

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

December 10, 2018

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held a regular board meeting on Monday, December 10, 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  
**Charles R. Mercer, Jr.**, Board Member  
**Steve Johnson**, 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

**OPENING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING**

President Ed Denning called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Mr. Bagley stated the Teacher Appreciation Grant is distributed by the Indiana Department of Education to school districts based on Average Daily Membership (ADM.) The district distributes grant funds to certified teachers once received from the IDOE. Statute requires that the district have an appropriation in place by December 31, 2018 for the 2018-2019 Teacher Appreciation Grant. The additional appropriation of \$500,000 sought through this Public Hearing will be satisfactory to pay out the grant to our Highly Effective and Effective teachers from the 2017-2018 school year. The district will distribute the grant proceeds to teachers on the December 21, 2018 payroll.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING**

President Ed Denning adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:31 p.m.

**OPENING OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

President Ed Denning called the regular board meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cub Scout Pack 134 from Douglas MacArthur Elementary. Leaders of the Pack are Joseph and Sara McClaren and Wes Ogden.

Mr. Denning stated Mr. Mertz is unable to attend this evening and please keep his father and the Mertz family in your thoughts and prayers.

## RECOGNITION

Mrs. Carpenter recognized the Douglas MacArthur 2018 Spell Bowl team. Douglas MacArthur finished first in the District Competition. They finished first in the regional division and finished first runner-up for the entire state of Indiana.

Mr. Bohannon recognized Colleen Li, 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at Perry Meridian Middle School, winner of the 2018 District Holiday Card contest.

Mr. Bohannon recognized Avery Short, senior at Southport High School for his following accomplishments: (1) Avery was selected as a member of the 2018 USA Baseball 18U team, (2) the team recently competed and won the Pan American championship in Panama, and (3) the team finished the tournament undefeated.

## CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by Mr. Fultz. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed 6/0. Included with these minutes are copies of the following items:

- Minutes of the November 12, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes of the November 26, 2018 Public Work Session
- Financial Report for October 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:

### **Abraham Lincoln Elementary**

- a. Bret Hawkins, music teacher at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School, received a Kiwanis grant from the local chapter for \$63.95. This will be used to purchase music from the New England Dance Master set and the Shenanigans Dance Music Series.

### **Early Childhood Academy**

- a. The Early Childhood Academy will be receiving a \$10,000.00 donation from Early Learning Indiana. This will be used to expand the opportunities for family engagement.

### **Homecroft Elementary**

- a. Kathy and Lanny Schmidt have donated \$800.00 to Homecroft Elementary. They would like the donation to be given to the G.I.R.L.S. Club to purchase gifts for needy Homecroft families this holiday season.

### **Jeremiah Gray Kindergarten Academy**

- a. Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy have generously donated \$1000.00 to the Jeremiah Gray Kindergarten Academy for the purchase of books for the lending library.
- b. An anonymous donor has donated twenty pair of shoes to the Jeremiah Gray Kindergarten Academy. Teachers will identify students that would benefit from new shoes.

### **Southport Elementary**

- a. Electric Plus Electrical Contractor donated \$200.00 and Taylor Doors and Specialties donated \$100.00. This money will be used by third grade students at Southport Elementary to make fleece blankets that will be donated to the homeless population.
- b. Schmidt Associates and Hoffman Electric and Hoffman Construction each donated \$1000.00 to Southport Elementary School. This donation will be used to support the Southport Elementary Robotics Team.

## **Perry Meridian High School**

Request approval of \$75 donation from Chris and Anne Miller. The funds will be deposited into PMHS Student Services Helping Fund.

- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Southside Special Services of Marion County and Perry Township Schools for Security
- Approval of Renewal of Professional Services Agreement with Jim Wernke

### **INTRODUCTION**

Mr. Sampson introduced Callie Newman, a registered dietician who will begin January 4, 2019 as Assistant Child Nutrition Director.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

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

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of new courses for the Early College Program at Perry Meridian High School for the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Hartman moved to approve, Mr. Fultz seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of new courses: Language for Heritage Speakers at Perry Meridian High School for the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Hartman moved to approve, Mr. Fultz seconded. Mr. Fultz thanked staff for adopting these new courses; it will be helpful for students to stay connected to their heritage. Mrs. Hartman asked if we will begin with Spanish. We can begin with Spanish and other languages. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of current Winchester Village Elementary fifth grade students to attend Southport Sixth Grade Academy beginning the 2019-2020 school year. Currently, fifth grade students at Winchester Village Elementary are split between Perry and Southport Sixth Grade Academies. Families with siblings will be taken into consideration. Mr. Fultz moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. Mr. Morris asked how many students that entails. Approximately 50 students each year, however, it varies from year to year. Mrs. Hartman thanked Mr. Bohannon for presenting this data at the work session; it is greatly appreciated. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of conveyance of land at 4155 E. Stop 11 Road (IFD Station 35) where the from the Perry Township Building Corporation to Perry Township Schools, Resolution #18-025. The original lease agreement signed in 1993 is expiring. The lease agreement was for \$1 over the 25-year lease. During the course of the lease we included this land in a bond issuance for work at Mary Bryan Elementary and other properties. This moved the ownership of the land from Perry Township Schools to the Perry Township Building Corporation. To renew a lease with the Indianapolis Fire Department, we must first own the land. With the acceptance of this resolution, the land will be deeded to Perry Township Schools with no ill effect to the bond issue. Mr. Johnson moved to approve, Mr. Morris seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of leasing property to the City of Indianapolis and Indianapolis Fire Department. We wish to extend the current agreement for 25 years for \$1. As in the past lease, the City of Indianapolis shall be responsible for 90% of maintenance and utility cost related to the sewer line. We will pay 10% of the sewer line that serves the Holder Field restrooms. The school retains the right of access to Holder Field via Stop 11 Road. City of Indianapolis will maintain insurance coverage over all of the property including liability insurance. Mrs. Hartman moved to approve, Mr. Morris seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of the Teacher Appreciation Grant Additional Appropriation, Resolution #18-022. Mrs. Hartman moved to approve, Mr. Fultz seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of Resolution 18-023: Transfer Funds from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. Mr. Fultz asked if after this transfer and the next transfer, will we have funds for short-term projects that arise. Yes, even though a district this size, there is never enough funds to take care of everything at one time. The district is making the best use of the dollars entrusted to us by the community and will continue to do so. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of Resolution 18-024: Transfer Funds from the Operating Referendum Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Bagley recommended approval of a professional services agreement with Actuarial Alternatives, Inc. for \$6,000. Actuarial Alternatives, Inc. will complete the services needed for the district's Pension Bond and Health Retirement Account forfeitures. This agreement replaces the Educational Services Company contract. Mr. Morris moved to approve, Mr. Mercer seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

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

Mr. Morris stated this is my last official board meeting after 8 ½ years. I have thoroughly appreciated the camaraderie I have found to be a part of this organization regarding challenges we have faced. I'm proud of what we have done for the students and teachers. I look forward to seeing completion of the projects we have begun recently. One of the highlights over the past 8 ½ years was the completion of the PMHS stadium. I appreciate everyone. Thank you.

Mr. Fultz thanked Mr. Mapes and administration of the district for always celebrating students and their accomplishments at our board meetings. Tonight we celebrated academics, artistic and athletic achievements. Mr. Fultz extended sincere gratitude to Mr. Denning and Mr. Morris for their service to Perry Township. Thank you for making it a great place for people wanting to raise a family.

Mr. Mercer congratulated Avery Short, senior at SHS and his great accomplishment. Mr. Mercer congratulated Douglas MacArthur's Spell Bowl team. I enjoy the diversity of the students on the team. Merry Christmas to everyone.

Mr. Johnson thanked Mr. Denning for his leadership, wisdom and philosophies. He thanked Mr. Morris for 40+ years in education. You have been a wonderful mentor and leader for Perry Township. Mr. Johnson thanked Mr. Denning and Mr. Morris' wives. Mr. Johnson welcomed Mrs. Neumann to the district. He stated he is proud of Perry Township as we continue to move forward. He tells people about the district. Merry Christmas to everyone.

Mrs. Hartman congratulated the Douglas MacArthur Spell Bowl team. She complimented Colleen Li on her holiday card, it is beautiful. Mrs. Hartman loves the heritage language program. We have many students who speak a language at home and English at school. Thank you. Mrs. Hartman thanked the teachers and administrators who presented at the public work session last month. In regards to letter grades, the trends amongst our schools are amazing and something to be truly celebrated. There is a lot of good work going on and the growth achieved is attributed to all of you and what you do every day. You are doing it for kids, thank you. Mrs. Hartman thanked Mr. Morris, it has been a true pleasure and a gift to serve with you. I appreciate your perspective and your love for our youngest of learners. Mrs. Hartman thanked Mr. Denning who has taught me so much and guided me. I appreciate your leadership. Merry Christmas.

Mr. Denning stated that Mr. Morris has served on the board for close to 9 years. He thanked his wife for all of her support through the past 8 ½ years. Mr. Denning thanked Nancy Speedy, Jen Mertz and Chuck Stumpf who helped to run my campaign and all of the volunteers. He thanked all of the board members he has served with. We all learned from each other and the different perspectives helped make the best decisions for the district. Mr. Denning thanked the administrators, teachers and staff of Perry Township. You all are what keep this district vibrant, growing and moving forward and always keeping kids first. He thanked the community for their support of the board and schools and their support of the referendums and funding needs for the maintenance of school buildings, building expansions necessary due to growth and the Perry stadium. Serving on the board has been a pleasure for the most part. There have been a few times in the 8 ½ years I have asked myself why, but it has definitely been worth it and it has been an honor. Mr. Denning thanked Mr. Bagley for your financial leadership. Serving on the Finance Committee has been an honor. Mr. Denning thanked Mrs. Meyers. He thanked Mr. Mapes for his role in leading the district and his administrative team. He thanked Mr. Giles and Mr. Oldham for their past leadership. Best wishes to the new board. I am always proud of Perry Township. Merry Christmas to everyone.

Mr. Mapes thanked Mr. Denning and Mr. Morris with sincere appreciation for their leadership, service and dedication to the success of students of Perry Township Schools. He thanked them for their contributions, commitment and over 8 years of service on the Board of Education to the students, staff and parents of this community. Mr. Mapes presented a plaque to Mr. Denning and Mr. Morris.

Mr. Mapes stated as we approach the holiday season there will be a lot of outstanding performances by students, led by teachers and staff. You are invited to attend a holiday program. Mr. Mapes thanked teachers, support staff, transportation, and administrators for the success we have had this first semester. This time of year is always challenging in the building as the anticipation of the holidays gets in the way of students' thoughts as they arrive in the classroom to learn. A great shout-out to the guidance counselors and administration of SHS as they mourn the death of a student and star athlete over the last week. Thank you to the community for raising the funds to help the family with funeral and medical expenses. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with them. Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Denning sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

ABSENT

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EDWARD T. DENNING, PRESIDENT



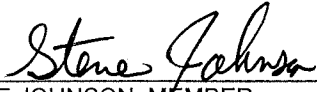
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EMILY HARTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

ABSENT

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KENNETH J. MERTZ, SECRETARY



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COLLIN C. FULTZ, MEMBER



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STEVE JOHNSON, MEMBER



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CHARLES R. MERCER JR., MEMBER

ABSENT

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JON P. MORRIS, MEMBER