

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

May 13, 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
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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

President Mrs. Hartman called the regular board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop #139 from St. John's United Church of Christ led by Mr. Paul Stroud.

Mr. Mertz requested the privilege to speak. Mr. Mertz stated this has been a difficult year as I lost both my mother and my father. My father has been in and out of the hospital for several months. One of the things I want you to know about Perry Township is the tremendous amount of support I have received from the board members, the administrative team, teachers, staff and friends of Perry Township. Although it is a large district, it is a small place. I want you to know from my heart how much it meant to me to receive a text, a card, an email, a phone call throughout these difficult months. A heartfelt thank you to everyone. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

SENATOR SANDLIN PRESENTS JOINT RESOLUTION BY THE INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Senator Jack Sandlin presented the district with a joint resolution by the Indiana General Assembly recognizing Perry Township Schools on receiving the first ever 2019 National Award of Excellence for Educator Effectiveness by the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET.) The resolution was authored by Senators Sandlin, Freeman and Raatz. The resolution was sponsored by Representative Speedy and cosponsored by Representatives Frizzell, Kirchhofer and Behning.

RECOGNITION

Perry Meridian High School Cyber Blue 234 Robotics Team was recognized as the winner of the Indiana Robotics Championships. The team ended their season ranked number 1 in Indiana, the second time in five years they have achieved number 1 ranking and were ranked 8th at the World's Competition held in Detroit in April 27, 2019.

Ian Bays, Senior at Perry Meridian High School was recognized for being named Indiana State Champion in Computer Programming. Ian is ranked in the top 10% of his senior class, and Lincoln Tech has awarded him a \$7,500 scholarship.

Mr. Alan Slightom and Mr. Chris Meyer, Band Directors at Perry Meridian Middle School were recognized for receiving the 2018-2019 All-Music Award by the Indiana State School Music Association. This is the fifth year that PMMS Bands have earned this award.

Madelyn Knight, Senior at Southport High School was recognized for being selected 2019 Indiana High School Journalist of the Year. Madelyn was one of four finalists. She is a multi-talented journalist, a skilled editor, writer, designer, photographer and videographer. Winning this award automatically puts her in contention for the National High School Journalist of the year.

Jordan Robbins was recognized as the 2019 Perry Meridian High School Salutatorian with a 4.6847 GPA.

Mackenzie Lewis was recognized as the 2019 Perry Meridian High School Valedictorian with a 4.7217 GPA.

The board recognized Southport High School's 2019 co-Valedictorians: John Gunderson and Colston Streit, each with a GPA of 4.769.

Miss Carrah Campbell, Physical Education teacher at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School was recognized as the Shape America's national PE and Sport Week educator of the week. She featured in a "Fuel Up to Play 60" segment with the Colts.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of the April 8, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes of the April 22, 2019 Special Board Meeting and Public Work Session
- Financial Report for March 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:

Abraham Lincoln Elementary

- a. Abraham Lincoln received a donation of \$1500.00 from Williams Barrett & Wilkowski, LLP. This money will be used to fund Teach Town, a program for students with special needs that is aligned with curriculum, but not funded by the township.
- b. Zion Evangelical UCC donated \$600.00 to Abraham Lincoln Elementary School. The money will be used to purchase EL books for the EL department at AL.

Jeremiah Gray Kindergarten Academy

- a. Jeremiah Gray Kindergarten Academy received a donation of \$300.00 from Mudslingers Pool and Patio. The money will be used to purchase door prizes for their Family Literacy Night.

Winchester Village Elementary

- a. Christ United Methodist Church donated \$500.00 to Winchester Village Elementary. The money will be used to help revitalize the outdoor science education program on the grounds of WV.

Compass Education Center

Request approval of the following donations:

\$25 metal compass wall art from Diana Johnes for foyer
\$100 wall clock from Richard Meier for foyer
\$50 gift card from Dammann's Garden Center for planting supplies
\$80 gift card from employees at Costco for student celebration
Garden Supplies valuing \$200 from anonymous donor for science lab
Small pizza boxes from Domino's Pizza for solar oven science project
Aluminum foil from Texas Roadhouse for solar oven science project
Metal Compass Education Center wall art from parent James Games

- Approval of Contract between Southport Middle School and French Lick Retreat
- Approval of Southport High School 2019 Summer Camps
- Approval of Secondary Course Adoption of Human and Social Services courses
- Approval of Renewal Contract between Henry Burkhardt and Salt Creek Retreat
- Approval of Renewal Contract between Clinton Young Elementary and the Boys and Girls Club of Indianapolis
- Approval of Treasurer, Deputy Treasurers and Position Bonds for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Approval of Renewal of Skyward contract. This is a district wide contract covering our SIS, food service, grade pass back, and new student online enrollment. Overall cost remains roughly line with last year.

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandi Brattinau was introduced as the Southport Elementary School new master teacher. Brandy comes to us from Decatur Township Schools.
Christy Martino was introduced as the new principal of Rosa Parks Elementary.
Dana DeHart was introduced as the new Director of Special Education Department.
Kathy Luessow was introduced as the new Director of Student Services. Kathy comes to us from Lawrence Township Schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION

Mr. Sampson recommended the renewal of the contract with Joe Griffith & Associates for AED Units Service to service 83 AED units in the corporation. They will service and certify each unit. This includes sanitizing each unit, checking the alarms, batteries, pads and any updates. Mrs. Dale moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Sampson will recommend approval of the renewal of the Kleenit Group, Inc. contract for the carpet cleaning at fourteen locations: AL, CY, CEC, WV, GV, HB, JWR, MB, MA, SA, PMMS, SMS, PMHS and SHS. Mr. Johnson moved to approve, Mrs. Dale seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval to accept a bid from Consortium Security to upgrade service panels for the building access control card readers in the following buildings: AL, CY, DM, GV, HB, HE, JG, JWR, MB, PMHS, SHS, PTEC, RP, SC, SES and WV. Consortium Security will also move all panels from two servers to one server. Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Mr. Mercer seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of the renewal of the contract with PHD Carpet Cleaning and Janitorial Services for the carpet cleaning at 11 locations: DM, DMKA, HE, HKA, JG, JGKA, RP, RPKA, Transportation and SC. Mr. Fultz moved to approve, Mr. Hernandez seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of textbook rental for the 2019-2020 school year for grades 6 through 16. Textbook rental will be individualized and based on the courses selected by each student. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of textbook adoption of Latin 1A and Latin 1B for the secondary schools. Mrs. Dale moved to approve, Mr. Hernandez seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval for the Perry Meridian High School Cyber Blue 234 Robotics Team to travel to a summer robotics competition in Taylor, Michigan on June 14 and 15, 2019. The team will travel in mentor driven vehicles. Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval for the Glenns Valley Elementary 5th grade class to travel to Corydon, Spring Mill State Park, Marengo Cave, and the historical Zimmerman's Glass Factory on October 3 and 4, 2019 on their Wander Indiana trip. Mr. Fultz moved to approve, Mrs. Dale seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Carpenter recommended approval of the 2019-2020 textbook rental for elementary students. Kindergarten fees will be \$103, grades 1-5 will be \$127 and CIP students will be \$95. Mr. Fultz moved to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion carried 7/0. Superintendent Mapes stated that next year is a major adoption year and we will see a 15 to 20% increase because it being an adoption year.

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval to expand the partnership between Abraham Lincoln Elementary and Girls Inc. The program will be expanded to girls in grades 3 through 5 to provide an opportunity to receive consistent learning sessions geared towards positive self-growth for a fee of \$25 per family. Currently, only 3rd grade girls are provided a 30-minute lesson during lunch for one semester. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval of a contract with the University of Indianapolis. The contract would allow the University of Indianapolis physical therapy students to work alongside our physical therapist. This opportunity would allow our physical therapists to involve future physical therapists in the school based model. It will also allow our physical therapists to learn and grow with the current best practices taught in physical therapy school. Mrs. Dale moved to approve, Mr. Hernandez seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Hernandez thanked and complimented Troop 139 for their presenting the colors and beginning the meeting with the pledge. He welcomed back Mr. Mertz; he and his family are in continued thoughts and prayers. Mr. Hernandez said all of the recognitions are great and it begins with our leadership and the motto, #WeGrowKids. What I heard in almost every recognition was the student's academic accomplishment, but in addition, I heard what the student was doing outside the classroom, i.e. service. These things help to grow leaders.

Mr. Mertz congratulated our award recipients. It's amazing to hear all they have accomplished. He thanked Senator Sandlin for coming to present the joint resolution to the district; it meant a lot. Mr. Mertz complimented Mr. Mapes for understanding the process of legislation. Thank you to everyone for all their work. He congratulated Mr. Alan Slightom as he retires. He stated Mr. Slightom's retirement will be a big loss as he runs a great band program. He wished Mr. Slightom well.

Mrs. Dale echoed the previous comments and sentiments. Congratulations to all of the students recognized tonight. She stated she feels the student talent is unmatched in Perry Township. Mrs. Dale stated Mr. Slightom is an absolutely amazing educator and I am grateful he is receiving recognition and wish him well in his next chapter. Mrs. Dale thanked Senator Sandlin for coming south to present the recognition from the House and the Senate. A huge thank you to Mr. Mapes your leadership and knowledge of the education and legislative process, and knowing how to get things done that benefit Perry Township and other school districts in the state.

Mr. Mercer stated Mr. Mapes does a great job and it's wonderful for the district to be recognized as such. Congratulations to the students recognized this evening. Mr. Mercer stated he attended Mr. Slightom's closing concert and it was a great program and Mr. Slightom was recognized. He thanked Mr. Mapes for his knowledge of education and the legislative process. Mr. Mapes is respected by legislators and that is an asset for us.

Mr. Fultz concurred with all that has been stated. We have a lot to celebrate in Perry Township. I am thankful we take the time in each meeting to recognize and celebrate our students, teachers and administrators that make this a great place to live. Congratulations to everyone who was recognized tonight. Welcome to our new teachers and administrators, we are excited to have you in Perry Township. Mr. Fultz stated Cyber Blue 234 started 20 years ago before the acronym S.T.E.M. meant anything. The team was the 4th high school robotics team in the state. Twenty years ago it took a leap of faith by Principal Ed Henry at that time, one teacher and a couple of kids to start it. Now we look at the success of all of the S.T.E.M. activities in Perry Township. Cyber Blue 234 has won a state championship twice in the last 5 years, and the Southport team also won a state championship. It is because we have empowered our teachers and administrators to do what they think is right for the students. I am thankful we do this with so many of our programs. Thank you.

Mr. Johnson concurs with all that has been said. I am very proud of what we do in Perry Township, from our leadership, to our teachers, to our support staff and students. Mr. Johnson gave an analogy of working with and preparing students throughout their 13 years in Perry Township. We accept everyone and we are going to have success at all levels and continue to grow in Perry Township. I'm very proud of Perry Township Schools.

Mrs. Hartman welcomed our new administrators. As the young lady thanked us she petitioned support for those younger than her. We are taking what we are doing and making it better. She is contributing with her peers in Cyber Blue 234, yet during the time of her recognition she took time to petition for those younger and coming up. That is touching. Mrs. Hartman congratulated Miss Jordan Sloan and who has been unable to attend a meeting due to her work schedule. We appreciate her in all that she stands for and all she has overcome. Mrs. Hartman thanked Mr. Mapes and Mr. Sampson for their leadership, the Admin staff, and the Communications staff for communicating beautifully what we are doing. Thank you.

Mr. Mapes stated we know we pay you a small amount to serve on the board. In the state of Indiana, there are very few school boards that will receive a proclamation about the work they have done in order to allow teachers to serve students the way you are in Perry Township. Mr. Mapes presented each board member with their own copy of the proclamation from the House and Senate. We bring you a lot of solutions to serve kids and you support us. This is about growing kids. It's about providing all kids with skills so they can be successful citizens. As long as we focus on that, we have had successful days in Perry Township. We thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Hartman sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.


EMILY HARTMAN, PRESIDENT


STEVE JOHNSON, VICE PRESIDENT

Absent 6.10.19
COLLIN C. FULTZ, SECRETARY


HANNAH H. DALE, MEMBER


JAMES H. HERNANDEZ, MEMBER


CHARLES R. MERCER JR., MEMBER


KENNETH J. MERTZ, MEMBER