

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

June 11, 2018

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held a regular board meeting on Monday, June 11, 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**

Mr. Ken George was recognized for his eleven years of service as District Energy Manager and Employee Safety Manager.

Sadie Hill, PMHS senior was recognized for winning state champion in the discus throw (143'5") and setting a new school record.

The PMHS 4x400 relay team was recognized for winning state runner up with a time of 3:51.14 setting a new school record. Team members are: Ali Dale, Lexi Dale, Hannah Bague and Iyanla Hunter. Iyanla won runner-up in the 400 meter dash with a time of 55.79 breaking the school record from 1988. Hannah Bague placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 400-meter dash. Coach Ryan Teverbaugh was recognized as coach of the PMHS Girls Track team.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Minutes of the May 14, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes of the May 14, 2018 Executive Session
- Minutes of the May 18, 2018 Special Board Meeting
- Financial Report for April 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. Douglas MacArthur Kindergarten Academy**

- a. McDonald's has agreed to donate a case of crayola 4-pack crayons for use during their Jumpstart Kindergarten program.
- b. Meijer has donated 2 \$50 gift cards to purchase activities and attendance incentives for the Jumpstart Kindergarten program.
- c. Walmart has donated a \$150 gift card to purchase supplies and incentives for the jumpstart Kindergarten program.

**2. Homecroft Elementary**

- a. Homecroft was selected by US Lacrosse to receive a grant that will provide equipment and teaching resources for the PE teacher to instruct students on the game of lacrosse. The value of this grant is approximately \$1,000.
- b. Flying Colors of Indy, Inc. Painting has donated a board game to each classroom for indoor recess time. This donation is estimated at \$400.

**3. Southport Elementary**

- a. Point of Apostolic Church donated \$300 to use to purchase gifts for the Giving Tree Project that is held yearly for free and reduced lunch students so that they can pick and wrap gifts for their family during the holiday season.

- Approval of School Meal Charging Policy
- Approval of Waterford Literacy Renewal
- Approval of AT&T T1 Contract for Edwards Avenue

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Mrs. Tiffany Opper was introduced as the new assistant principal of Abraham Lincoln Elementary.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Cameron Clark father of Noah Clark, a SHS freshman during the 2017-2018 school year spoke of his concerns regarding class rank and the Latin Honor system.

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**ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION**

Mr. Mapes conducted a second reading and recommended approval of the following policies:

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

Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. Mrs. Hartman asked when the policies will take effect. The policies become effective July 1, 2018. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of the 2018-2019 Student Rights, Responsibilities, Rules and Regulations Handbook. Mr. Johnson moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. Mrs. Hartman appreciates black pants were added as an option to the student dress code. Mrs. Hartman would like us to consider adding the ¼ zip collared shirts. Mr. Morris asked if the schools will review the handbook with students. Yes, this is done at the beginning of the year. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommend approval of the 2018-2019 Teacher Handbook. Mr. Morris moved to approve, Mr. Fultz seconded. Mrs. Hartman asked if the Perry Education Association reviewed the teacher handbook. Yes, they reviewed. Mr. Bohannon thanked Mr. Kyle Hanefeld, Mr. Patrick Chambers and new PEA president, Mr. Matt Henninger for their work and help with the handbook. The motion passed 7/0.

Mrs. Baker recommended approval of the 2018-2019 Support Staff Handbook. Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. Mrs. Hartman thanked Mrs. Baker for her time, hard work and review by our legal team. The motion passed 7/0.

Mrs. Baker recommended approval of an agreement with Steele Benefit Services, Inc. to change vendors and processes for the online benefits enrollment platform beginning with open enrollment for the 2019 calendar year. Steele Benefit Services, Inc. provides a comprehensive system that will reduce manual data calculations because they specialize in school corporations that have multiple benefit deductions schedules. We plan to save \$38,500 annually with this change in vendors. Mr. Fultz moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval of a new agreement with the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library to enable elementary students and our media centers greater access to the physical and electronic resources the library has to offer. This is at no cost to the district. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. Mr. Fultz stated he loves our public libraries and check items out frequently, so any opportunity we have to get our students to the library and publicize to let our families know this is available to them would be awesome. Mr. Mercer stated this would be very beneficial for our families. Mrs. Carpenter acknowledged Mrs. Tiffany Opper, our district representative who has been working with the Marion County Library. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Willey recommended approval of renewal of our site license of the Typing Agent program. We utilize this program in grades 1-4 as our primary typing instruction in specials rotation. The site license provides unlimited use and also use at home. Mrs. Hartman moved to approve, Mr. Fultz seconded. Mr. Mertz asked if this program is used in a specials class. In some buildings it is; other buildings use in a variety of different ways in their elementary schools. Mr. Mertz asked if we have a way to test/evaluate the students to see their progress. There is not a standalone typing assessment. The program itself is extremely data rich; the teachers and building administrators are able to pull data showing where students are and the amount of time they are spending on it and the lessons the students are learning. The program is adaptive as it follows through and grows a student from where they are. We would love to see more home use. Last school year, an elementary building used it over 17,000 hours within their instruction in the building. Mr. Mertz asked if there is a proficiency, i.e. in fourth grade a student should be at so many words a minute/accuracy. The program has an accuracy proficiency and timing built into it. Mr. Denning spoke of kids texting/keyboarding in today's world with their phones, etc. and the lack of grammar and use of abbreviations. He would like to see our schools emphasize grammar in this typing program. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of bonds for the school corporation treasurer, deputy treasurers, and public employee positions. Mr. Morris moved to approve, Mr. Mercer seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of the annual renewal for the district's investment of public funds resolution. Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Mr. Mercer seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

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

Mr. Morris asked about the Winchester Village Elementary outdoor education garden paid for by an outside source. Mrs. Carpenter will follow-up. Mr. Morris congratulated Mrs. Opper to her appointment as assistant principal at Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Fultz thanked Mr. Clark and Noah Clark for coming to the meeting and sharing their perspectives.

Mr. Mertz congratulated the PMHS girls track team members for their accomplishments.

Mr. Johnson had no comment.

Mr. Mertz stated graduation went very well; he thanked all staff for their work on commencement. Mr. Mertz thanked Mr. Bagley for everything he has done for finances for the district. Mr. Bagley does a good job with investing our public funds. Thank you, Mr. Bagley, for everything you have put forth for the district.

Mrs. Hartman thanked Mrs. Baker for everything you have done for our Human Resources Department. We have visibly seen in documents and handbooks that you have hit the ground running and we appreciate everything you have done. Mrs. Hartman stated the middle school additions are very exciting. It's exciting to be able to tell the community that that we have invested wisely and saved wisely without having to borrow for these necessary


additions. Graduation was lovely. This is why we raise our kids, to watch them fly. I hope they fly and come back to give back to their home community. Mrs. Hartman appreciates Mr. Clark and Noah Clark coming and speaking at the meeting. She said both high school principals did extensive research on rankings and the Latin Honor System and gave presentations at a previous public work session. A lot of research and time was spent on the subject. She appreciates Mr. Clark and Noah for sharing their concerns, the board values your thoughts.

Mr. Denning thanked everyone for attending the meeting, congratulated our recognizees and thanked Mr. Clark and Noah Clark for their comments. Have a wonderful summer.

Mr. Mapes stated as this is the end of the school year he wished to thank teachers, support staff, bus drivers, café staff, custodians and my admin team for an outstanding year. Graduation went very well. This year was an exciting school year with a lot of academic growth by our students. The growth of our students is a direct reflection of the work of our teachers and the quality of teachers in our school district. Thank you to all of them.

**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

Absent 7-17-18  
CHARLES R. MERCER JR., MEMBER

  
JON P. MORRIS, MEMBER