

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
PERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA**

January 11, 2016

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held a regular board meeting on Monday, January 11, 2016 at the Perry Township Education Center, 6548 Orinoco Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Board of Education members present:

Charles R. Mercer, Jr., Board President
Stephen M. Maple, Board Vice President
Kenneth J. Mertz, Secretary
Rubie L. Alexander, Member
Edward T. Denning, Member
Gwen E. Freeman, Member
Jon P. Morris, Member

Administrative Staff present:

Dr. Thomas J. Little, Jr., Superintendent
Mrs. Vickie Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Foundational Learning, Pre K-5
Mr. Bob Bohannon, Assistant Superintendent of Career Preparation, 6-12
Mr. Mike Bagley, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Matthew Willey, Chief Technology Officer
Mr. Marc Westfall, Director of Operations
Mrs. Rhonda Jones-Jointer, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Louis Norris, Associate Director of Human Relations/Student Services

President Mr. Chuck Mercer called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. The Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Pack #183 from Abraham Lincoln and Rosa Parks Elementaries led by Mr. Ed Cook and Mrs. Erica Shoop.

Mr. Mercer thanked Ms. Freeman for her work this past year as president. Dr. Little also thanked Ms. Freeman for her hard work and hours. Dr. Little stated Ms. Freeman provided great direction and focus.

RECOGNITIONS

The Douglas MacArthur Elementary Spotlight Singers and Mrs. Jenny McAllister were recognized for winning the B105.7 Christmas Choir competition in the elementary division.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by Ms. Freeman. It was seconded by Mrs. Alexander. The motion passed 7/0. Included with these minutes are copies of the following items:

- Minutes of the December 14, 2015 Regular Board Meeting and January 4, 2015 Executive Session
- November 2015 Financial Report
- Allowance of Vouchers
- Personnel Report
- Report to Board on Travel beyond 75 miles by Certified Staff
- Approval of Fundraiser Requests

- Approval of Amendment to CSO Contract for Perry Meridian High School Instructional and Athletic Facility Improvements

Dr. Little informed the board Mrs. Barb Brouwer submitted her letter of resignation. Dr. Little stated Mrs. Brouwer is one of the finest building principals who has represented the district with class and distinction for the past ten years. She has a 'can do' attitude and is an excellent leader.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION

Mrs. Carpenter and Mr. Norris recommended approval to accept the following donations:

1. A donation of \$500 from Accenture to Clinton Young Elementary. This donation was given to Mary Arnold, computer technician at Clinton Young in conjunction with their recent Code grant and is to be used for purchasing needed computer classroom materials.
2. A donation of \$750 from "Learning to Give" to Clinton Young Elementary and presented to Susan Becker, special education teacher and will be used to fund a service learning project called "Literacy Packs for Kids."
3. A donation of 40 bicycles through the McMiracle Bike Program and Mr. Reggie and Mrs. Tracey Jones for deserving students.

Mrs. Alexander moved to approve, Mr. Morris seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of the CyberBlue234 Robotics Team to attend a competition and travel to the FIRST Robotics Guilford County Event in McLeansville, North Carolina from March 4-7, 2016. Mr. Denning moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of high school portable and non-portable weight room equipment for PMHS and SHS. Mr. Morris moved to approve, Ms. Freeman seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of new mascots for the Southport and Perry Meridian 6th grade academies. Southport 6th Grade Academy will change from the Bobcats to the Cardinals. Perry Meridian 6th Grade Academy will change from the Colts to the Falcons. Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Ms. Freeman seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Morris stated we are going to miss Mrs. Brouwer and wish you the best. Thank you to Dr. Little for his handling of the recent threat against Perry Meridian High School.

Mr. Denning appreciates the handling of the recent threat. May our thoughts be with everyone's families during this time. Please let this be a lesson for all young people about social media. Mrs. Brouwer offered a class at Southport High School on the proper usage of social media. To Mrs. Brouwer, you will always be remembered as one of our finest principals. Best wishes.

Ms. Freeman thanked the community for the honor to serve as president of the board. Congratulations to the Douglas MacArthur Spotlight Singers on their hard work and winning the B105.7 award. To Mrs. Brouwer, we will miss you greatly. You made quite an impact on thousands of students and changed their lives due to your leadership. Congratulations.

Mr. Mertz congratulated Douglas MacArthur Spotlight Singers and Mrs. Jenny McAllister for their hard work and winning the B105.7 award. Mr. Mertz thanked Dr. Little, Mr. Abraham, Director Gary Coons and Homeland Security,

IMPD and Perry Schools Police for their hard work throughout the middle of the night on the threat against Perry Meridian High School. Thank you to the teachers for supporting the students. We are thankful for a good outcome in a bad situation. To Mrs. Brouwer, I echo what everyone has said. You have had a huge impact at Southport High School and in Perry Township in many ways, in the programs you initiated and more. Hats off to you for everything you have accomplished. Congratulations, you will be missed. Enjoy your retirement.

Mr. Maple to Mrs. Brouwer, I, too, echo the sentiments by everyone. At graduation I watched the extra joy as you hugged everyone on stage. The interaction is very telling about the impact you have on your students. They won't forget you.

Mrs. Alexander stated she is proud to say she was a part of hiring Mrs. Brouwer and Dr. Little. To Dr. Little, thank you for keeping us informed in the recent threat against Perry Meridian High School. To Mrs. Brouwer, I am proud of you being a part of Perry Township. It saddened me to hear of your retirement, but I wish you the best. To Ms. Freeman, thank you for your work as board president and keeping us informed. Congratulations to the new board officers and I promise my support to you. Mrs. Alexander stated she is proud of Mrs. Star Hardimon and Douglas MacArthur and their hard work. Congratulations to Douglas MacArthur Spotlight Singers.

Mr. Mercer to Mrs. Brouwer, I echo what everyone has said this evening. I remember my high school principal. In watching you, you have become the most beloved principal at Southport High School. At graduation when the student handed you a rock, you didn't miss a beat and you smiled. This is the relationship you have with your students. Thank you and congratulations. We will all miss you. Mr. Mercer thanked everyone who worked through the night last night on the threat against PMHS. Mr. Mercer thanked Mr. Westfall and the crews for the clearing of the snow on all parking lots.

Dr. Little thanked the cabinet members for taking numerous phone calls throughout the middle of the night and for your leadership. I appreciate your work and your energy. To Mrs. Brouwer, you have made a huge impact on so many people. The comments from this board reflect what an outstanding high school principal and person you are. It is my honor to have worked my past eight years with you.

Ms. Freeman moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Maple seconded. Mr. Mercer sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Everyone is invite to join us for a special Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.



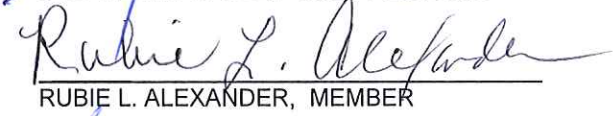
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