

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

December 11, 2017

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held a regular board meeting on Monday, December 11, 2017 at the Perry Township Education Center, 6548 Orinoco Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Board of Education members present:

Kenneth J. Mertz , Board President
Edward T. Denning, Board Vice President
Emily Hartman, Board Member
Steve Johnson, Board Member
Steve Maple, Board Member
Charles R. Mercer, Jr., Board Member

Board of Education members not present:

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. Mr. Mertz asked for thoughts and prayers for Jon Morris who will be undergoing a medical procedure tomorrow. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

RECOGNITION

Sonya Rees, 4th grader at Mary Bryan Elementary was recognized for winning the Indianapolis Circle of Lights Coloring Contest. Sonya was given the honor of flipping the switch for the tree lighting ceremony on Monument Circle.

Abraham Lincoln Elementary Spell Bowl Team was recognized for placing first in the district competition. The students went on to place second in the Regional Spell Bowl and 14th out of 117 schools in the State competition.

Douglas MacArthur Elementary Spell Bowl Team was recognized for placing first in the Regional Spell Bowl competition. The team placed second in the district competition. The students placed 13th out of 117 schools in the State Spell Bowl competition.

Abraham Lincoln Elementary was formally recognized by the Indianapolis Urban League with an Educational Excellence Award. Mrs. Wilkowski and her staff received this award based on their ongoing commitment to a diverse student population that includes a high percentage of free and reduced lunch and EL students while earning an 'A' school for 2016-2017 by the State Department of Education.

Mrs. Briana Underwood, guidance counselor at Southport High School was recognized for being named the Exemplary High School Counselor of the Year by the Indiana School Counseling Association.

Perry Meridian 6th Grade Academy Spell Bowl team was recognized for placing first in their class at the Regional Spell Bowl, as well as State Runner-Up in their class.

Hanna Escobar, junior at Perry Meridian High School was recognized as winner of the 2017 district holiday card contest.

The PMHS Environmental Club was recognized for placing first in the "Keep Indianapolis Beautiful" video contest. "Littering is Bad" received 1st place and "Together We Can Stop the Litter" received 3rd place. The winning video will be aired as a public service announcement on Fox 59. PMHS Environmental Club members are: Moid Ali, Andrea Alvarez, Ben Fair and Andrew Thang. Club sponsors are: Jessica Hunter and Sarah Brewer.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by Mr. Johnson. It was seconded by Mr. Maple.

The motion passed 6/0. Included with these minutes are copies of the following items:

- Minutes of the October 30, 2017 Public Work Session
- Minutes of the November 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes of the November 13, 2017 Executive Session
- October Financial Report
- 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:
- Approval to Renew SSI Financial Management System Contract

Mrs. Erin Coleman was introduced and will begin January 2, 2018 as Assistant Food Service Director for the district.

RECESS THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Mr. Mertz recessed the regular board meeting at 6:50 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Mertz called the Public Hearing to order.

TEACHER APPRECIATION GRANT ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Mr. Bagley presented information on the teacher appreciation grant additional appropriation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Mertz adjourned the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Mr. Mertz reconvened the regular business meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Neil Linville, President of PEA thanked the board for teacher appreciation grant. He thanked Mr. Bagley and his department for their work. It is very much appreciated. I am here tonight to personally thank Mr. Steve Maple. I can't remember a time or a board meeting when you were not here. You've been a constant and a beacon through some smooth times, but also through some very tumultuous times. I appreciate your leadership then and now and on behalf of the Perry Education Association, I thank you. Thank you for your service and good luck to you.

Mr. Maple thanked Mr. Linville for his comments. Mr. Maple said it has been a good experience with the Perry Education Association over the years. Mr. Maple stated he can't think of a better organization with Mr. Linville's leadership and his predecessors in helping this school district move forward. You have been a good leader and thank you for your leadership as well.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of the Teacher Appreciation Grant additional appropriation, Resolution 17-0014. Mr. Maple moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of the Rainy Day Fund transfer, Resolutions 17-0015 and 17-0016. Resolution 17-0015 is the transfer from the Operating Fund to the Rainy Day Fund in the amount of \$5,000,000. Resolution 17-0016 is the transfer from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund in the amount of \$3,000,000. Mr. Denning moved to approve, Mr. Maple seconded. The motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of the Energy Manager Professional Services Agreement with Mr. Jim Wernke. Mr. Maple moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of the Safety Manager Personal Services Agreement with Mr. Ken George. Mr. Denning moved to approve, Mr. Mercer seconded. The motion passed 6/0.

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval of a contract renewal with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Indianapolis, Inc. and Clinton Young Elementary. Mr. Johnson moved to approve, Mr. Denning seconded. The motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of out-of-state travel requests: PMHS wrestling team to travel to Lexington, Kentucky on December 29, 2017 to participate in the Bates Creek Wrestling Invitational, and the PMHS Cyber Blue Team 234 to attend competitions during FIRST Robotics 2018 season. Mrs. Hartman moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion passed 6/0.

The board received a letter of resignation from Stephen (Steve) Maple from the Board of Education effective December 31, 2017 as he will no longer be a resident of Perry Township. Mr. Maple served Perry Township Schools 23 ½ years. Mr. Mercer regretfully moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion passed 6/0. Mr. Maple stated he has served with 37 members who he wishes to thank. Mr. Mertz stated he has served with Mr. Maple for nine years and Mr. Maple also served with Mr. Mertz' father-in-law years ago. It is with much gratitude we say thank you and good luck.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Mercer congratulated the students for their awards and recognitions. Congratulations to Abraham Lincoln Elementary School for achieving their 'A' rating and spell bowl win.

Mr. Johnson stated we have a lot of students and parents in the district who are engaged in their education. Mr. Johnson thanked Mr. Maple for his 23 ½ years of service. He said two of his children have gone through our school system from kindergarten through 12th grade and they are making positive contributions to the world, so thank you, Mr. Maple. I've known you forever. You are always welcome here.

Mr. Maple stated after 49 years of marriage, he and his wife are moving. Mr. Maple thanked everyone. There have been interesting and challenging times serving on the board. I have served with great people. We are a fine township. We have experienced a lot of changes over the years. When I began, the district was approximately 35% free and reduced. It is now 71%. That is just one dramatic change. Given dramatic change, we have been able to do an excellent job with our students and that is a great sense of pride for all of us on the board. I want to thank everyone who has served in various capacities from superintendent, staff, teachers, the Perry Education Association. We have done a great job in educating students. There is a great sense of pride for all of us who have served on the

board over the years. In addition, we need to thank the voters for giving us the funds to educate students. We thank parents for being conscientious and helpful in their child's education. It will continue to be a challenge, but I feel this team, and it really is a team, have shown they are up to the challenge. Thank you all very much. I appreciate your thoughts, wishes and kind words.

Mrs. Hartman congratulated Abraham Lincoln Elementary. The accolades and attention Abraham Lincoln Elementary are receiving are well deserved. They have worked very hard in that building. Kudos to them. Also, congratulations to SHS' Guidance Department. They have been recognized often for their hard work and accomplishments. The Guidance Department is integral especially for students who do not have support at home. To Mr. Maple, I believe you may have been the board member to hand me my diploma. I vividly remember being a new young voter at SHS and you were running for school board and handed out rulers with your name on them. Mrs. Hartman stated it has been a pleasure to serve beside you. Listening to your insight and thoughts during my first year have been very beneficial. I appreciate all you have done to help me and especially everything you have done for Perry Township the past 23 ½ years.

Mr. Denning congratulated our award winners. To Mr. Maple, even though there was a dark time during your service on the board, your wit, wisdom and navigation was an awesome feat to see during the tumultuous times. You stayed true to the purpose of the board and I will always appreciate that. I was in awe of your cool during some very turbulent times. Thank you for your service.

Mr. Mertz stated 2017 was a busy year in the district. The district opened up 4 Kindergarten Centers. There was a lot of planning and execution that was involved in the building and opening of the four centers. A lot of people put a lot of time and work into the centers. We began a new bus schedule that had its issues. The staff worked tirelessly to get it right and they got it right. There was a lot of hard work behind the scenes that people were unaware of. We owe them a debt of gratitude. 2017 brought us 2 new board members with great backgrounds and insight. We are very fortunate to have them on our team. We welcome a new leader to Perry Township. We opened up a football stadium for a high school 45 years after they opened. I want to thank everybody for all of the work they have put forth in 2017. I want to thank Mr. Linville and PEA who work side-by-side with the administrative team. Thank you for your work and conviction for the students of Perry Township. Lastly, Mr. Mertz recognized Mr. Maple. We were fortunate enough that Mr. Maple led the board as president when I came onto the board. I am grateful for his leadership. Steve has been a part of a lot of different things over 23 ½ years and he has touched a lot of lives and positively impacted so many. Steve was always thoughtful in his process as he analyzed and made decisions. You are very much appreciated. I wish you and Sarah great times. You are always welcome here.

Mr. Mapes thanked all teachers and sponsors for the holiday programs. Thank you for your extra hours and hard work to make these programs successful. Recognizing our students and staff tonight has been fantastic. It's neat seeing all of the great things going on in our schools from elementary to high school.

Mr. Mapes stated he was sitting with Mayor Hogsett this weekend at the SHS basketball game and the mayor mentioned he met our four PMHS students at Fox59 as they were being interviewed. He stated he was impressed with the quality and fine students of Perry Township and was glad they participated in the opportunity to do the public service announcement for the city. That was the first thing the mayor said when we talked. It brings a lot of pride to me and hopefully to you that we are not only recognized within our township, but people are taking notice of the great things our students, teachers and administrators are accomplishing in the township.

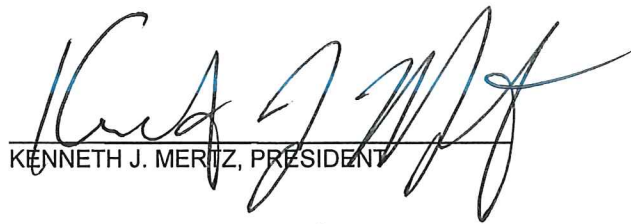
To Mr. Maple, it doesn't seem as if thank you is enough. We wish you well and thank you for your years of service to Perry Township Schools. This community has benefitted time and time again because of your leadership, knowledge, and ability to lead a district in academic, facility and financial success. Thank you.

The crowd applauded Mr. Maple with a standing ovation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mertz sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

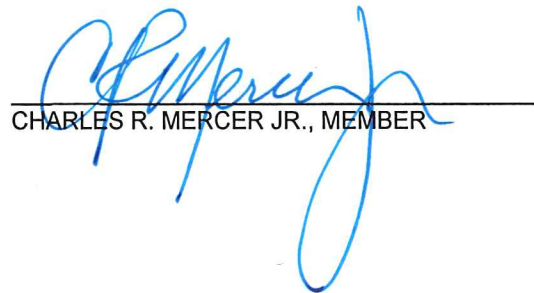
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KENNETH J. MERTZ, PRESIDENT

ABSENT

JON P. MORRIS, SECRETARY


STEVE JOHNSON, MEMBER


CHARLES R. MERCER JR., MEMBER


EDWARD T. DENNING, VICE PRESIDENT


EMILY HARTMAN, MEMBER

ABSENT 1/08/18

STEPHEN M. MAPLE, MEMBER


COLLIN C. FULTZ, MEMBER