

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

July 10, 2017

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held a regular board meeting on Monday, July 10, 2017 at the Perry Township Education Center, 6548 Orinoco Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Board of Education members present:

Edward T. Denning, Board Vice President
Jon P. Morris, Board Secretary
Emily Hartman, Board Member
Steve Johnson, Board Member
Steve Maple, Board Member
Charles R. Mercer, Jr., Board Member

Board of Education members not present:

Kenneth J. Mertz, Board President

Administrative staff present:

Patrick W. Mapes, Acting Superintendent
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
Mrs. Rhonda Jones-Jointer, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Louis Norris, Associate Director of Human Relations/Student Services

Administrative staff not present:

Mr. Matthew Willey, Chief Technology Officer

Vice President Ed Denning called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

RECOGNITIONS

The following bus drivers were recognized for their accomplishments in this years' State Transportation Association of Indiana (S.T.A.I.) safety competition. Over 100 drivers from across the state competed. The following bus drivers were awarded:

1 st Place Overall:	Robin Hollcraft (4 th year in a row)
3 rd Place Overall:	Richard Jones
4 th Place Overall:	Jeremy Wagner
1 st Place Team:	Robin Hollcraft, Tina Overton and Pam Lafollette (4 th year in a row)
2 nd Place Team:	Jeremy Wagner, Brandon Johnson and Beth Sullivan

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of the June 12, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes of the June 12, 2017 Executive Session
- Minutes of the June 19, 2017 Special Board Meeting
- Minutes of the June 22, 2017 Executive Session

- Minutes of the June 27, 2017 Public Hearing
- Minutes of the June 27, 2017 Public Work Session
- May 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
 - o Trombone valued at \$650 from Mr. Stephen Burk to Southport High School.
 - o \$500 from Masonic Lodge #270 to William Henry Burkhart Elementary to support the Reading Giants Program.
- Approval of MOU between SSSMC and Perry Township Schools Police

INTRODUCTION

Mr. Mapes introduced Mr. Chris Sampson, new Associate Superintendent of Operations.

SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS

Chief Stalcup swore in Officers Hernandez, McGavock and Nolan

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. Neil Linville stated he talks with teachers from all over the state and Perry Township Schools is a beacon to many. Perry Township Schools is a place where teachers want to work and live. He thanked the board for their steady leadership this year. He especially thanked Mr. Mapes who has been working 100 miles an hour since he started with the district. Mr. Linville stated Mr. Mapes has done a really good job leading and providing a clear picture. It is efficient working with his leadership style and with his administrative team. This is a testament to Mr. Mapes as a leader and to the board. I am looking forward to a great school year.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION

Mr. Bagley recommended approval to advertise the Department of Education Annual Financial Report in the Indianapolis Star. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Morris seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of an internal control agreement with Crowe Horwath CPA. Crowe Horwath will work with the district to create a financial internal control program that will enhance the program the district created last school year. Financial internal controls is a point of emphasis statutorily and as the State Board of Accounts audits our records. Mr. Johnson moved to approve, Mr. Maple seconded. The motion passed 6/0.

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval for the William Henry Burkhart "All That Jazz" choir to travel to Gatlinburg, Tennessee to attend the 2018 Smoky Mountain Music Festival May 3-5, 2018. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion carried 6/0. Mr. Morris stated this is a really neat event.

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval to contract with Public Consulting Group (PCG) to provide Medicaid billing reimbursement services for occupational, physical and speech therapy we provide for our students. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Maple seconded. Mr. Morris asked how many students are affected by this. Mrs. Carpenter replied most are students requiring speech therapy services. We will be able to provide two additional Speech

Language Pathologists to provide speech therapy with PCG completing the Medicaid billing paperwork. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Carpenter recommended approval of elementary family life curriculum for fourth and fifth grade students. Mr. Morris moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. Mrs. Hartman asked if parents will be able to watch the video. Yes, parents should contact the school if they wish to see the video. The motion passed 6/0.

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval of a special education CIP program curriculum. Unique Learning System is an online, standards-based set of interactive tools specifically designed for students with special needs to access the general curriculum. Unique Learning System provides preschool through high school students with rigorous, standards-based materials specifically designed to meet their instructional needs. Users interact with differentiated, thematic units of study with text to speech, interactive components, hundreds of activities and multiple opportunities to show what they know. Books, lessons and activities are viewable on a variety of hardware platforms, including tables, whiteboards and Smartboards. The tools include touch technology to encourage engagement and exploration of many types of content. Monthly lesson plans and materials address our content connectors—ISTAR state standards in reading, writing, math, science and social studies with embedded transitional outcomes. Mr. Johnson moved to approve, Mr. Maple seconded. Mrs. Hartman stated the CIP rooms she observed at Mary Bryan are amazing! The motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Mapes recommended approval of the Transportation attendance incentive award program. The program and award will recognize and promote perfect attendance for bus driver's and bus monitors. This program was successful when conducted last year and helped prevent driver shortages. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Morris seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Mapes recommended approval of a proposal to renovate/add onto the sixth grade academies and middle schools due to an increase in student enrollment. Mr. Maple moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. Mr. Morris asked what type of renovations/additions are needed. A discussion was held on the proposal of work needed. A timeline was discussed. Funding options were discussed. The motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Mapes recommended approval in our district Hoosier School Benefit Trust representatives. Mr. Mike Bagley will serve as district representative and Mr. Mark Madden will serve as teacher representative. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Morris seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Mapes recommended emergency approval of Policy 8462: Child Abuse and Neglect Report to comply with the new Indiana state law. The law requires all employees to immediately report suspected child abuse or neglect to the Department of Child Services or local law enforcement. This differs from the prior version which required employees to first report the suspected neglect or abuse to the building principal or designee. Mrs. Hartman moved to approve, Mr. Maple seconded. The motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Denning recommended approval of the superintendent's contract with Mr. Patrick Mapes. Mr. Denning stated Mr. Mertz regrets he could not be here this evening for this, as he is out of town. Mr. Mertz asked me to convey well wishes and appreciates the last 12 months of Mr. Mapes leading us. Mr. Denning echoed the sentiment. He stated the district has been very fortunate to be in a position to not have to worry about a lot of things. Mr. Denning moved to recommend the superintendent's contract as was presented at a previous hearing and as was advertised in the appropriate newspapers. Mr. Mercer seconded. Mr. Morris stated we benefitted as a school system under Mr. Mapes' leadership. I look forward to a lot of great things and it is good to have Mr. Mapes with us. Mrs. Hartman stated she asks a lot of questions. She said Mr. Mapes has a wealth of knowledge that is tremendous. Mrs. Hartman stated she is lucky to be a rookie with Mr. Mapes. It has been a joy working with you and I look forward to continuing. The motion passed 6/0.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Mercer congratulated the Transportation department on receiving state awards. Teaching is important, however, driving a school bus is imperative. I applaud you. He congratulated the police officers on being sworn in. Last year at a basketball game, I fell and Officer Nolan reached down and picked me up. I thank Officer Nolan every time I see him. Mr. Mercer congratulated Mr. Mapes. He stated he had the honor last year as president of the board to work with you. I couldn't be more pleased in observing you with how you work with teachers, administration and the affairs of the township. It's a joy. It's nice to have decisions made in a timely manner. I appreciate you and all that you have already meant to this township.

Mr. Johnson congratulated Mr. Mapes. He stated there is one way to go and it is forward. It is good to see principals from the schools and know you are working hard in your buildings. School begins soon and I am looking forward to the new school year. Congratulations to Mr. Sampson, welcome to Perry Township.

Mr. Maple asked if our police canine is assigned to Officer Nolan. Yes, he is. Mr. Maple stated he is a neat dog.

Mrs. Hartman welcomed Mr. Sampson to the district; we are delighted to have you here. Mrs. Hartman stated as she drives around the township, she sees a lot of exciting things going on. As she passes Douglas MacArthur, she sees cars parking in the morning and in the evening. There is a lot of work going on and it is exciting to see as we prepare to begin the school year. She thanked the food service workers who worked Summer Servings all summer. Mrs. Hartman congratulated our bus drivers who competed in the state safety competition. This is no small feat. She thanked Mr. Mapes and Mr. Sampson for their work on the Transportation Attendance policy. It is important for students' safety to have consistent drivers and I don't want that to be lost. Mrs. Hartman thanked our police force. You do so many things day in and day out. Thank you for taking care of us. To Mr. Mapes, I can't say thank you enough for your enthusiasm, your interest, your excitement and your wisdom. Thank you and thank you for always answering all of my questions.

Mr. Morris congratulated our bus drivers. To Mr. Murphy, please relay to the drivers, having been an elementary school principal we can't start the school day without you, we can't take field trips, and we can't get students home without you. Thank you. Mr. Morris stated it is concerning about the number of car riders. As I drive around, it seems we have 100 vehicles stopping traffic. Can we do research on car riders? It would be interesting to research. Mr. Morris likes the idea of a memorial marker for Edgewood Grade School. This is a neat idea.

Mr. Denning congratulated Mr. Murphy and the team of bus drivers for winning the state safety competition. You have been very busy with the transition to 3-tier and preparing 37 new buses for the school year. Thank you for everything you have done and will do. Congratulations to Chief Stalcup and police officers. We appreciate you and everything you do. Congratulations and welcome to Mr. Sampson. To Mr. Mapes, I think it's been said, we appreciate you and we are thankful to have you this past year. Mr. Denning stated Mr. Mapes couldn't have been effective without all of the district administrators and staff, and the right hands helping to get things done. This is a testament to you and the team. Thank you. Mr. Denning stated he is looking forward to start of the school year. He also said the thought that nothing happens in the summer time is not true. I have a whole new appreciation. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to get things done this summer. We have new administrators opening new buildings for the first time and administrators that are opening their buildings again. Thank you.

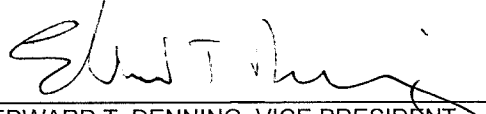
Mr. Mapes thanked the board for the opportunity to lead such an outstanding school district. He stated he has found in a year's time some of the best teachers, administrators and support staff are working right here. It's fun coming to work each day and working with them to create great opportunities for students in Perry Township. That's what gets me up each day is the opportunity to make a great impact on child's life. We can't afford to stand still. Each day there is a student that needs our help, needs our direction, as well as parents to make great choices for the kids to make them productive members of society. Each and every day, this is why I come to work. I thank you. I look forward to the 2017-18 school year. Two weeks from tomorrow is opening day. In regards to construction, the word for the time is 'patience.' We ask everyone for their patience as they wait to get into their buildings. I am confident this will happen.

Mr. Mercer congratulated and welcomed Mr. Sampson to Perry Township.


ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Denning sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

ABSENT
KENNETH J. MERTZ, PRESIDENT


EDWARD T. DENNING, VICE PRESIDENT


JON P. MORRIS, SECRETARY


EMILY HARTMAN, MEMBER


STEVE JOHNSON, MEMBER


STEPHEN M. MAPLE, MEMBER


CHARLES R. MERCER JR., MEMBER