

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

April 11, 2016

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held a regular board meeting on Monday, March 14, 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  
**Edward T. Denning**, Member  
**Gwen E. Freeman**, Member  
**Jon P. Morris**, Member

Board of Education members not present:

**Rubie L. Alexander**, 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 6:30 p.m. The Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Pack #139 from Glens Valley led by Mr. Derek Walden.

**RECOGNITIONS**

Southport Elementary School was recognized for the prestigious TAP Founder's Award by the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching. The school's student achievement levels have soared even while experiencing significantly increased numbers of English language learners and an increase in the number of families experiencing hardship. The award includes a \$50,000 prize to be used toward continuing to improve classroom teaching and student success. The TAP Award is given annually to one school in the nation with significant and sustained increase in student achievement among other goals.

Henry Dawson, Perry Meridian High School student was recognized for receiving an exceptional perfect score on the ACT test. Congratulations to Henry!

The Southport High School's Boys Basketball team and coaches were recognized for their accomplishments:

- Record of 60-18 in the last three years
- Back-to-back 20 win seasons
- Three-year Conference Indiana Champions
- Hall of Fame Champions
- Sectional Champions
- Regional Champions
- Final 4 in 4A

Individual accomplishments recognized:

- Joey Brunk and Paul Scruggs - All-State
- Joey Brunk - Academic All-State
- Paul Scruggs - Indiana Junior All Star Core Team Member
- Joey Brunk - Final 3 for Mr. Basketball

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by Mr. Maple. It was seconded by Ms. Freeman. The motion passed 6/0.

Dr. Little introduced new administrators: Stephanie Quinlan, Jon Romine, Darlene Hardesty, Doug Schornick, Lora Hansell, Nicole Jewell, Jennifer Pleak and Blair Schneider.

Included are copies of the following items:

- Minutes of the March 14, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and Hearings
- Financial Report for February 2016
- Allowance of Vouchers
- Personnel Report
- Approval of Professional Travel Requests
- Report to Board on Travel beyond 75 miles by Certified Staff
- Approval of Fundraiser Requests
- Approval of SHS Girls Basketball Team Trip

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

### **ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION**

Dr. Little recommended approval of a partnership with Community Health Network. The health partnership agreement will provide staffing resources to provide healthcare services to enhance the health and well-being of the students at Perry Township Schools. Some of the services provided will include nursing services for students, sports medicine services for student athletes and onsite primary care services for employees, spouses and dependents that are covered under the Perry School's medical plan. Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Mr. Morris seconded. Ms. Freeman abstained from the vote. The motion passed 5/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of City Securities as lead underwriter and Stifel as secondary underwriter for the Strong Schools Strong Community A+ Project Bond Issue, Resolution #16-011. Mr. Denning moved to approve, Ms. Freeman seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of the Old National Insurance Broker agreement. The agreement includes our new Property Casualty provider, Liberty Mutual. Liberty's proposal was 26.7% lower than the incumbent's proposal and saves the district over \$200,000. The agreement also includes Chubb's as our Fiduciary Liability provider and Travelers as our Equipment and Machinery Coverage provider. Additionally, Jeremiah Gray is in a flood plain; Henry Burkhart and the Service Center border flood plains. Flood insurance for these sites is being purchased through the Federal Flood Insurance Program. Ms. Freeman moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Willey recommended approval of bid acceptance for E-Rate Wireless/Wired Application by Network Solutions, Incorporated. Mr. Maple moved to approve, Mr. Morris seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Westfall recommended approval of an amendment to the PMHS Instructional and Athletic Facility Phase II Improvements by CSO Architects. Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Ms. Freeman seconded. The motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Westfall recommended approval to accept the bids for the Rosa Parks Elementary Kindergarten Center. Mr. Steve Maple moved to approve and Ms. Freeman seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Westfall recommended approval to accept bids for the Jeremiah Gray Elementary Kindergarten Center. Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Mr. Morris seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval of an event contract for a Winchester Village Elementary staff retreat to be held in June. Ms. Freeman moved to approve, Mr. Maple seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mrs. Carpenter and Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of the following donations:

1. A donation of \$13,000 to SHS Cybercards from Philip and Michelle McKinney of Innovation.Tools
2. Donations for the Perry Township Art Show:
  - a. \$100 from the Perry Township Education Foundation
  - b. \$100 from Heidenreich Greenhouse
  - c. \$75 from Southside Vintage Marketplace
  - d. \$75 from Beck's Service Center
  - e. \$50 from Cardinal Insurance
  - f. \$20 from Tina White
  - g. \$25 from John Sponsel Property Management
  - h. \$25 from Gift of Gloves
  - i. \$25 from Trophy House
  - j. Banner from Graphic Worx

We sincerely thank and appreciate the above people and businesses who give for students and education. Ms. Freeman moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of new courses for the Perry Meridian High School Early College program. Mr. Morris moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

#### **ITEMS OF INFORMATION NOT REQUIRING ACTION**

Mr. Westfall announced the district applied for the 2015 National School Lunch Program Equipment Grant for \$20,000 and we received it.

Dr. Little and Mr. Westfall provided an update on the PMHS Instructional and Athletic Facility Improvement Project.

#### **COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Morris congratulated the new administrators. Perry Township Schools are growing and advancing and this is great. I wish to recognize the elementary music teachers who recently hosted the district elementary music festival. This is a huge undertaking which celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> year. This event requires a year of planning and it is important to note other school corporations do not have this.

Mr. Denning congratulated the new administrators. Congratulations to the Southport High School basketball team for a great year. Congratulations to Southport High School for organizing and holding the career fair where students, businesses and community attended.

Ms. Freeman quoted a friend who said "if you are not growing and changing, you are dying." Perry Township Schools is growing and changing! Congratulations to the Southport High School basketball team for an exceptional year! Congratulations to Southport Elementary School for making Perry Township Schools one of the top schools in the nation. We appreciate your hard work.

Mr. Mertz welcomed the new administrators and those new to Perry Township Schools; it is a great place to be. There are many exciting and positive things happening in Perry Township Schools. Congratulations to Southport Elementary School for the prestigious TAP Founder's Award. Mr. Mertz expressed sympathy to the family of Mr. David Moulton, teacher and Speech coach at Perry Meridian High School. He will be missed. Congratulations to Mr. Mike Slack in his retirement and best wishes to him. Mr. Mertz thanked Mr. Mike Bagley for all of his hard work and everything he does for the corporation.


Mr. Maple stated he finds it interesting the news media constantly criticizing education. If the media had been here tonight, they would feel the electricity and excitement; they missed out. I wish we could communicate more of the positives of education to our constituents and presidential candidates. Thank you all for serving and your hard work.

Mr. Mercer congratulated the new administrators. Congratulations to the Southport High School basketball team. It was a lot of fun following the team this year. Thank you to everyone for attending the board meeting this evening.

Dr. Little stated it is nice to see the new associate superintendent, Mr. Pat Mapes here tonight. Thank you for being here. Dr. Little recognized an individual who is here this evening in the background who looked on with pride as his predecessor was announced. This gentleman serves with class and distinction. Please help me in recognizing John Happersberger. Mr. Happersberger stated he hired into the township when Mrs. Rubie Alexander was a desegregation coordinator on the interview team. It has been a wonderful opportunity to work in Perry Township Schools; it is a great place to be.

ADJOURN

Ms. Freeman moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Maple seconded. Mr. Mercer sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

  
CHARLES R. MERCER, JR., PRESIDENT

  
STEPHEN M. MAPLE, VICE PRESIDENT

  
KENNETH J. MERTZ, SECRETARY

Absent 4-11-16  
RUBIE L. ALEXANDER, MEMBER

  
EDWARD T. DENNING, MEMBER

  
GWEN E. FREEMAN, MEMBER

  
JON P. MORRIS, MEMBER