

**MINUTES OF A  
PUBLIC HEARING OF TECHNOLOGY/MAINTENANCE BOND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION &  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF  
PERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS  
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA**

April 9, 2018

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held a public hearing of a technology/maintenance bond additional appropriation and regular board meeting on Monday, April 9, 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  
**Steve Johnson**, Board Member  
**Charles R. Mercer, Jr.**, Board Member  
**Kenneth J. Mertz**, Board Secretary  
**Jon P. Morris**, Board Secretary

Board of Education members not present:

**Collin C. Fultz**, 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 PUBLIC HEARING**

President Ed Denning called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION HEARING**

Mr. Bagley stated the amount of the appropriation is \$5,000,000. The intended use of the funds are: one-to-one computer refresh, computer lab refresh, connectivity (hardwire, Wi-Fi, bandwidth), and maintenance projects from the ten-year plan to be completed over twenty-four months (roofing, boilers, HVAC, cooling towers, flooring, repair maintenance, etc.) The issuance of these bonds will have a neutral effect on the district's tax levy.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments.

**ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING**

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

**OPENING OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

President Ed Denning called the regular board meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Girl Scout Troop #4786 from Rosa Parks Kindergarten Academy led by Jeanne Peters and Tiffany Bowman.

## **RECOGNITION**

The Transportation Department and staff were recognized for a successful 2018 State Police inspection of 160 buses resulting in a 99% rate on the first inspection. Two buses had tired issues which were corrected on the spot ensuring that 100% of our fleet has been certified by the State Police. Our bus mechanics and transportation staff work tirelessly to ensure the safe transport of close to 13,000 students per day. Our drives drive 9,599 miles per day equaling a total of 1,727,820 miles per school year.

GAPP (German American Partnership Program) students visiting from Germany and PMHS GAPP students were recognized for their partnership, which included both sets of students visiting each other's countries, attending each other's schools and hosting each other's visiting students. We are proud of how successful this program is and recognize these outstanding German and American students for opening their hearts and homes and embracing new challenges, new experiences and new friendships. This program is a bridge to the world we live in by providing a global perspective of what they will experience in their future endeavors.

Southport High School's top choir, Premium Blend was recognized for receiving a gold rating with distinction in the group competition at the ISSMA 2018 State Jazz Finals in March. Premium Blend will be one of eight teams across the state that will compete in the State Competition.

Andrew Tapp, SHS Senior was recognized as the Indiana High School Journalist of the Year. At the Indiana High School Press Association's (IHSPA) First Amendment Symposium held at the state capitol building, he was named the State High School Journalist of the Year. The honor has earned Andrew a \$1,000 scholarship from IHSPA. Andrew is the Editor-in-Chief of The Journal, SHS's student newspaper.

Andrew (Drew) Shellenberger, SHS Sophomore was recognized as Champion of the North American Junior Triathlon. Drew is a multiple sport athlete and a nationally ranked Triathlete. This was his first Junior (16-19 years old) race, his first international race and he was one of the youngest competitors in the group. With the win, Drew has secured a spot on the USA Junior Team which will race in Brazil and Ecuador in June 2018.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by Mr. Mercer. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mrs. Hartman explained she has trouble using SnapRaise for school fundraisers as the fundraising company does not state/write how much of a percentage they are making on the fundraiser; i.e. for example, the school is receiving 70 cents on a \$1 donation. Mr. Mertz stated he struggles with this as well. The motion passed 4/2. Mrs. Hartman said she has discussed her concerns and administration is addressing. Mr. Mercer stated we still raise as an example funds with these fundraising companies. Mrs. Hartman said she is concerned the fundraising companies do not state upfront what percentage goes to the school. Included with these minutes are copies of the following items:

- Minutes of the March 12, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- Financial Report for February 2018
- Allowance of Vouchers
- Personnel Report
- Report to Board on Travel beyond 75 miles by Certified Staff
- Fundraiser Requests
- Approval of 2018 SHS Summer Camps

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Doug Schornick, PMHS Athletic Director introduced Mr. Mark James as the new PMHS boys basketball coach. Coach James won the Indiana State boys basketball championship last year. We look forward to Coach James' integrity and hard work ethic. Coach James thanked the board for this opportunity.

## **BUSINESS**

Mr. Bagley recommended approval for Barnes and Thornburg to act as the district's bond counsel in conjunction with the 2018 technology/maintenance bonds. Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval for Umbaugh and Associates to act as the district's financial advisor in conjunction with the 2018 technology/maintenance bonds. Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Mr. Mercer seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of Resolution 18-006, the Technology/Maintenance Bond resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds as discussed in the public hearing. Mrs. Hartman moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of Resolution 18-007, Additional Appropriation for the 2018 Technology/Maintenance Bonds discussed in the public hearing. Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Mr. Morris seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of the ONI broker agreement. The agreement includes renewing our property casualty provider, Liberty Mutual. The agreement also includes Chubbs as our Fiduciary Liability provider and Travelers as our Equipment and Machinery Coverage provider. In addition, Jeremiah Gray, Burkhart and the Transportation/Service Center are in flood plain areas. Flood insurance for these sites is through the Federal Flood Insurance Program with Selective Insurance as the provider. Lloyds is our cyber liability insurer and Ironshore is our pollution insurance coverage provider. Mr. Morris moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. Mrs. Hartman asked about the pollution coverage. Mr. Bagley explained the Transportation Center is above an aquifer. If there was a leak, the pollution coverage covers this example. Another example is mold. Mr. Johnson asked about the increase in insurance this year. Mr. Bagley stated that is due to insurance coverage worldwide due to accidents, natural disasters, etc. Mr. Bagley stated the current premium is still less than our previous insurance carrier six years ago. The motion carried 6/0.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments.

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

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval of a new contract with Strobel Education to provide two training sessions on Trauma Sensitive Classrooms. This training will offer our teachers and administrators the ability to learn how to put their training into practice into their classroom/building for their students. Many of our students suffer different types of trauma outside of school. Title III (EL) funds will be used to support this training. Mrs. Hartman moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. Mr. Mertz asked if training is available for existing staff. Yes. Mr. Morris asked for an example of a trauma situation. Mrs. Carpenter said anything that can cause stress in their lives, i.e. family issues and other situations going on in their lives. A student trying to deal with i.e. family issues, is less focused on their education. Mr. Johnson asked if guidance counselors will be required to take this training. As the training is in the summer, we do not know if they will be required to attend. The motion carried 6/0.

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval of a memorandum of understanding with IUPUI to partner in a working relationship to recruit and prepare high quality teachers of EL students and provide an opportunity to our teachers to obtain an EL Masters degree. There is a grant available that would pay much of the tuition costs for our teachers. There would be some cost remaining for the teachers. Once they are able to achieve their EL Masters degree they would be eligible for the Masters stipend we offer currently to our teachers. The program and grant funding will involve professional development, collaborative learning, and evaluation of data and effectiveness of the program. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. Mr. Johnson asked how long is the program. It is a Masters degree, which is approximately 36 hours. Much of the coursework is offered here in the district. We have teachers who want to obtain their EL license. Mrs. Hartman asked if IUPUI is working with other school districts. Yes, IUPUI is currently working with Pike Township and Avon. Mr. Denning asked if the costs are all paid through the grant. Yes. Is this all grade levels? At this time, we will pilot two elementary schools and expand from there. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of the renewal of the Standards for Success contract. Standards for Success is a web-based evaluation tool that utilized rubrics to assess the performance of employees. It allows us to collect and analyze data to drive employee effectiveness aligned with district goals and standards both easily and efficiently. We are currently in the first year of using for administrators and non-certified staff. Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of the acceptance of bids for the Perry Meridian Middle and Perry Meridian Academy Schools' project. A total of 55 bids were submitted across 13 bid categories. The Skillman Corporation with the assistance of CSO Architects conducted pre-award conferences with the apparent low bidders to review their bids. Upon your approval, Skillman Corporation will prepare the contracts and issue the notice to proceed. Construction is scheduled to begin May 7, 2018. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. Mr. Mercer asked if the total bid came in under estimate. Yes, it did. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of the acceptance of bids for the Southport Middle and Southport Academy Schools' project. Forty-six bids were received across twelve categories. Skillman with the assistance of CSO Architects conducted pre-award conferences with the apparent low bidders. Upon your approval, Skillman Corporation will prepare the contracts and issue the notice to proceed. Construction is scheduled to begin May 7, 2018. Mr. Sampson introduced Victor Landfair and Tony Heath of Skillman Corporation who we thank for the bids we have received and the work they have done for the district. Mrs. Hartman moved to approve, Mr. Morris seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval for the Perry Meridian Middle School's Concert Band, Concert Choir, Vivaldi Orchestra and Jazz Bands to participate in the Smoky Mountains Music Festival on Thursday, May 2 through Saturday, May 4, 2019 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Mr. Johnson moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of textbook adoption for secondary Family and Consumer Science. Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Mapes recommended approval of changes in the organization of Southside Special Services of Marion County (SSSMC.) Beech Grove, Decatur and Perry Township Schools will provide special education services within their own districts effective July 1, 2018. Occupational therapists, physical therapists and deaf and hard of hearing services will no longer be handled by Southside Special Services. This agreement states that Franklin Township is withdrawing from SSSMC, with the exception of Rise Learning Center. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. Mr. Morris asked about the process for teachers. Teachers applied for open positions based on the services/needs in a district. For example, Beech Grove will not have some programs and they will purchase services from either Perry or Decatur Township to send their students for services. Mr. Denning noted there was quite an extensive list of teachers and staff on the personnel report coming back July 1, 2018. There are some teachers who will stay at the RISE Learning Center. Mr. Morris asked if we will continue providing services for the private schools. Yes and there will be more. The services will take place in the private school. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Mapes recommended approval of a new Interlocal agreement for Southside Special Services of Marion County. The State of Indiana, Secretary of State and Attorney General's offices requires us to create a new agreement stating Beech Grove, Decatur and Perry Township Schools make up the Southside Special Services of Marion County. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. Mrs. Hartman asked how often the governing board meets. The governing board meets monthly. The special education directors and financial officers of each district meet monthly. There is also a quarterly meeting where everyone meets. Mr. Morris asked if there is a principal in the building. Yes, Dr. Scott Carson, Executive Director is in the building. The motion carried 6/0.

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

Mr. Morris congratulated the students from Germany and PMHS. The technology bond is a fabulous thing; our students are very fortunate to attend our schools with the technology we offer. He congratulated all recognizants.

Mr. Denning stated Mr. Fultz is out of town on business.

Mr. Mercer congratulated Andrew Tapp and Andrew Shellenberger, the SHS choir, the German students and teachers. It is great we have a partnership. He thanked the girl scouts from Rosa Parks who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Johnson stated he loves that we are moving forward. We are doing positive things and the district needs to continue moving forward. He thanked the staff, teachers, principals, the board and the superintendent for everything they do on a daily basis. I tell people Perry Township Schools is a hidden jewel.

Mr. Mertz congratulated Andrew Tapp and Andrew Shellenberger. The partnership with the German students at PMHS is fabulous and a wonderful opportunity. He thanked the Skillman Corporation for all of the work you have done. Mr. Mertz welcomed Mr. James.

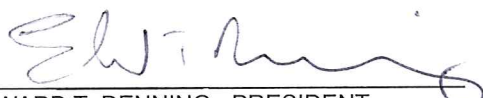
Mrs. Hartman stated she is excited about PMHS basketball. She is also excited about the EL programs with IUPUI. This is a great opportunity. It makes me happy we have teachers and staff who want EL certifications and want to get their Masters in EL. Mrs. Hartman said she was talking with a parent who is graduating with a Masters in Social Work who commented about how many students she sees in her social work activities daily dealing with trauma in different aspects of our students' lives. The trauma training will be good for our students as we work to meet our students' needs not only in the classroom, but at home as well.

Mr. Denning echoed all of the boards' comments and sentiments.

Mr. Mapes stated 135 students were inducted into the SHS National Honor Society yesterday. Congratulations to those students. We completed the I-Read 3 testing in March. In 2016 we had 77 students with perfect scores on I-Read 3. In 2017, that number grew to 99 students with perfect scores. This year, 2018, we had 153 third graders with perfect scores on the state mandated I-Read 3 test. We will be scheduling convocations to celebrate these students. Great job students and teachers!

**ADJOURNMENT**

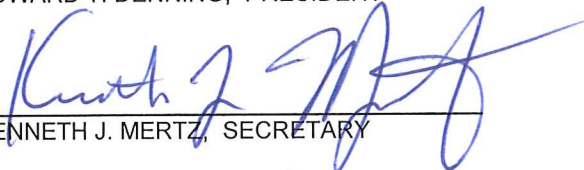
Mr. Denning sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.



EDWARD T. DENNING, PRESIDENT



EMILY HARTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT



KENNETH J. MERTZ, SECRETARY

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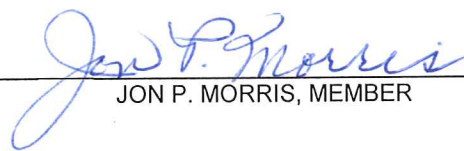
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