

December 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mr. Mullett. Mr. Mullett led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present except Dr. Quin and Mr. Wolfe. Also present were Mr. Watkins, Mr. Durrwachter, Mrs. Conley, Mr. Morris, Mr. Allen, Trane reps, local news media, and patrons.

On motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the Board unanimously approved the public agenda.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the Board unanimously approved the memorandum of November 9, 2021.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments.

II. BLACK & GOLD AWARDS/RECOGNITION - No business.

III. AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS

- A. RECOMMENDATION FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE RENEWAL - Mr. Durrwachter recommended the January 1, 2022 - January 1, 2023 agreement for liability insurance. Mr. Allen presented the renewal to the Board and answered questions.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board unanimously approved the Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal.

A copy of the insurance renewal has been placed in Supplementary Minute Book #16, page 49.

- B. TUITION AGREEMENT - Mr. Watkins requested approval to pay a maximum of \$1500 for the 2021-22 school year towards Shannon Smith's Master's program at Grand Canyon University.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the Board unanimously approved the tuition agreement for Mrs. Smith.

IV. OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

- A. TRANE - Mr. Durrwachter shared information and requested Board approval for an agreement with Trane to be the lead contractor in the management of the HVAC federally funded projects that have been approved to update six strategic HVAC systems to improve indoor air quality throughout the schools. Jonathan Lofberg and Mr. Moorlag from Trane were in attendance to answer questions.

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

- B. PERMISSION TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT BIDS - Mr. Durrwachter discussed requesting permission to receive and accept bids on a dishwasher for Blair Pointe. Upon further discussion, the Board did not take any action on this agenda item.

- C. PERMISSION TO ACCEPT BIDS - Mr. Watkins requested permission to accept bids on a special education bus.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board unanimously approved permission to receive bids on a special education bus.

- D. PERMISSION TO ACCEPT BIDS - Mr. Durrwachter requested permission to accept bids on 140 Certified staff laptops.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the Board unanimously approved permission to accept bids on 140 Certified laptops.

V. PROGRAM

- A. PHS CURRICULUM GUIDE UPDATES - Mrs. Jessica Jones presented the curriculum guide updates and the PHS Fine Arts pathway proposal.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board unanimously approved the PHS Curriculum guide updates.

- B. 2022-23 and 2023-24 SCHOOL CALENDARS - Mr. Watkins recommended the new school calendars for Board approval. These calendars were met and discussed by all buildings and the PCEA prior to the Board meeting.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board unanimously approved the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school calendars.

- C. ESSER III REQUIREMENT PCS RE-ENTRY PLAN REVIEW FOR 2021-22 - Mr. Watkins reviewed the current plan for approval. At this time, there are no changes.

On motion by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the Board unanimously approved the PCS re-entry plan.

- D. BOARD PARTICIPATION REPORT - Mr. Watkins reviewed the Board's second and third quarter 2021 attendance report.

A copy of the board participation report has been placed in Supplementary Minute Book #16, page 50.

- E. LEAVES

1. Amanda Oldfather - Elmwood teacher - Leave of Absence - April 4, 2022 - May 26, 2022.

On motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the Board unanimously approved the leaves.

- F. RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED POSITIONS

1. Erin Miller - HS FACS teacher, verified experience plus one letter advancement on PCS pay scale, start date January 3, 2022.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the Board approved the recommendation for Certified positions by a vote of 4-0-1, Ms. Justice abstained.

- G. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Robert Gibson - HS custodian
2. Mindi Rairigh - HS special education aide
3. Mary Poppe - long-term sub, HS Spanish teacher, November 11, 2021 - December 17, 2021, first 15 days sub pay, then teacher pay for the remainder of contract, no benefits
4. Gina Forman - long-term sub, HS guidance counselor, February 21, 2022 - May 20, 2022, first 15 days sub pay, then teacher pay for the remainder of contract, no benefits
5. Tim Conner - long-term sub, HS English teacher, March 26, 2022 - May 27, 2022, first 15 days sub pay, then teacher pay for the remainder of contract, no benefits
6. Crystal Burton - KEYS aide
7. Akeyla Slack - JH special education math aide
8. Addison Ansari - long-term sub, 3rd grade teacher, November 1, 2021 - January 3, 2022, first 15 days sub pay, then teacher pay for the remainder of contract, no benefits
9. Jeffrey Baker - full-time bus driver

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the Board approved the recommendation for Classified positions by a vote of 4-0-1, Ms. Justice abstained.

- H. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Jessica Jones - mentor teacher to Shannon Smith

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

- I. DONATIONS

1. \$440.00 - to HS athletics department for boys' state final rings for Coach Mathews and Coach Burns from Bellar Construction.
2. \$100.00 - to HS girls' basketball for general use from Justin Brown d/b/a Peru Dental Care.
3. \$200.00 - to HS girls' basketball for general use from Panchos, Inc (Los Tres).
4. \$100.00 - to HS girls' basketball for general use from anonymous.
5. \$100.00 - to HS wrestling for general use from Dr. and Mrs.

Thomas McKaig.

6. \$395.00 flute - to HS band for general use from, former PHS student, William K. Knowles.

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

VI. BUDGET

- A. CLAIMS - Mr. Durrwachter presented and reviewed the claims for Board approval. Questions were asked and answered. On motion by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board unanimously approved the claims, as follows:

AP SUMMARY

EDUCATION FUND	263,733.72
DEBT SERVICE	32,650.00
OPERATING FUND	222,288.08
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	94,662.12
TEXTBOOK RENTAL FUND	345.56
INSURANCE WELLNESS CLINIC	1,753.83
KICKS FOR KIDS	184.42
REIMBURSEABLE FUND	502.24
KROGER REWARDS	24.09
IPEP GRANT 2021	368.93
SPEC ED MKP	8,927.36
SECURED SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT	562.32
NESP 19/20	255.88
HIGH ABILITY GRANT	2,399.85
PARENT NURTURING PROGRAM	1,123.59
ADULT ED 21/22	115.00
TITLE IV-A 84.186 08/09	6,300.88
TITLE IV-A SAFE & DRUG FREE	147.95
TITLE II-A 84-367A	452.13
TITLE IIA FY 2020	1,859.63
TITLE VI-B RLIS 2020	1,000.00
ESSER III	26,438.15
ESSER II	12,391.76
TOTAL	678,487.49

PR SUMMARY

EDUCATION FUND	20,508.46
OPERATING FUND	1,490.55
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	34.98
RETIRES-TERM LIFE INSURANCE	1,349.40
FRINGE BENEFITS	367,657.36
TOTAL	391,040.75

- B. FUND MONITORING REPORT - Mr. Durrwachter presented the monthly Fund Monitoring Report.

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

- C. RESOLUTION ON FINANCING THE RAINY-DAY FUND - Mr. Durrwachter recommended the resolution to transfer \$25,000.00 from the Education Fund to the Rainy-Day Fund on January 5, 2022.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the Board unanimously approved the resolution on financing the rainy-day fund.

A copy of the resolution has been placed in Supplementary Minute Book #16, page 51.

- D. RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS ED TO OP 2022 - Mr. Durrwachter recommended the resolution to transfer \$225,000.00 from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund to reimburse the Operations Fund for expenses that are not allocated to

student instruction and learning under IC 20-42.5, occurring on a monthly basis, for the period of January 2022 through June 2022.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the Board unanimously approved the resolution to transfer funds to the 2022.

A copy of the resolution to transfer funds has been placed in Supplementary Minute Book #16, page 52.

E. FOOD SERVICE FUND - In accordance with Finding 2020-002 labeled Federal Award Findings and Question Costs for Peru Community Schools we are required to make the Peru Community School Board aware of our cash balance that we must not exceed. According to the 2020-2021 Annual Finance Report, Peru Community Schools must not exceed a cash balance in the Food Service Fund of more than \$370,133. This amount is calculated from the Annual Financial Report and is a three-month average cash expense amount.

F. TEACHER APPRECIATION GRANT - Mr. Durrwachter and Mr. Watkins recommended the TAG grant. TAG grant amount is \$72,036.27.

On motion by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the Board unanimously approved the Teacher Appreciation Grant amount.

VII. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT - Mr. Watkins expressed his gratitude, gave thanks, and congratulations to the following:

- Condolences to the family and friends of Arch Wiltshire. Mr. Wiltshire was a former Peru Community Schools teacher. Mr. Wiltshire taught at Peru for 35 years
- Matt Ross has been nominated for the Franciscan Area Basketball Player of the week for two weeks in a row
- IHSAA State Champion Kash Bellar ring ceremony on December 18, 2021 half-time boys' basketball game
- Karsynn Beattie - signed a National Letter of Intent for Huntington University softball
- Amanda Eaglin - committed to Army WestPoint for softball
- Lyla Bellar - committed to the University of Georgia to continue her academic and career in equestrian
- Former Peru 09' Grad - Chris Smith headed to Finland to compete in the MAS Wrestling World Championship. Congratulations Chris!
- 2021 Lily Endowment Community Scholarship
Finalist: Libby Rogers
Recipient: Cate Wolfe
- Mike Applegate - Kicks for Kids - Over \$3,000 raised for the kids here at PCS.
- Band and Choir concerts - Student performers, Emily Rodeck, Scott Thompson, Dr. Gornto, Angela Ebert, Katie Sims, and Principals
- Elmwood - Miami County's 2021 Greatest Preschool/Daycare!
- Peru Community Schools - Miami County's 2021 Greatest Place to Work!
- Board members - thank you for allowing us to do the jobs that we do.

B. BOARD COMMENTS - Mr. Mullett gave reminders to the Board. He also stated that he is looking forward to visiting the new rolling chapel. Mr. Mullett also made comments on the current high school construction. He asked about the compensation recovery for the school delay for our Classified staff. Mr. Watkins stated that Classified staff can see their building level principal or Director to make up those hours. Mr. Mullett also stated that there is a new splash pad being built between the new YMCA and event center.

Mr. Ellis stated that the Blair Pointe mulch looks great. He stated that the Kicks for Kids campaign did a wonderful job. Mr. Ellis also stated that he would like to tour the high school.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Rogers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m., unanimously approved.

Secretary,

Brittany Justice

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