

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

May 14, 2018

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held a regular board meeting on Monday, May 14, 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
Kenneth J. Mertz, Board Secretary
Collin C. Fultz, Board Member
Steve Johnson, Board Member
Charles R. Mercer, Jr., Board Member
Jon P. Morris, 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 REGULAR MEETING

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

RECOGNITION

Raul Moreno was recognized as Perry Meridian High School's 2018 Valedictorian with a 4.6316 GPA.

David Seals was recognized as Perry Meridian High School's 2018 Salutatorian with a 4.5781 GPA.

Kaylie Turner was recognized as Southport High School's Valedictorian with a 4.763 GPA.

Kelsey Andreis was recognized as Southport High School's Salutatorian with a 4.717 GPA.

Elijah Gardner and Aden Coleman were recognized as recipients of the Adam W. Herbert Presidential Scholarship at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Emma Wiese was recognized for being named a National Merit Finalist with strong, competitive scores on the PSAT as well as her academic success, extracurricular involvement, and commitment to service.

Kaylie Turner was recognized for being selected as a 2018 Indiana Academic All-Star. Kaylie is the first student in Southport history to be named to this prestigious group of 40 high school students state wide. She was selected for her commitment and dedication to academic excellence.

Mr. Alan Slightom and Mr. Chris Meyer were recognized for being awarded the 2017-2018 State All-Music Award. In order to earn the award, individual students and large ensembles are required to participate in every sanctioned ISSMA event and earn a gold rating.

Perry Meridian High School Band and Choir were recognized as the recipients of the Indiana State School Music Association All-Music Award for the 2017-2018 school year and their outstanding achievements.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by Mrs. Hartman. It was seconded by Mr. Mertz. The motion passed 7/0. Included with these minutes are copies of the following items:

- Minutes of the April 9, 2018 Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes of the April 16, 2018 Executive Session
- Minutes of the April 17, 2018 Public Work Session
- Minutes of the April 23, 2018 Special Board and Public Work Session
- Financial Report for March 2018
- 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. Homecroft Elementary

- a. Assured Partners has donated \$513.50 which will cover the cost of the t-shirt our first graders wear on their annual field trip to the Indianapolis Zoo.

2. Early Childhood Academy

- a. GPD Foundation has awarded a \$2000 grant to the Preschool for use in purchasing the items necessary to begin an outdoor classroom project.

3. Clinton Young Elementary

- a. Mr. Douglas Stark has donated \$1000 and asked that it specifically be used to purchase recess supplies for the students.

4. Abraham Lincoln Elementary

- a. The Pacers Foundation awarded Abraham Lincoln a \$1000 award for their participation in the Pacer's STEM Fest. The funds will be used to purchase STEM kits and equipment for those curricular activities.

5. Perry Township Schools

- Accept honorarium from Fairbanks for completing survey

6. Perry Meridian High School

- Request approval of \$1,309.17 donation from Wetzel Investment Advisors. The money will be used for student expenses for the TOP 40 Academic Banquet.

7. Southport High School

- Donation of \$15,000 from Local Union No. 481, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The donation will be used to build new trophy cases in the atrium area.

- Approval of Renewal of Stanley Steemer Carpet Cleaning Contract
- Approval of Renewal of Kleenit Group, Inc. Contract
- Approval of Grant Keys Lawn Service Renewal Contract

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Jeff Spencer, principal of Southport Elementary Schools introduced Mrs. Jennifer Coffman as Master Teacher at SES.

Mrs. Carpenter introduced Mrs. Jennifer Tidd as the District EL SIOP Instructional Coach.

Mrs. Carpenter introduced Mr. Matt Bush as the Title I Data Administrator for our secondary schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Neil Linville stated he has served as PEA President for six years and this is the last time he will address the board in this role. I have learned a lot. Mr. Linville thanked the board for all of their hard work and leadership they provide. Things have changed for the better and that is in large part because of your leadership. Thank you very much. It's been a pleasure serving as your president for the teachers. Matt Henninger will succeed me as he was elected president. I feel good about the leadership of the board, administration and those succeeding me in PEA. Thank you very much; it's been a pleasure.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of the 2018-2019 secondary Business textbook adoptions. Mr. Mertz moved to approve; Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of the 2018-2019 textbook rental for the secondary schools. Textbook rental for students in grades 6 through 12 will be individualized based on the courses selected by each student. Averages billed last year (2017-2018 school year) include textbooks, workbooks and consumables for grades 6 through 12 were: \$122 for middle school in 2017-2018 and \$146 average for high school in 2017-2018. Mr. Morris moved to approve, Mr. Fultz seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

In the past, we have allowed all secondary transfer students without limit. Due to increased enrollment, it is necessary now to deny transfer students from other districts in grades 6-12. Staff members' children will be allowed to transfer from outside of the district. Mr. Bohannon recommended this become effective May 15, 2018. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of the Latin Honor system be used in the high schools. Latin honors will be used in tandem with class rank for the 2019 and 2020 graduation cohorts. Latin honors will be used exclusively for the 2021 graduation cohort and beyond. There will be no rounding.

Summa Cum Laude	4.0 +
Magna Cum Laude	3.8 to 3.99
Cum Laude	3.5 to 3.79

Mr. Morris moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval for the PMHS Girls Basketball program to attend a basketball camp at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, from Wednesday, June 6 through Friday, June 8, 2018 using the district mini-buses. Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval for Homecroft Elementary's 5th grade class to travel to Bradford Woods Outdoor Education Camp on October 3-5, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$85 per student which is supplemented through the PTA at \$10 per student. The remainder of the trip will be funded through bookstore sales, restaurant fundraisers and donations. Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval of Glenns Valley Elementary's 5th grade class to travel to Corydon, Spring Mill State Park and Indiana Cavers for their annual Wander Indiana trip October 3-5, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$210 with scholarships being provided for students needing assistance. Mr. Johnson moved to approve, Mr. Fultz seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval of a new contract with Magnify Learning to provide educational services and resources to Southport Elementary's staff in the area of Project Based Learning techniques. This will include a two-day professional development session with certified staff and will be paid entirely through Title I funds. Mrs. Hartman moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval of elementary music curriculum adoption: Quaver's Marvelous World of Music. Quaver's was chosen by the Elementary Music Adoption Committee made up of administrators and elementary music teachers. Perry Township has not adopted new music curriculum since 2011, and the cost of this program per student is more affordable than our current, older program. Mr. John Stebbe presented a demonstration of the Quaver software. Mr. Fultz moved to approve, Mr. Morris seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval of the elementary textbook fees for the 2018-2019 school year. The reason for the reduction in fees this year is we are no longer charging an instructional material fee for kindergarten and grades 1-5 students.

Grades K	\$100
Grades 1-5	\$125
CIP Students	\$ 91

Mrs. Hartman moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Willey recommended approval of a renewal contract with Skyward. This contract renews our Student Management, Gradebook API, Food Service, New Student Online Enrollment and support for these products. The price increase this year is reflective of our growing enrollment and ongoing cost increases by Skyward. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Willey recommended approval of a contract with Frontline Education. This contract includes first year fees and startup fees for their Central Human Resources module and their Recruiting and Hiring Solution. The combination of these systems will provide the Human Resources department with a robust employee resource management system for recruitment, compliance, customer service, training and managing online employee information. Mrs. Hartman moved to approve, Mr. Fultz seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of the school year calendars 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. The calendars retain the balanced calendar format, along with moving spring break to the 3rd and 4th weeks of the month and overlapping into April, while overlapping with the neighboring school systems for spring break. School will finish before Memorial Day. Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Mr. Fultz seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of the contract with PHD Carpet Cleaning & Janitorial Services. The contract will include the cleaning of eleven (11) buildings in the district at a cost of \$21,803.74. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Sampson is recommended approval of Resolution #18-008 to declare equipment as a surplus and to dispose of it in the proper manner. All surplus property will be listed and reported to the board at a future board meeting. Mr. Johnson moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of Resolution #18-009 to pursue conversations and/or negotiations for land and property that may be beneficial to the pursuit of the goals and mission of Perry Township Schools. Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Mr. Mercer seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Big Green Indy to provide product, technical assistance and support in developing Learning Gardens at our schools through a grant application process. Big Green Indy is an organization with a mission to build a healthier future for kids by connecting them to real food through a network of Learning Gardens and Food Literacy programs.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION NOT REQUIRING ACTION

Mr. Mapes conducted a first reading of the following board policies:

1. 3309 – Responsible Use of Social Media
2. 5350 – Suicide Awareness & Prevention
3. 8390 – Animals on School Corporation Property

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Morris congratulated our top academic students recognized this evening. He stated the PMHS golf team is in need of new golf bags. The team had two players that made All-County and today the team won their conference.

Mr. Fultz congratulated the students recognized tonight and at the awards nights at all schools. He thanked all teachers and staff for their hard work this year. Mr. Fultz thanked Mr. Linville for his six years of service as PEA president. When we moved back to Indiana, the relationship between the township and the teachers is a big part of what makes Perry Township an attractive place to live for a young family. Thank you for your leadership. Everyone have a good summer.

Mr. Mercer congratulated the students who were recognized this evening. He stated he was in Edinburgh watching the golf conference and it is great PMHS's Boys Golf won the conference competing with a total of 18 teams.

Mr. Johnson recognized the support staff, teachers and administrators of the year in each school building. He thanked the kindergarten academy principals for preparing the students for first grade. I look forward to graduation next week and the start of the next school year.

Mr. Mertz congratulated the students who were recognized this evening. He thanked Mr. Linville for his leadership. It has been a pleasure working with you. We appreciate everything you have done for Perry Township. Mr. Mertz thanked the administration. Thank you for your work on the service animal policy and guidance from our legal team.

Mrs. Hartman thanked Mr. John Stebbe for presenting the music curriculum. Thank you Mrs. Baker for your research into the new Frontline HR system. I am very excited about the Latin Honors. I have researched Latin Honors. If this allows a student to be more well-rounded and not be focused on being #1 (because there is only ONE #1,) and if we can develop talent in and amongst our schools at even a greater rate and this facilitates that, then this will be a good thing for our students to not be striving to just be #1. We are here to develop and cultivate education and grow students. Mrs. Hartman congratulated the baseball team on how far they progressed and the excitement they generated.


Mr. Denning congratulated the students who were recognized this evening. It is a great night. He welcomed new staff and congratulated staff taking on new roles. Mr. Denning congratulated Mr. Linville and thanked him for his service.

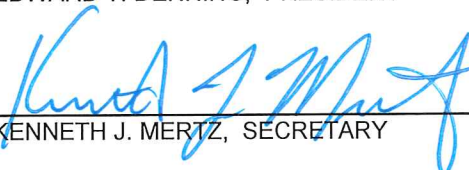
Mr. Mapes concurred with the board, their comments and congratulations. The end of the year awards and recognitions are great. He thanked teachers and administrators for a very successful school year. All of the events, programs, concerts, etc. at the end of the year takes away from teachers, staff and administrators' family time. I appreciate your willingness to attend these events and everything you do for your students. Lastly, Mr. Mapes thanked the board for their nod of approval to make a memorial marker for the Edgewood Grade School. I attended the memorialization ceremony and witnessed the impact this memorial marker has on the community. I spoke to a group of over 100 people who attended on the memorialization on a very cold Saturday morning. A woman who attended Edgewood Grade School in 1934 attended, as well as people who were in the last class of 1980. On their behalf, thank you for giving them that opportunity to have a remembrance placed on the property of JWR Edgewood Grade School.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Denning sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

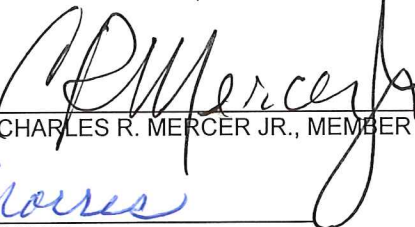

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