

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

October 29, 2018

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held a regular board meeting on Monday, October 29, 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
Charles R. Mercer, Jr., Board Member
Steve Johnson, 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 conducted by Boy Scout Pack #92 from St. Mark Catholic Church led by Mrs. Lisa Thompson and Mr. Warren Roland.

RECOGNITION

The board recognized Nathan Mertz, PMHS Senior who was appointed by Senate Pro Tem David Long to the Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council (ILYAC.)

The board recognized each school for receiving the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) first ever National Award of Excellence for Educator Effectiveness. The honor also included a \$50,000 cash prize.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of the September 10, Budget Hearing & Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes of the September 24, 2018 Budget Hearing & Special Board Meeting
- Financial Report for August 2018
- Allowance of Vouchers
- Personnel Report
- Report to Board on Travel beyond 75 miles by Certified Staff
- Fundraiser Requests

- Approval of Acceptance of Donations:

Abraham Lincoln Elementary

- a. Abraham Lincoln will be raising funds for the AL Robotics Team. The Robotics Team will host a Dine to Donate at City BBQ on October 27, 2018 to help raise funds for event registrations, t-shirts, and supplies.
- b. Students will have the opportunity to purchase Oreo cookies for 25 cents apiece to enjoy at lunch (maximum of 2 per day). 100% of money raised will go towards Habitat for Humanity to help with the clean-up and rebuilding of homes (Hurricane Florence Victims).

Early Childhood Program

- a. PTEC Preschool is hosting a Dine to Donate at Hot Box Pizza on October 10, 2018. Money raised will be used to help pay for family activity nights.
- b. The PTEC Preschool will host a Dine to Donate at Jaggers. Proceeds will help pay for several family activity nights.

Jeremiah Gray Elementary

- a. Jeremiah Gray will be raising funds for the JG Robotics Team. The team will be selling HEX bugs and Aqua Bots to students and staff to raise funds for t-shirts, registration for competitions, and team supplies.
- b. The Jeremiah Gray Robotics Team will be hosting a Dine to Donate at City BBQ to help raise funds to support the Robotics Team. Money raised will go towards Robotics event registrations, t-shirts and supplies.

Mary Bryan Elementary

- a. Students will donate at least \$1.00 to participate in a free dress day one Friday each month. Money raised will go towards the upkeep of the saltwater aquarium at Mary Bryan, CF Foundation, Riley Hospital, and The American Heart Association.
- b. Students are invited to a Movie Night with a \$5.00 admission fee one Friday a month during the 2018-2019 school year. 100% of the proceeds will go towards classroom use. The classroom teachers will use the money to buy materials for their classrooms.

Perry Meridian Middle School

PMMS Girls Golf team will host several "Dine and Donate" evenings at local restaurants once a month from November 2018 through April 2019. Proceeds (10-20%) to be used to purchase uniforms and for course fees.

Perry Meridian High School

PMHS Falcon Web Radio will sell suckers from Thursday, October 18, 2018 through Friday, April 19, 2019. All proceeds will go toward operating expenses and equipment replacement.

PMHS GAPP/GNHS students will sell Butterbreads from Monday, October 29 through Friday, November 9, 2018. Proceeds (40%) will help subsidize trip costs/funds for German National Honor Society activities.

PMHS students attending Spain and Portugal in the spring 2019 will host two canvas-painting classes. One class will be Thursday, November 1, 2018, with the second date to be determined. Proceeds (70%) will be used for the spring trip.

PMHS Boys Basketball players will sell PM tumblers from Wednesday, November 7 through Wednesday, November 14, 2018. All proceeds players earn will go toward game shoes and team t-shirts.

PMHS Students will participate in a Euchre Tournament on Thursday, November 15, 2018. No monetary proceeds; canned foods will be collected to benefit Gleaner's Food Bank.

Southport High School

SHS Boys Basketball players will sell Key Tags (discount for local businesses). Proceeds (50%) will help pay for equipment and food.

- Surplus Equipment

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of a Pitney Bowes contract for postage machines at Perry Township Education Center and Perry Meridian High School. Mrs. Hartman moved to approve and Mr. Mercer seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of a 1.5% increase for administrators who were employed during the 2017-2018 school year and who had an effective or highly effective evaluation. Mr. Fultz moved to approve, Mr. Mercer seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of the Bond Bank Fuel Budget Program. The program protects the district for the calendar year 2019 from potential diesel fuel price spikes. This will be the ninth year of participation in this program. Mr. Morris moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of the French American Student Exchange Program. Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of a MOU between Perry township Schools and Central Indiana Pre-Employment Transition Collaborative. The purpose is to outline the roles to better serve the needs of transition age students who are eligible for vocational rehabilitation services. Mr. Fultz moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of an agreement between Perry Township Schools and William Dreibelbis, LLC for services required to fulfill the implementation of the approved Richard Fairbanks Prevention Matters Grant. Services will be paid for by the grant. Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Mr. Fultz seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of the following out-of-state travel request: SHS Indoor Percussion Ensemble to travel to the Winter Guard International Competition in Dayton, Ohio. The trip will take place Wednesday, April 10 through Friday, April 12, 2019. Mr. Morris moved to approve, Mr. Mercer seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION NOT REQUIRING ACTION

Mr. Sampson provided information on Wellness Initiatives in each building.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Morris congratulated Nathan Mertz for his nomination to this prestigious group of young people. He congratulated all teachers and staff members for providing a unique leadership and to the administrator leadership in the schools. Mr. Morris congratulated our parents who are interested in their children receiving the best education possible. Congratulations to the students.

Mr. Fultz congratulated Nathan Mertz and his family on an incredible honor. Congratulations to all of our teachers, administrators and staff for the national NIET award. The event was inspiring and to hear our values reflected in the award was wonderful and the monetary award to invest back into our teachers is nice as well. Next week, we open a number of our buildings to vote. Most of the year we keep everyone in the building behind two sets of locked doors, a video enabled entry system and a computerized ID check. One to two times a year we open up our doors and allow our buildings to be used for citizens to fulfill their civic duty. A couple of days prior to election we will be hosting a political rally in one of our buildings. This comes with an increased level of risk. It's good to know the hostess is taking care of covering the cost and logistics. I would like to recognize our administrators and those responsible for doing everything they can to keep the students as the number one priority throughout the week and making sure our primary focus of educating them and keeping them safe remains our first priority. It's a shame that neither of the policy makers and including the incumbent in the position could make it to the NIET awards and see what we have to celebrate in Perry Township.

Mr. Mercer stated years ago we did not open the board meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Morris suggested we begin the board meetings with the pledge. Thank you, Mr. Morris, for making that recommendation. Congratulations to Nate Mertz and his family on your honor. Congratulations to the teachers and administrators on being awarded the National Award of Excellence for Educator Effectiveness.

Mr. Johnson congratulated Nate Mertz on his honor received. Congratulations to the Mertz and Horton families. Congratulations on the NIET award! Congratulations to administrators, teachers, and master teachers. Job well done. TAP is not easy and is constantly being tweaked to make it and our district better so that we can continue to produce students who excel in education.

Mr. Mertz stated he is in his third term and tenth year of serving on the Board of Education. Never before have I had an outpouring of support from the entire community as when my mother passed away. I cannot tell you what it meant. I received emails, cards, personal notes, people who came to the funeral home. It meant a lot. It shows the heartfelt support. We may be a large district, but we are a small community. Thank you to everyone. The outpouring of support meant a great deal to me and my family. Thank you.

Mr. Mertz stated he attended the reverse raffle put on by the SHS Athletic Department. It was a wonderful opportunity. Congratulations on a successful event.

Mr. Mertz said he has received email and comments from the community congratulating us on the national NIET award. As a board member, it is humbling, but the congratulations go to the teachers. They are in the trenches every day; they work with the kids on a day-to-day basis. The staff and administrators also. Thank you.

Mr. Mertz loves the student exchange programs. It is a wonderful program as it is great for our kids to be able to go to another country and those experiences and for their students to come here. It is wonderful we do this and open doors for our kids.

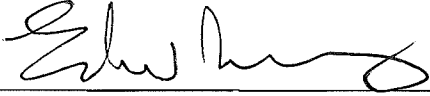
Mrs. Hartman congratulated Nate Mertz and his family. Mrs. Hartman welcomed Mr. Dreibilbis. She thanked the Perry Township Calendar Committee for the two-week fall break. As a family, we greatly appreciate it. I thank the educators who work the first week with students. Mrs. Hartman stated she caught up on her reading and read the high school newspapers. Kudos to the students and teachers on their school newspapers. She stated she cannot say enough about our Master Teachers. When attending Cluster I see what they do and how they impact so many more teachers now. So many teachers are being impacted by their dedication and love for education and desire to watch students grow. Cluster is where the magic happens.

Mr. Denning echoed the congratulations for Nathan Mertz and his family and the NIET national award. Thank you to our administrators, Master Teachers, all of our teachers and support staff who help to bring this to our students. It is greatly appreciated. Mr. Denning stated he does not have any concerns about the rally on Friday. I believe it will be one of the safest places in the Midwest. Any opportunity we have to have a sitting President of the United States visit one of our buildings is an honor.

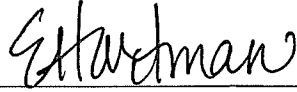
Mr. Mapes congratulated Nate Mertz and his family. Those young voices are heard in the legislature and he will be in the forefront of that. This is another example of Perry Township leading. Kudos have gone out to our teachers, master teachers and administrators. I would like to take the opportunity to recognize Mrs. Carpenter and Mr. Bohannon and the work they have done. The Project Lead the Way CEO is now requesting to visit Perry Township Schools. We have been asked to present to the Indiana State Board of Education. There is a ripple effect once people realize the good work getting done here and the results we are getting from our students due to the efforts of our administrators and teachers. I look for this to continue to move forward. NIET will return in January as Perry Township will be the focal school district in their national conference in March. Perry Township for the next couple of months will be known worldwide and that's because of all of the work that gets done each and every day by all of the employees. I am proud to be a leader of a district that is a leader nationally in education.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Denning sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.



EDWARD T. DENNING, PRESIDENT



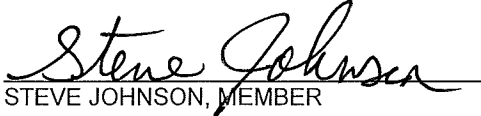
EMILY HARTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

Absent 11.12.18

KENNETH J. MERTZ, SECRETARY



COLLIN C. FULTZ, MEMBER



STEVE JOHNSON, MEMBER



CHARLES R. MERCER JR., MEMBER



JON P. MORRIS, MEMBER