

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

March 11, 2019

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held a regular board meeting on Monday, March 11, 2019 at the Perry Township Education Center, 6548 Orinoco Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Board of Education members present:

Emily Hartman, Board President
Steve Johnson, Board Vice President
Collin C. Fultz, Board Secretary
Hannah H. Dale, Board Member
James H. Hernandez, Board Member
Charles R. Mercer, Jr., Board Member

Board of Education members not present:

Ken Mertz, 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. Matthew Willey, Chief Technology Officer

PUBLIC HEARING

President Hartman opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Hatcher conducted the 1028-Additional Appropriation Public Hearing for the 2019 district-wide technology and facility bonds.

The floor was open to public comment. There were no public comments.

Mrs. Hartman adjourned the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

President Mrs. Hartman called the regular board meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Girl Scout Troop #4786 from Rosa Parks Elementary led by Jeanne Peters. Mrs. Hartman stated Mr. Mertz is not with us tonight. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

RECOGNITION

Ali Minhah, 5th grader and Elora Swan, 3rd grader at Rosa Parks Elementary were recognized for presenting at the Project Lead the Way Summit held in Indianapolis, to a group of over 1,000 adults. Ali and Elora spoke to the group on how Project Lead the Way helped them as a person, how has it impacted your thinking as you consider your future and how has it changed your school. The girls did an outstanding job.

RECOGNITION (Continued)

Bi Chono, 3rd grader at Southport Elementary School was recognized as the recipient of the Renato Pacini award winner for the 2019 Symphony in Color contest. This contest is in its 68th year and approximately 23,000 Indiana students participate. Bi's artwork was inspired by the music of Gustav Holst. Bi was honored at a reception at the Hilbert Circle Theatre and his artwork will be on display over the next year at the Hilbert Circle Theatre.

The Southport Elementary Robotics Team was recognized for qualifying to participate in the state finals at Lucas Oil Stadium. The team was also recognized for their outstanding team spirit and sportsmanship as multiple adults complimented the team's attitude and behavior. Team members are:

5th Graders: Ella Baxter, Titus Mang, Reese Tanner, Kaylan Binninger, Lun Naing

4th Graders: Mariah Heverly, Tristan Gill, Varun Jami

3rd Graders: Alexa Martin

Coaches: Christy Mauzy and Kelly Wilber

SHS Spanish 5/6 Students (11th and 12th graders) were recognized for placing their language ability into action each week as they visited Homecroft and Jeremiah Gray Kindergarten Academies along with classrooms at SHS. During their time in the classrooms, the junior and senior Spanish 5/6 students assist Spanish speaking students with their lessons, whether it be speaking, vocabulary or read alouds. They serve as an extra support for students learning English. During the time they are in classrooms, the students work not only to support academic performance, but also to provide positive social interaction for students who are learning the English language.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of the February 11, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes of the February 25, 2019 Special Board Meeting and Public Work Session
- Financial Report for January 2019
- 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:

Douglas MacArthur Kindergarten Academy

- a. The Rupp family generously donated a dog bed valued at \$200.00 for the school facility dog.

Homecroft Kindergarten Academy

- a. Dawn and Steve Becker have contracted with Homecroft Kindergarten Academy to provide two buddy benches for the school's playground.

Donations continued

Perry Meridian High School

Request approval of \$3,300 donation from Amerika Haus e. V. NRW in conjunction with the Wunderbar together initiative. The German program received these funds to spend towards promotion of the German language at the 6th grade academies, middle schools and Perry community. The funds will be used for the following:

- Charter bus for student trip to Chicago to visit the Goethe Institute and German consulate.
- Purchase of promotional items such as German candy, buttons, and pencils to hand out to students in grades 6 through 8.
- Planning and holding a German language promotional event for the community.

Request approval of \$1,500 donation from Sarah Boston of Raymond James. These funds will be used to buy gifts to be presented at the Academic Banquet for the TOP 40 Students. The banquet will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

- Approval of Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements for Board of Education
- Approval of Disposal of Surplus Equipment
- Approval of 2019 Perry Youth Theatre Camp
- Approval of Contract between Flat Rock YMCA Camp Facility and Abraham Lincoln Elementary for Professional Development Renewal
- Approval of Contract between Salt Creek Retreat and Winchester Village Elementary for Professional Development Renewal
- Approval of Smekens Education Contract for Homecroft Kindergarten Academy

BUSINESS

Mr. Hatcher recommended approval of the Umbaugh Municipal advisory agreement for Umbaugh and Associates to act as the district's municipal advisor in conjunction with the 2019 facility and technology bonds. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Hernandez seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hatcher recommended approval of Resolution 19-005: 1028 resolution for the 2019 district-wide facility bonds that was discussed in the public hearing. Mr. Hernandez moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hatcher recommended approval of Resolution 19-006: the 1028 resolution for the 2019 district-wide technology bonds that was discussed in the public hearing. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mrs. Dale seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hatcher recommended approval of Resolution 19-007: the additional appropriation resolution for the district-wide facility improvement bonds that was discussed in the hearing. Mrs. Dale moved to approve, Mr. Fultz seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hatcher recommended approval of Resolution 19-008: the additional appropriation resolution for the district wide technology bonds that was discussed in the hearing. Mr. Johnson moved to approve, Mrs. Dale seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of the renewal of the AdTec contract for fixed asset inventory and capital assets ledger service. The service records assets that meet or exceed the inventory threshold amount of \$5,000 per items. This service fulfills the State Board of Accounts requirements for Capital Assets ledger for land, buildings, improvements, equipment and any building in process. Mr. Hernandez moved to approve, Mr. Mercer seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of Skillman Corporation Amendment #11 to oversee the roofing projects at various buildings. Partial roof projects will be done at Homecroft, Henry Burkhart and Clinton Young Elementary's. Douglas MacArthur is in need of a full roof replacement. Mrs. Dale moved to approve, Mr. Hernandez seconded. Mr. Johnson asked if the work will be completed before school. The partial roof projects will be done. The whole roof project at Douglas MacArthur Elementary is scheduled to be completed in September. Mrs. Hartman asked if all of these projects are on the 10-year plan. Yes, they are. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Sampson requested approval to advertise for bidders to complete the roof projects mentioned above. Mrs. Dale moved to approve, Mr. Fultz seconded. The motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Sampson requested approval to advertise for bidders for the removal and replacement of all hallway carpeting at Perry Meridian High School. This project will occur this summer. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Hernandez seconded. Mrs. Hartman asked if we are replacing with carpet squares. Yes, that is correct. The motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval to advertise for bidders to complete the repair, renovation and resurfacing of the Perry Meridian Middle School track. Physical education classes, as well as athletic teams use the track. It also gets a large amount of community use in the off hours. The track is in disrepair with portions of the track damaged or missing. Simple repair will not solve the issues with the track. The scope of the project: the rubber surface will be removed. The base foundation and curbs will be repaired and/or replaced as needed. A new rubber overlay will be installed. The track will be lined in accordance with IHSAA guidelines. Mr. Fultz moved to approve, Mrs. Dale seconded. Mr. Johnson asked if moving the bleachers will be a part of the project. The bleachers will need to be moved to repair/resurface the track. The bleachers are not in the scope of this repair/resurfacing as we anticipate the cost of this project to be in excess of the \$150,000 threshold requiring us to go out to bid for this project. Estimates are in the \$540,000 range. The track is not a 400 meter track, but a 440-yard track. This project will make the track a 400-meter track. Mr. Johnson asked if the bleachers will be moved to the side. Once the track is repaired, we will evaluate and have discussions about the bleachers. The motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Willey recommended approval of a contract with AT&T for Internet service for the district. This contract is the result of a competitive federal 470 e-rate bid process. This was the lowest bid of nine bidders, and is also our current service provider. The contract represents a cost savings to the district while allowing us to increase speed. Mrs. Dale moved to approve, Mr. Hernandez seconded. Mr. Johnson asked if it will be easier to get onto the Internet. This increase in speed will not help the log-on process. The timing of the log-in process is a result of the filters required by federal guidelines. Mr. Hernandez asked if we are satisfied with AT&T's service. Yes, we are. We have had AT&T for six to seven years with only one major outage. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) at Southport Middle School. This program provides each student their own account using their student picture ID's and barcode to accrue points to use in the PBIS store at the end of each month. The program provides real time data to administrators and teachers on great behavior and poor behavior in their building and eliminates the use of paper. Mrs. Dale moved to approve, Mr. Fultz seconded. Mr. Fultz asked if we have something similar at Perry Meridian Middle School. PMMS has a positive behavior plan. We are piloting this PBIS program at SMS the final nine weeks and will examine the data and discuss if this is something we wish to use in other schools. Mr. Johnson asked if students can transfer their rewards to other students. No, students cannot transfer rewards as it requires the student to use the QR code on back of their picture ID. Mrs. Hartman asked if middle school students wear their lanyards daily. A discussion was held. Mrs. Hartman asked what funds will be used for prizes. Donations will be used, and teachers will donate items. We are looking into grant funds and we will utilize school funds. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Bohannon and Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval of the following out-of-state travel:

- Perry Meridian High School wrestling team of approximately six to eight student athletes and three coaches) to travel to the National Wrestling Tournament in Virginia Beach, Virginia using the Perry Township mini bus from Thursday, March 28 through Sunday, March 31, 2019 and driving back on April 1, 2019. The Wrestling Club will cover all costs.
- Southport High School Physics students to travel to King's Island Amusement Park on Sunday, April 28, 2019 to participate in enrichment activities. The trip is not mandatory, but an opportunity for students to extend their learning by examining the physics of an amusement park.
- Abraham Lincoln Elementary 5th grade class to travel to YMCA Flat Rock Camp in St. Paul, Indiana from April 10-12, 2019 for their annual outdoor education trip.

Mr. Fultz moved to approve, Mrs. Dale seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval to allow transfer students from other districts into the secondary schools. The capacity number for grades 6-8 will be 640 per grade level per school. Applications for Inter-District Choice would be open from April 1 to May 3, 2019. Mr. Johnson moved to approve, Mr. Hernandez seconded. The motion passed 6/0.

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval to open up elementary inter-district Choice for the 2019-2020 school year. A specific number of openings have been determined for each elementary and kindergarten academy. Applications for Inter-District Choice would be open from April 1 to May 3, 2019. Mr. Fultz moved to approve, Mrs. Dale seconded. Mr. Mercer asked if we interview inter-district applicants. We do not interview student applicants. We do review the student's records. Students who have attendance or disciplinary issues at another school, we are not required to accept. Mrs. Hartman thanked Mrs. Carpenter and Mr. Bohannon for presenting this information and rationale to the board in a previous work session. The motion passed 6/0.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Hernandez acknowledged and thanked Troop 4786 led by Mrs. Jeanne Peters for leading the board meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked Mr. Hatcher for everything he has done. We appreciate your work. Mr. Hernandez stated the recognitions were fantastic. It is great that all of these different opportunities are available to students, and they are thriving and excelling. Thank you to all staff helping to provide these opportunities. Mr. Hernandez stated he also liked the positive discipline programs.

Mrs. Dale stated the recognitions tonight included STEM, academics, service and athletics (on the agenda, but will be recognized at next month's meeting.) All of these areas show how well rounded the district and students are. Thank you to all staff helping to provide these opportunities for our students.

Mr. Mercer echoed all of the comments stated previously.

Mr. Fultz echoed all of the previous comments. He would be remiss if he didn't congratulate the high school robotics teams on the competition held in Mishawaka. Southport High School was a quarter finalist, and Perry Meridian High School was a finalist winning an award. Mr. Fultz wished everyone a fun and safe spring break.


Mr. Johnson echoed everyone's comments. He wished everyone a great spring intersession and break. Come back refreshed, recharged and ready for a strong finish to the school year.

Mrs. Hartman thanked Mr. Mapes for continuing to wake up at 4:00 a.m. many days to watch the weather this past month.

Mr. Mapes stated he concurs with all of the previous comments. Mr. Mapes attended the VEX Robotics competition this weekend and learned in 2015, 12% of robotics students were female. This year, in 2019, there are 66% female students participating. Mr. Mapes thanked the board and previous board members who had the foresight to approve Project Lead the Way. Students get excited about Project Lead the Way learning. In the middle of the competition this weekend, one of our students approached the sponsor and wanted to change the programming on the robot. This was not in the plan as they were heading into competition. The student had an idea and the sponsors let him go. The Southport Elementary team was projected to finish 156 out of 178 teams. After the program change, the team jumped to 68th place and finished 38th overall. This was the team's first year competing, and second year in the program! All the work the students did in Project Lead the Way led to that success and the great things that are happening. Thank you, board, for providing opportunities for our students. Mr. Mapes wished everyone a great intersession and spring break.

ADJOURNMENT


Mrs. Hartman sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.




EMILY HARTMAN, PRESIDENT



STEVE JOHNSON, VICE PRESIDENT



COLLIN C. FULTZ, SECRETARY



HANNAH H. DALE, MEMBER

Absent 4.8.19

JAMES H. HERNANDEZ, MEMBER



CHARLES R. MERCER JR., MEMBER

A B S E N T

KENNETH J. MERTZ, MEMBER