

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

January 8, 2018

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held an organizational meeting, a board of finance meeting and a regular board meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018 at the Perry Township Education Center, 6548 Orinoco Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Board of Education members present:

Edward T. Denning, Board President
Emily Hartman, Board Vice President
Kenneth J. Mertz, Board Secretary
Collin C. Fultz, Board Member
Steve Johnson, Board Member
Charles R. Mercer, Jr., Board Member
Jon P. Morris, Board Secretary

Administrative staff present:

Mr. Patrick W. Mapes, Superintendent
Mr. Chris Sampson, Associate Superintendent of Operations
Mr. Bob Bohannon, Assistant Superintendent of Career Preparation, 6-12
Mrs. Vickie Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Foundational Learning, Pre K-5
Mr. Mike Bagley, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Matthew Willey, Chief Technology Officer

OPENING OF THE MEETING

President Ken Mertz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The presentation of colors and Pledge of Allegiance were presented by Boy Scout Pack 183 of Abraham Lincoln Elementary, Rosa Parks Kindergarten Academy and Elementary. The boy scout pack is led by Mr. Ed Cook.

APPOINT BOARD MEMBER AND OATH OF OFFICE

As long-time board member, Mr. Steve Maple moved out of the district to be closer to family, a board seat became vacant. The open board seat was publicized and advertised. We received nine applications. The board met and reviewed the applications and resumes received. From the nine applicants, three were selected and were interviewed in a public work session. The board met in an Executive Session to make the decision. Mr. Johnson moved Mr. Collin Fultz fill the open board member seat, Mr. Denning seconded. The motion carried 6/0. Mr. Collin Fultz was sworn in by school board attorney, Mrs. Libby Roberts, J.D.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Mr. Mertz moved that Mr. Denning serve as president of the board, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion carried 6/0. Mr. Mapes stated Mr. Mertz has done an outstanding job leading our school district this past year as president of the board. Mr. Mertz was presented with a plaque for his service.

Mr. Denning moved that Mrs. Hartman serve as vice president of the board, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Denning opened the floor for nominations of board secretary. Mrs. Hartman nominated Mr. Mertz, Mr. Johnson seconded. Mr. Denning asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. The motion passed 6/0.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of Treasurer and Deputy Treasurers

Mr. Mapes recommended J. Michael Bagley as treasurer and Beth Meyers and Cynthia King as deputy treasurers. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Appointment of Purchasing Agent

Mr. Mapes recommended J. Michael Bagley as purchasing agent. Mrs. Hartman moved to approve and Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

RECESS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Organizational meeting was recessed at 6:39 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER THE BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

Mr. Denning called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Mr. Denning asked for nominations for the president of the Board of Finance. Mr. Denning nominated and moved that Mr. Mertz serve as president of the Board of Finance, Mr. Fultz seconded. As there were no other nominations, the motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Denning opened the floor for nominations for secretary of the Board of Finance. Mr. Mertz nominated Mrs. Hartman as secretary of the Board of Finance, Mr. Mercer seconded. As there were no other nominations, the motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Bagley reviewed board policy: "The School Board authorizes the Treasurer or the Deputy Treasurer to make investments of available monies from the several funds of the Corporation as authorized by the State of Indiana and the State Board of Accounts (IC 5-13-9 and IC 20-26-5-4)." Mr. Bagley presented the financial report for the district.

The total interest earned from JP Morgan Chase from December 1, 2016 through November 30, 2017 was \$46,192.67. Washington Trust holds the unallocated portion of the Pension Bond funds and earned \$124,966.94 for the same time period. Construction funds with Huntington Bank and Lake City Bank total posted interest is \$467,073.35 and total accrued interest is \$188,825.43

ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD OF FINANCE AND RECONVENE THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mr. Denning adjourned the Board of Finance and reconvened the Organizational meeting at 6:48 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING (CONTINUED)

Mr. Mapes recommended approval of board meeting dates for 2018 and January 2019. Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Mr. Mercer seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Mapes recommended approval of Resolution #18-001, Authorization of Contract Changes. Mr. Mapes explained this resolution will allow Mr. Bagley to approve contract changes to a teacher's contract between Board Meetings. Mr. Morris moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Mapes recommended approval of Resolution #18-002, Use of Facsimile Signatures. Mr. Mapes explained this allows electronic signatures on documents and teacher contracts. Mr. Johnson moved to approve, Mr. Mercer seconded. Mr. Mertz asked if the board facsimile signatures will be used for teacher contracts only? Mr. Mapes stated that is correct, administrator contracts will require the board president and secretary's signature by hand. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Mapes recommended approval of board members' compensation for 2018 which is \$2,000 per member. Mr. Johnson moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Mapes recommended approval to reappoint Church, Church, Hittle and Antrim as the board's legal counsel with Seamus Boyce as lead counsel. Mr. Morris moved to approve and Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

ADJOURN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND CALL TO ORDER REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Mr. Denning adjourned the Organizational meeting and called to order the Regular Board meeting at 6:55 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

RECOGNITION

Jayla Sloan, senior at PMHS was selected as a recipient of the Marion County Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. Scholars receive up to four years' full tuition to attend any accredited public or private not-for-profit college or university in Indiana.

Savannah Grayson, sophomore at PMHS was recognized for her courage and compassion. When Savannah saw a post on social media from a Beech Grove student who was contemplating suicide, Savannah made contact with the principal at that high school. Because of Savannah's quick action, the principal contacted the parents immediately and the student was taken to the hospital and received immediate medical care ultimately saving her life.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by Mr. Mertz. It was seconded by Mr. Morris.

The motion passed 7/0. Included with these minutes are copies of the following items:

- Minutes of the November 27, 2017 Public Work Session
- Minutes of the December 11, 2017 Regular Board and Hearing
- Minutes of the December 11, 2017 Executive Session
- Minutes of the December 18, 2017 Public Work Session
- Financial Report for November 2017
- Allowance of Vouchers
- Personnel Report
- Approval of Professional Travel Requests
- Report to Board on travel beyond 75 miles by certified staff
- Fundraiser Requests
- Approval of Acceptance of Donations:
 1. **Abraham Lincoln Elementary**
 - a. Abraham Lincoln received a check from SchoolStore.com for \$440.75 a fundraiser that took place in 2016. This money will be used to support our students with social services.
 2. **Douglas MacArthur Kindergarten Academy**
 - a. Through a partnership with Resurrection Lutheran Church, DMKA will receive services and supplies totalling \$58,000. Please see the attached letter for an itemized list of the goals for this donation.
 3. **Winchester Village Elementary**
 - a. Winchester Village received a donation of approximately 530 books from Barnes & Noble so that each student was able to take a book home for their enjoyment. Furthermore, Barnes & Noble sponsored a book fair in which students took part in and WV got a percentage of the sales from that event.
 4. **Perry Township Elementary Schools**
 - a. Ann Smith, Perry Township resident, donated several boxes of office supplies and equipment to be distributed amongst our elementary schools as needed.

Southport High School

- Request approval of \$500 donation from Mr. and Mrs. Shellenberger. The donation will be used for the SHS swim program.
- Request approval of \$325 donation from Mr. and Mrs. Doty. The donation will be used for the SHS choir program.

Perry Meridian Middle School

- Request approval of \$300 donation from Superior Essex for the PMMS Special Education Department. The donation will assist in buying Christmas gifts for families in need this holiday season.
- Request approval of \$300 grant from Endress & Hauser for the PMMS Science Department. Participation in Endress & Hauser's annual Career and Education Forum allowed for this grant. The money will be used to buy STEM related materials for our science classes.

Mr. Chris Sampson introduced Mrs. Sharon Baker, Director of Human Resources. Mrs. Baker comes to Perry Township with over 20 years of experience in Human Relations.

Mrs. Stephanie Quinlan introduced Mrs. Cheryl Moss, Dean of Student Services at SMS. Mrs. Moss has experience in the field of behavior.

Mr. Jon Romine introduced Mr. Jon Amones, Athletic Director for PMMS. Mr. Amones comes to us from Hamilton Southeastern and Warren with experience and knowledge as an athletic director.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval for PMHS Algebra 2 Honors students to attend Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio on May 12, 2018. The purpose of this activity is to represent real world problems that can be modeled and interpreted with equations and functions. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Fultz seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval for Abraham Lincoln Elementary to enter into an MOU with Concord Neighborhood Center for the 21st Community Learning Center program. The program will be administered through the Concord Neighborhood Center and will enhance the before and after care programs for the Abraham Lincoln families. The agreement will give Concord the ability to access student data information so that academic and enrichment services can be administered appropriately. Mrs. Hartman asked what are the fees. The fees for the before and after care for a week is \$30. Mr. Mercer asked where is the Concord Center located. It is located south of Shapiro's. Mrs. Hartman asked is the program open to all students at Abraham Lincoln. Yes, it is. With the program, the target is 15-20 students as it is not a large pilot program. Mr. Morris asked if the Concord Center carries an insurance policy. Mrs. Carpenter will check on that. Mr. Morris asked if we should ask about insurance before approving. Mrs. Carpenter stated the approval tonight is for the sharing of data. Mr. Morris asked if this is a part of the 21st Century Scholar program. It is related. Mr. Mercer asked do we have someone from Perry Township that works at the Concord Center. We do, Miss Robbins works there and she is our contact. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval for Winchester Village Elementary to enter into a contract with Salt Creek Conference Center to hold their 2018 professional staff development retreat. The focus of the retreat is to plan a year-long writing curriculum. The cost of the retreat will be covered by Title I grant funds. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval for Winchester Village Elementary to enter into a contract with Smekens Education for staff development training in 2018. Smekens will provide training and professional development on site at the school for staff in the months of March, May and August as well as during their staff retreat in June. Funding through the IDOE School Improvement Grant will be used to support this professional development. Mr. Mertz

moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. Mrs. Hartman noticed one of the dates in the contract is the summer retreat; I assume it is not a required event. Correct, it is not a required event. The principal anticipates 40 certified staff to attend. Attendance in the past has been good. Mrs. Hartman stated the remaining three training dates are on school days. Is there a cost to pay substitutes? Yes, the cost for substitutes is paid for with the grant monies. The motion carried 7/0.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Mercer congratulated the students recognized and welcomed new staff. We are glad you are here.

Mr. Johnson congratulated Mr. Fultz on his board appointment. He welcomed the new staff. Mr. Johnson stated Perry Township is a great place to work, to live and to raise kids.

Mr. Fultz welcomed new staff. He thanked the board for this opportunity. Mr. Fultz thanked Mr. Maple for his 23 years of service. He said Mr. Maple was on the board when I was a student and a big part of the success of Perry Township during his tenure. Mr. Fultz congratulated the students recognized.

Mrs. Hartman thanked Mr. Bagley for his integrity, willingness to answer all of my questions regarding finance. She stated Mr. Bagley is so detailed and so organized and he present things easily. I appreciate your work. Mrs. Hartman thanked Mr. Norris for a lovely Martin Luther King Jr. program this evening. In light of the program, I found a quote from Martin Luther King, Jr.: "The time is always right to do what is right" Savannah Grayson is a young lady who did what was right when it needed to be done right. We all have those opportunities. I commend Savannah and her parents for encouraging her to stand up for what is right. In light of our Martin Luther King, Jr. program this evening and recognizing Savannah tonight, I felt this quote was very fitting. Mrs. Hartman welcomed Mr. Fultz.

Mr. Morris welcomed the new staff and Mr. Fultz. He congratulated the new board officers for 2018. Mr. Morris thanked Mr. Norris for coordinating and organizing the Martin Luther King, Jr. program. He congratulated our students who were recognized.

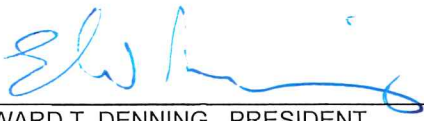
Mr. Mertz welcomed new staff. Congratulations to our students for their achievements and recognition. Tonight I want to take the opportunity to thank my fellow board members. The board members work hard and work honestly for the school district, the students and the staff. This past year was a long, busy year. I was fortunate to have strong individuals in these board members serving with me. Mr. Mertz welcomed Mr. Fultz to the board. It was a difficult year and the board did a tremendous job. A lot of questions were asked and a lot of tough decisions were made. Mr. Mertz thanked the administrative staff for everything they have done. Thank you to Mr. Mapes and Mrs. Meyers for their work.

Mr. Denning welcomed and congratulated Mr. Fultz. Congratulations to our new employees and administrators. We are very proud of Perry Township and it is an honor you chose to work with us. Mr. Denning congratulated the two talented students who were recognized this evening. He thanked Mr. Norris for a lovely Martin Luther King, Jr. program. Mr. Denning shared the music portion of the program is his favorite part and he was glad Mrs. McDonald was able to perform a song tonight. Mr. Denning thanked Mr. Mertz for his service as president last year; I appreciate your guidance and steadfast direction as we worked on issues last year. We thank you so very much.

Mr. Mapes thanked Mr. Murphy; you have been invaluable to the district this past week. The work that he and his staff performed so that we could go to school Wednesday morning was above and beyond. At 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon we had 40 buses that wouldn't start. I went to Transportation Tuesday evening where the mechanics were working diligently to get the buses up and running. A lot of things happen between 3:00 a.m. before a student ever steps foot on a sidewalk at 6:45 a.m.; many behind the scenes work that many people don't think about. I thank Mr. Schott and his staff for making sure sidewalks and parking lots are clear and safe at all of our buildings and facilities. I can't praise these people enough working diligently for students and staff to have safe travel and safe facilities in Perry Township Schools. Weather is upon us and every day brings a new challenge. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Schott are my right hand in reporting on roads and transportation at 4:45 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Denning sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.



EDWARD T. DENNING, PRESIDENT



EMILY HARTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

Absent 2.12.18

KENNETH J. MERTZ, SECRETARY



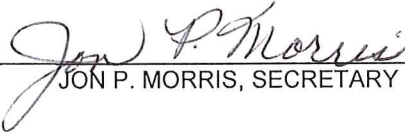
COLLIN C. FULTZ, MEMBER



STEVE JOHNSON, MEMBER

Absent 2.12.18

CHARLES R. MERCER JR., MEMBER



JON P. MORRIS, SECRETARY