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

#### June 12, 2017

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held a regular board meeting on Monday, June 12, 2017 at the Perry Township Education Center, 6548 Orinoco Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Board of Education members present:

Kenneth J. Mertz, Board President Steve Johnson, Board Member Steve Maple, Board Member Charles R. Mercer, Jr., Board Member

Board of Education members not present:

Edward T. Denning, Board Vice President Jon P. Morris, Board Secretary Emily Hartman, Board Member

Administrative staff present:

Patrick W. Mapes, Acting Superintendent

Mr. Bob Bohannon, Assistant Superintendent of Career Preparation, 6-12

Mr. Mike Bagley, Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Matthew Willey, Chief Technology Officer

Mrs. Rhonda Jones-Jointer, Director of Human Resources

Mr. Louis Norris, Associate Director of Human Relations/Student Services

Administrative staff not present:

Mrs. Vickie Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Foundational Learning, Pre K-5

President Ken Mertz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Melissa Walsh, PMHS Choir Director was recognized for receiving the 2016-2017 Indiana State School Music Association All-Music Award for their outstanding achievements. This is the sixth consecutive year.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by Mr. Maple. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed 4/0. Included with these minutes are copies of the following items:

- Minutes of the May 8, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, May 16, 2017 Special Board Meeting and Executive Session, May 22, 2017 Executive Session and May 30, 2017 Executive Session
- April Financial Report
- Allowance of Vouchers
- Personnel Report
- Report to Board on travel beyond 75 miles by certified staff
- Fundraiser Requests
- Approval of Acceptance of Donations
- Approval of YMCA Transportation Contract Renewal

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Ted Lobdell attended Edgewood Elementary School. He shared memories from attending Edgewood Elementary and Principal Mr. Bailey who greeted him every day as he arrived at school. We have a website, "Friends at Edgewood" with over 500 members. An annual dinner is held of Edgewood Elementary School attendees. We would like to place a marker and plaque to memorialize where the school used to be. Mr. Barry Hix shared memories of Edgewood Elementary School and expressed his wishes for a marker and plaque be placed where the school used to be. Mr. Fred Shonk shared his memories of Edgewood Elementary School and the impact Mr. Bailey, principal made on his life. Mr. Mertz thanked the gentlemen and stated Mr. Schott and Mr. Westfall will be working with them.

# ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of the 2017-2018 Surety Bond for school corporation treasurers, deputy treasurers and public employee positions. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Norris recommended approval of the 2017-2018 Student Rights, Responsibilities, Rules and Regulations booklet. Mr. Johnson moved to approve, Mr. Maple seconded. The motion passed 4/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of the NIET Statement of Work. The statement of work is an annual review for the two fully implemented TAP schools: Abraham Lincoln and Southport Elementaries. The annual review is the primary means of monitoring the TAP system and utilizing data to ensure TAP is implemented effectively. Mr. Maple moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of a contract with FFA Foundation, Inc. to provide facilities for the Abraham Lincoln Elementary staff retreat. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Maple seconded. The motion passed 4/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of the Farmers Insurance Dream Big Teacher grant proposal which offers a \$100,000 grant. The proposal requires signatures from key school personnel and community members. Mr. Johnson moved to approve, Mr. Mercer seconded. Mr. Mertz asked if awarded, will it include all four kindergarten academies. Yes, it would. The vote was taken and the motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of an agreement with Naviance by Hobson's. We have researched this program for three years and we are excited about this opportunity. It is a college and career preparation tool for students, guidance counselors and parents. It supports students as they explore career paths and college readiness in a two or four year college program. It also offers post-secondary options in the vocational field. The tool tracks college applications and is for students grades 6-12. It offers better opportunities for parents to be involved. It allows student ownership in planning their future. Mr. Johnson asked about the difference between the \$70,000 first year fee and the next four years at \$55,000 each. Mr. Bohannon stated the first year includes professional development and training for guidance counselors. Mr. Bohannon stated the grant he applied for with Eli Lilly will help to offset the cost if we receive the grant. Mr. Mertz asked how much time before students can be involved? Mr. Bohannon stated implementation would occur in the fall and early winter when training and data entry would occur. The initial roll out would begin in January for juniors, some seniors. Grades 6-12 will be utilizing fully for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Johnson asked if there will be a time period when parents will be introduced to this program. Mr. Bohannon stated informing parents is a part of the roll-out. This will be an intensive piece of the program. There will be several ways we will send information to the parents. Each parent will have their own log-in. The program has videos to guide users which are user friendly. Mr. Johnson asked how will parents and students who do not have internet be able to access the program? Mr. Bohannon stated we will find ways to bring parents in and find ways to help them. Mr. Mapes stated it is a web-based program so parents can use wherever there is internet. The public library is an example. Mr. Mercer asked if seniors have their own computers they can take home. Mr. Bohannon said every student grades 9-12 has a computer, however, they may not have internet at home. There is a phone app that can be accessed on cell phones. Mr. Mertz asked if guidance counselors will assist students and parents. Yes. Mr. Mercer reminded the group the president of the Lilly Foundation is a PMHS graduate. A vote was taken at this time. Mr. Maple moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion passed 4/0.

Mr. Willey recommended approval of a district telephone software upgrade and maintenance lease. The contract will provide a five year lease on our five year maintenance and software plan. Cisco is prepaying the finance costs so the lease is 0% to the district. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Mapes recommended Officer David Stalcup as Police Chief of the Perry Township Schools Police Department. Mr. Maple moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion passed 4/0. Mr. Seamus Boyce of Church, Church, Hittle and Antrim conducted the swearing in of Chief Stalcup. Mr. Mapes presented Chief Stalcup with his officer stars.

Mr. Mapes recommended approval of the MOU between Perry Township Schools and Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department. This MOU establishes and delineates the responsibilities of each agency when it concerns investigative responsibilities in dealing with certain police incidents. Mr. Maple moved to approve, Mr. Mercer seconded. The motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Mapes recommended approval of a contract with Executive Management Services, Inc. (EMS) for cleaning of the four kindergarten academies for the 2017-2018 school year. This contract will provide night time cleaning to the four kindergarten academies. It is important to ensure that all every part of the academy buildings are clean each evening and not missed due to absences. The district will continue to hire our own day-time custodians. This will result in a savings of \$90,000. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Maple seconded. Mr. Johnson asked what the hours will be for the night time custodians. Mr. Mapes and Bohannon stated the EMS custodians will begin at approximately 4:00 or 4:30 p.m. A vote was taken and the motion passed 4/0.

Mr. Mapes recommended approval of the 2018-2019 school year calendar and the 2019-2020 tentative school year calendar. Mr. Johnson moved to approve, Mr. Maple seconded. The motion carried 4/0. Mr. Maple stated he voted yes a few years ago on two-week intersessions as one week of intersession was to be dedicated to help students catch up educationally. He would like to know if this is happening and if it is meeting expectations. Mr. Mapes and Mr. Bohannon stated there were approximately 1,800 to 2,000 students who participated in intersession this year. Mr. Maple stated he is aware our Burmese students are participating, however, he is concerned about those students who are in need of remediation and not receiving it. Mr. Mapes stated we will bring information to you.

Mr. Mapes recommended approval of the contract with Joe Griffith and Associates for service of district AED's (Automatic External Defibrillator.) Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. Mr. Mertz stated one of our AED's was used in an emergency situation a couple of years ago. The motion was approved 4/0.

Mr. Mapes conducted a second reading of board policies: 8500 – Food Services; 8510 – Wellness Administrative Guidelines; and Perry Township Schools Police Policy. Mr. Maple moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion passed 4/0.

# COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Mercer stated he was impressed with and likes the Edgewood Elementary memorial idea. He congratulated Mrs. Walsh on the state award and Chief Stalcup on becoming Chief of Police. Mr. Mercer thanked Mr. Rolland Abraham for his service as principal at PMHS.

Mr. Johnson congratulated Mrs. Walsh and Officer Stalcup. We have had a successful school year with a lot going on. Mr. Johnson stated he is looking forward to the 2017-2018 school year. He thanked Mr. Abraham for his service to PMHS.

Mr. Maple had no comment.

Mr. Mertz congratulated Chief David Stalcup on his appointment. Graduation went very well and it is an exciting time. Thank you to the principals and their staff for their work. Congratulations to Mr. Abraham on his new position in Winchester, Indiana and thank you for your work at PMHS. Congratulations again to Mr. Marc Westfall on your retirement. You will be missed.

Mr. Mapes concurs with the board members and this has been a great school year in the district. Thank you to teachers, support staff, principals and administrators for their hard work in making it a great year for students. A lot is going on this summer as we clean buildings, finish construction, move staff into new buildings and hiring of new staff. The Human Resources staff is working hard with administrators to ensure quality candidates. We appreciate their hard work.

Mr. Mercer thanked Mr. Mapes for stepping into additional responsibilities, caring for staff and not missing a beat. We appreciate you.

### <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Mr. Mertz sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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EDWARD T. DENNING, VICE PRESIDENT

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JON P. MORRIS, SECRETARY

STEVE JOHNSON, MEMBER

CHARLES R. MERCER JR., MEMBER