4<sup>th</sup> grade Ms. Elson 99.13% Elmwood 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Mrs. Roettger 98.37% Elmwood 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Miss Barts 97.53% Elmwood 1st grade Mrs. DeWald 97.68% South Peru kindergarten Mrs. Stackhouse 98.80%

C. NEOLA BYLAWS & POLICIES - Mr. Brimbury stated he reviewed the proposed bylaws and polices at the November 22 meeting as a first reading. He stated it was brought to his attention that Policy 3419.02, Volume 22, No. 2 - Privacy Protections of Fully Insured Group Health Plans had 'longterm disability plans' crossed out. That, in fact, should stay in the policy as the fully insured group health plans apply to long-term disability. Mr. Brimbury also stated he recommended option 2 of policy 9270 Equivalent Instruction for Compulsory Attendance Compliance Purposes (Home Schooling and Non-accredited Schools) for students in grades kindergarten through  $8^{\text{th}}$  grade. He stated Dr. McKaig, our NEOLA representative, recommended this option as well. Mr. Brimbury noted option 2 allows a resident student who is being educated at a non-accredited or home school but taking one or more academic courses at Peru to participate in one or more of the Corporation's co-curricular or extracurricular activities providing he/she meets the eligibility criteria established for the activity. He stated some of our programs will benefit these resident students. He stated if there were no further questions he recommended approval of the bylaws and policies as proposed with the revision of policy 3419.02 as stated and the adoption of option 2 of policy 9270. Mr. Wolfe asked if this would be effective immediately. Mr. Brimbury responded it will be effective tomorrow if approved by the Board. Mrs. Shuey asked if transportation would be the responsibility of the family. Mr. Brimbury responded the family would be responsible for transportation to school for academics. The student would be allowed to ride the bus for co-curricular or extra-curricular events. Mr. Comerford shared he thought this would be a positive incentive to have students enroll at Peru rather than a neighboring corporation. On motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Comerford, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

### IV. BUDGET

A. CLAIMS - Mr. Hall presented and reviewed the claims for Board approval. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Comerford, unanimously approved as follows:

GENERAL FUND	306,707.39
CAPITAL PROJECTS	16,681.63
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING FUND	12,135.86
TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT	781.50
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	65,630.86
KEYS ACADEMY	913.22

EARLY INTERVENTION FUND	106.72
PROJECT EXTENDED DAY	1,122.67
PJHS RECYCLING FUND	557.30
GIFTED & TALENTED 2010/11	80.00
TECHNOLOGY E-RATE REBATE	701.50
TITLE I 2010/11	1,116.81
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	483.45
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FUND	68.13
TITLE IV-A SAFE & DRUG FREE	675.00
TITLE II PART A TEACHER IMPROV	1,864.70
TITLE I STIMULUS-GRANTS TO LEA	330.95
IDEA-STIMULUS PART B-SPEC ED	81.17
FEDERAL TAX	35,477.01
SOCIAL SECURITY	30,209.24
GROUP INSURANCE	9,124.08
ANNUITIES	12,874.78
RETIREES-TERM LIFE INSURANCE	111.00
CHILD SUPPORT	 440.00
TOTAL	\$ 498,274.97

- B. FUND MONITORING REPORT Mr. Hall reviewed the fund monitoring report for the month of November. He stated the cash balance was 9.8%. He announced he was told we will receive our tax distribution before December 30. Mr. Comerford moved to approve the report, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, unanimously approved.
- C. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION HEARING & RESOLUTION Mr. Hall stated the additional appropriation hearing was advertized in the Peru Tribune on November 15. He noted it is projected disbursements for the Transportation Fund for the year will exceed the appropriation by \$62,929. Therefore, this Rainy Day appropriation is necessary. Mrs. Shuey gave the public a chance to be heard. There were no comments. Mr. Hall therefore requested approval of the resolution to establish the appropriation. On motion by Mr. Stanton, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, the Board unanimously approved the resolution. A copy is in Supplementary Minute Book #13, page 45.
- D. RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS Mr. Hall requested approval of a resolution to authorize the transfer of year-end appropriation balances as necessary to cancel any existing credit appropriation balances. He stated this is an annual request as credit balances cannot exist at the close of a calendar year. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Comerford, unanimously approved. A copy of the resolution is in Supplementary Minute Book #13, page 46.

# V. OPERATIONS

- A. REQUESTS TO USE FACILITIES
  - Elk's Hoop Shoot Contest Blair Pointe gym Saturday,
     December 11, 8:00 a.m. 12:00 noon custodian donating
     time (annual event held at Peru Schools)
    On motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Stanton, the Board
     unanimously approved the request for a waiver for use of the
     facility.
- B. AUCTIONEER CONTRACT Mr. Hall requested permission to enter into a contract with an auctioneer to auction equipment and supplies in the machine shop and other such surplus equipment. The tentative auction date is Saturday, January

22, 2011. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the contract, seconded by Mr. Wagner, unanimously carried.

## VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Brimbury stated this is the time of the year many people are doing work for our community. He stated he is very proud of the students and staff in our schools and the fact that they are investing in our community.

Mr. Brimbury stated we have had a fantastic first half of the year. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

B. BOARD - Mr. Maxwell wished everyone a Merry Christmas as well.

Mr. Wagner stated he accepted the invitation to ride bus #17 and the experience went very well.

Mr. Comerford praised the band for the job they do at the home basketball games. He also praised the Tigerettes.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Maxwell moved to adjourn the meeting at  $7:25~\mathrm{p.m.}$ 

Secretary,

Lowell Maxwell

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