

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

February 12, 2018

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held a regular board meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018 at the Perry Township Education Center, 6548 Orinoco Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Denning stated Mr. Mercer and Mr. Mertz are unable to be with us this evening.

Board of Education members present:

**Edward T. Denning**, Board President  
**Emily Hartman**, Board Vice President  
**Collin C. Fultz**, Board Member  
**Steve Johnson**, Board Member  
**Jon P. Morris**, Board Secretary

Board of Education members not present:

**Kenneth J. Mertz**, Board Secretary  
**Charles R. Mercer, Jr.**, Board Member

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 Ed Denning called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Girl Scout Daisy Troop 13112 from Abraham Lincoln Elementary School led by Mrs. Witney Thompson.

#### **RECOGNITION**

Raul Moreno, a senior at Perry Meridian High School was selected as a recipient of the Wells Scholarship from Indiana University, Bloomington. The Wells Scholarship pays the full cost of attendance for four years of undergraduate study at Indiana University. Scholars may choose to spend one of these years studying abroad through the university's overseas study programs.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The motion passed 4/1, with Mrs. Hartman voting nay. Included with these minutes are copies of the following items:

- Minutes of the January 2, 2018 Executive Session
- Minutes of the January 8, 2018 Organization, Board of Finance & Regular Board Meetings
- Minutes of the January 22, 2018 Special Board Meeting & Public Work Session
- Minutes of the January 22, 2018 Executive Session
- Financial Report for December 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. Douglas MacArthur Kindergarten Academy**

- a. Barnes and Noble Bookstores donated \$843.80 to DMKA following a book fair that they hosted in December. The money was given in the form of a gift card which will be used to purchase books for the lending library.

**3 Glens Valley Elementary**

- a. Atkins Saw Post 355 donated \$500.00 to Glens Valley Elementary after they received thank you letters from students in recognition of Veterans Day. These funds will be used to purchase books about veterans for younger students so that they may appreciate their bravery.

**4. Homecroft Kindergarten Academy**

- a. An anonymous donor gave \$500 to put towards student lunch account debt. We would like to accept this donation and use it to pay all accounts with debt over \$30.

**5. Jeremiah Gray Kindergarten Academy**

- a. Mr. Andrew Stephens has donated \$125 to JGKA to be used to purchase books for the lending library. The library currently is made up of mostly used books, and these funds will allow the purchase of new books for the students.

**6. Winchester Village Elementary**

- a. Christ United Methodist Church has "adopted" WV as part of their community outreach program. They have donated coats, uniform clothing, and provided Christmas presents for our students in need. In the future, they plan to provide school supplies for students and teachers as well as donating supplies so that students can work on revitalizing the outdoor science lab.

**7. Early Childhood Academy**

- a. Early Learning Indiana will grant a \$400 stipend to the preschool classrooms involved in the Paths to Quality after teachers participate in evening training for a program called Healthy Start. The grant will be used to enhance cooking opportunities, taste test various foods, and purchase reusable water bottles.
- b. Early Learning Indiana will also grant \$5000 to our Paths to Quality classrooms after our teachers attend cohort training and create a final project that involves promoting family engagement. The grant will be used to host a variety of programs targeting parent involvement such as meals, play and language with preschoolers.

- Approval of 2018 Perry Township 2018 Summer "Learn to Swim" Program
- Approval of 2018 Middle School Football Academy and Southport Cardinal Football Camp
- Approval of the 2018 Perry Youth Theatre Camp

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Martin Lyles shared with the board of a tour of the Epic Systems Corporation Software Company.

**BUSINESS**

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of Resolution 18-003, 2017 year-end appropriation transfers. Mr. Morris moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion passed 5/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval to void outstanding checks at least two years old. Mr. Johnson moved to approve, Mr. Fultz seconded. The motion passed 5/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of transfer to Rainy Day Fund from the Skillman Donation Fund, Resolution 18-004. Mrs. Hartman moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion passed 5/0.

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

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval for PMHS German exchange partner students and Mrs. Westerhouse, Foreign Language Department Chair drive to Chicago to pick up 21 German students and 2 teachers who are part of the GAPP program our PMHS students participated in October 2017. The date will not conflict with school. Mr. Fultz moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman moved to approve. The motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of the intent to purchase the building and property at 1319 E. Stop 10 Road. The building will be utilized to expand services for our students as follows: (1) Alternative School: Move our high school students to the Stop 10 facility leaving JWR to serve our K-8 population, (2) Suspension School: students who are suspended from the middle school and high school buildings will serve their suspensions in this building (separate from the Alternative School students) instead of being sent home for the duration of their suspension, and (3) offices and roll call rooms for the Perry Township Police Department. Mr. Johnson moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion carried 5/0.

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

A new video illustrating Perry Township's growth was shown. The video was created with the assistance of CIESC'S video production services. Thank you to Mrs. Keesha Hughes for her work on the creation of the video. The video may be found on the township website, Facebook and Twitter.

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

Mr. Morris had no comment.

Mr. Fultz congratulated Raul Moreno on his scholarship. He thanked everyone for meeting with him to share information about the township. Mr. Fultz thanked the administrators, Transportation staff and community for rallying to help the families who lost everything to the apartment fire. Thank you to everyone who helped to secure, coordinate and deliver the mattresses for the seven families. It was neat how everyone sprang into action to help. He congratulated the Abraham Lincoln Service Club, the students, staff, families and PTA. This year they set a goal to collect 1,000 shoes to help build a water purification system in a developing part of the world. The school collected more than 2,000 pairs of shoes which will afford two water purification systems. The lack of access to clean water in the world is the number one disease impacting children. It's neat the students, staff, families and PTA are making an impact in the world and they exceeded their goal.

Mr. Johnson thanked Mr. Lyles for coming in. As we get closer to the end of the school year, I want to thank administrators, principals and staff for their input and their continuing to move forward. I appreciate this past year on the board and I will continue to work on behalf of the students and staff of Perry Township.

Mr. Lyles stated he continues to come to the meetings as he feels it is important to make personal finance class mandatory for students.

Mrs. Hartman thanked Keesha Hughes for what she's doing to promote our schools to create a brand, and her work on social media and our website is fabulous. I love the backdrop. Thank you for the video. Mrs. Hartman thanked the anonymous donor that donated money to Homecroft Elementary School to pay off the lunch accounts of everyone who had a balance of over \$30 – thank you for impacting families who need that help. I would also like to thank companies like Skillman and Barnes & Noble for donating items such as books for our classrooms and facilities for our students and athletes. Mrs. Hartman thanked Mr. Lyles for coming.

Mr. Denning echoed all of the previous sentiments. He thanked Keesha Hughes for the district progress video. It's very well done and a world class video that illustrates our district very well. Thank you very much.

Mr. Mapes stated Keesha Hughes is the lead on the video project. She did an outstanding job working with CIESC, the script, gaining input from the administrators and obtaining finance information from Mr. Bagley. It was a team effort putting the video together with Keesha as the lead. We will continue to look at different ways to use media to communicate important messages about the township. Monday, February 19 school will be in session as it is a snow make-up day. All building administrators, Transportation department, maintenance department have done an outstanding job during the cold and icy weather. This morning I was talking to Kirby at 4:20 a.m. This is one of those things are unseen. We have safe buildings and safe schools and we thank them for their efforts.

Mr. Morris asked if it is a possibility to take some of the concepts of the video and making signage that can be displayed in Perry Township. Roncalli does a good job publicizing their school system with signage in yards. Is there a thought that perhaps we could incorporate this idea? Mrs. Hughes said we could look into it.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Denning sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.



EDWARD T. DENNING, PRESIDENT



EMILY HARTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT



KENNETH J. MERTZ, SECRETARY



COLLIN C. FULTZ, MEMBER



STEVE JOHNSON, MEMBER



CHARLES R. MERCER JR., MEMBER



JON P. MORRIS, SECRETARY