

**MINUTES OF A  
PUBLIC WORK SESSION  
OF  
PERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS  
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA**

November 26, 2018

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held a public work session on Monday, November 26, 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  
**Collin C. Fultz**, Board Member  
**Steve Johnson**, Board Member  
**Charles R. Mercer, Jr.**, Board Member  
**Jon P. Morris**, Board Member

Board of Education members not present:

**Kenneth J. Mertz**, Board Secretary

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

Public Work Session

Mr. Denning opened the public work session at 6:00 p.m.

READ 180

Mrs. Keira Bush and Mrs. Angie Gunkel, both teachers at Perry Meridian Middle School presented the Read 180 Universal program. Read 180 supports struggling readers and English language learners. Proven to work, READ 180 has been the subject of continuous research and validation efforts for over 15 years. It is the most thoroughly researched and documented reading intervention program, improving reading achievement. The program serves students reading two or more levels below grade-level, students that have failed to thrive in a traditional language arts classroom, and students who have not been successful on standardized tests. We have breakout groups of ELL students, special education students requiring inclusion support services, and 504 students. We thank the board for the READ 180 Universal program as it contains relevant, interesting topics for students, a combination of basic comprehension skills and grade-level concepts and an interactive book. An example of the READ 180 Universal program was shown. The program offers audio books, traditional paperback books and E-Reads. The program is valuable to teachers as it provides quick access to user-friendly data, online interactive textbook and tools for ability grouping. It is valuable to students as the reading, writing and spelling is at each individual students' reading level. It provides current and interesting independent reading books with leveled quizzes and small group learning opportunities. Teachers infuse 7<sup>th</sup> grade standards into the program. Fifty percent of the PMMS READ 180 students showed HIGH growth on the 2018 ISTEP+ assessment!

## PLTW

Mrs. Angie Kendall (SES) presented Project Lead the Way (PLTW). PLTW grows students to be problem solvers and critical thinkers. Students apply skills to real world problems. PLTW prepares students for any career they choose. PLTW is cross-curricular as it includes several content areas in one lesson. It reaches ALL of our learners! One of our PLTW lessons is to build a robot to help clean up waste from nuclear waste. This week on CBS News, a real life story aired about Japan using robots to help cleanup waste from the Fukushima nuclear plant site. It was exciting showing my students the video clip and knowing they are working on real world problems of today and relevant learning. PLTW is hands on learning to increase engagement and achievement. It is developmentally appropriate. PLTW promotes self-directed learning, students learn collaboration, builds confidence and increases self-esteem. With PLTW, there is creativity, planning, organizing and drawing conclusions. Students take ownership of their learning. Students learn by making mistakes, and they learn perseverance leading to success!

## ADM Report

Mr. Willey presented information on the ADM (Annual Daily Membership) report. He discussed the ADM from 2013 to present. He showed a diagram of the diversity in the district. Kindergarten through grade 5 enrollment was presented along with grades 6-13. He shared numbers illustrating the English language learner program from 1997 to September 2018.

## Projected Academy Enrollment

Mr. Bohannon presented current and projected enrollment numbers at both sixth grade academies. A discussion was held as to how to balance the enrollment at the academies. A proposal was made to send all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Winchester Village Elementary to Southport Sixth Grade Academy. The outcome would be:

- Better balances the enrollment at the academies over the next several years.
- Allows all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Winchester Village to attend the same 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy
- Families with siblings currently attending Perry Academy/Middle/High Schools will have the option of following siblings or attending Southport Academy. Family may also choose to send all family members to Southport side schools.

## District Grades

Mr. Bohannon and Mrs. Carpenter explained the formula used for elementary and middle schools by the state for the state report card. The report card is made up of performance and growth.

Performance: this includes the average of Pass rate for English/Language Arts and Math

Growth: this includes level of increase for any student that took the ISTEP the previous year.

The performance pass rate is .50 of the letter grade and the growth domain is .50+ of the letter grade.

A comparison of the elementary/middle state report card and the federal report card was reviewed and discussed.

Each school's grade was reviewed and discussed. The district report card was reviewed and discussed.

Data was presented illustrating the number and percentage of English language learners and free and reduced for each school.

Data was presented showing the 2018 ISTEP pass rate in English/Language Arts and Math, and district letter grades for all of the school districts in Marion County.

Perry Township's district letter grades were shared from 2011 to present.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Denning adjourned the public work session at 7:15 p.m.

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EDWARD T. DENNING, PRESIDENT

ABSENT

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KENNETH J. MERTZ, SECRETARY

Steve Johnson  
STEVE JOHNSON, MEMBER

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EMILY HARTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

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