

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

August 12, 2019

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held a regular board meeting on Monday, August 12, 2019 at the Perry Township Education Center, 6548 Orinoco Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Board of Education members present:

Emily Hartman, Board 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

Board of Education members not present:

Steve Johnson, Board Vice President

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

OPENING OF THE MEETING

Mrs. Hartman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The presentation of colors and Pledge of Allegiance were presented by Troop 183 and Pack 183 from Abraham Lincoln, Rosa Parks, Perry 6th Grade, Perry Middle and Perry High. Troop/Pack leader is Mr. Ed Cook.

RECOGNITION

The following students were recognized for working this summer in conjunction with technology staff to rewire 212 carts, dispose of 77 old carts, and install Chromebooks in 7,784 slots. In addition, they were able to prepare new devices and clean up old ones for both high schools:

Audra Barclay - Southport High School
Noah Clark - Southport High School
Nora Macias - Perry Meridian High School
Trevin Nguyen - Southport High School

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 July 15, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
- Financial Report for June 2019
- Allowance of Vouchers
- Personnel Report

- Administrative Travel
- Report to Board on Travel beyond 75 miles by Certified Staff
- Approval of Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding Between Southside Special Services and Perry Township Police
- Approval of Renewal of Southside Special Services and Perry Township School Nutrition Meal Contract
- Fundraiser Requests

- Approval of Acceptance of Donations:

Abraham Lincoln Elementary

- a. Abraham Lincoln received a donation of \$100.00 from Mr. Jeremy Rase, Leasing Director, Simon Property Group. The donation will be used to provide teachers with tools to use in calming areas in their classrooms.
- b. Indiana Members Credit Union has donated \$768.75 to Abraham Lincoln Elementary School. The donation was given at the Indiana Members Foundation Award Banquet for Project: Raising the Bar. The donation will allow AL to purchase Soprano Xylophone, Rosewood Bars to enhance the school music program.

Homecroft Elementary

- a. Homecroft Elementary School received a generous donation of \$1500.00 from Louis and Barbara Ruttle. This donation will be used for the Bradford Woods 5th grade outdoor education trip. It will help absorb the cost for families that will struggle to pay the full-price fee for their children to attend the life-impacting trip.
- b. McGuire Sponset donated various school supplies including notebooks, folders, scissors, crayons, and glue sticks to be used to meet the needs of the students and families. They have asked for "no attention" for this donation.
- c. Homecroft Elementary received a donation of over 300 backpacks from Costco.

Perry Meridian High School

Respectfully request approval of two \$1000 donations to the PMHS Athletic Department from Indiana National Guard and Energy Plus Credit Union. Donations will be used to fund athletic department expenses.

Respectfully request approval of \$1000 donation to the PMHS Athletic Department from Connie Mortensen Insurance Agency. Donation will be used for purchasing athletic equipment and supplies.

- Approval to Dispose of Surplus Property: Pearson Science Teacher Kits

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ryan Teverbaugh, teacher at Perry Meridian High School and girl's cross country coach commented on the payment schedule for extra-curricular sports/activities.

Mr. Karl Vierling, teacher at Perry Meridian High School and band director commented on the payment schedule for extra-curricular sports/activities.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval of the renewal of the NIET online portal and provide onsite training and consultation days to support our schools. Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Mr. Mercer seconded. The motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Willey recommended approval of the renewal of the Frontline Education contract. This contract extends our current services and includes the Central and Recruiting/Hiring modules used by HR. We receive six months free on this eighteen month contract. Mrs. Dale moved to approve, Mr. Mercer seconded. The motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Willey recommended approval of a contract with Scenario Learning for their SafeSchools program. This program will be used by staff for state mandated safety training. Mr. Fultz moved to approve, Mrs. Dale seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval of the following school travel requests:

1. Douglas MacArthur 5th grade students to attend Bradford Woods September 3 through 6, 2019 for their outdoor education program.
2. Henry Burkhart "All That Jazz" choir for annual trip to Smoky Mountain Music Festival from April 2 through April 4, 2020.
3. Winchester Village 5th grade students to attend Flat Rock River Camp September 30 through October 2, 2019 for their outdoor education program.

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

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Hernandez stated he is very pleased to be a part of the Leadership Academy which kicked off this morning. The creation of this group shows great vision by our leadership team to build a foundation for a well-informed community. He thanked Troop/Pack 183 for presenting the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Hernandez thanked the high school students who worked during the summer with technology. Their initiative is a great precursor to leadership roles later.

Mr. Mertz thanked everyone for a great start to the school year. He has received positive feedback regarding the start of school and he knows a lot of work goes into making that happen.

Mrs. Dale thanked the high school students who worked this summer with technology to help get things ready for the start of the school year. She thanked Mr. Teverbaugh and Mr. Vierling for their comments and professionalism.

Mr. Mercer stated he is excited about the Leadership Academy. The more we involve and inform the community, the more support we hope to have.

Mr. Fultz thanked Mr. Teverbaugh and Mr. Vierling for their comments. Mr. Fultz shared a story about his son's bus driver, Brian who drives bus 1339. His son's bus driver fist bumps his son everyday when he gets on the bus with a warm greeting. The driver's warm welcome to his son makes it easier to put a six-year old on a school bus. Mr. Fultz stated the first day of school with an early release day went really well. He thanked everyone for their focus on safety – proactive safety and the day-to-day vigilance of our staff.

Mrs. Hartman stated that Mr. Johnson is unable to be with us as he is out-of-town for a funeral. Mrs. Hartman thanked everyone for a great start to the school year. All four of her children came home excited about school. Mrs. Hartman stated that each of her four children told her of a teacher or an administrator that made a difference in their day. It was unsolicited. Mrs. Hartman stated we have teachers and staff making a difference every day in children's lives. We have a lot of kids that receive love, encouragement and growth that they may not receive outside of school. I'm so proud of our staff for that.

Mr. Mapes concurred with board members' comments that it was a great start to the school year. He stated it is because of directors, assistant superintendents, building principals, teachers, support staff ... everyone that make sure that we are ready for the first day of school. On the first day of school all central office administrators go to a building and welcome kids as they get off buses. I was at an elementary school and a driver motioned me to come over and he asked if we had ever thought of placing an EL translator at Transportation this afternoon. We had not. I called our EL Director and we had an EL translator at Transportation that afternoon and the next five days to assist with getting our children home. The culture of getting better every day is beginning to catch on. The culture of helping one another to get better no matter what your responsibilities are is catching on. That is what makes a difference so that we can serve the kids in Perry Township. Bottom line, that is what is important to us.

Mr. Mapes said later this week the state will be releasing ILearn scores. The state spends \$30 billion dollars a year on this test and it doesn't measure the growth of a child. I care about the individual growth of our students through our Evaluate assessment each and every month. We know we're going to grow kids and we can see that at the end of the year. Our kids are going to grow the very best they can because we have people working with them each and every day that care about them. As the media blitz happens about scores across the state for a one-time test that happens in May that never measures whether a child has any growth during the year, just remind your constituents and neighbors if they want to see growth, come into our buildings and we can show them growth each and every year in our classrooms. We thank our teachers, our support staff, and our administrators for making sure that is the environment we have in Perry Township Schools.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Hartman sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.



EMILY HARTMAN, PRESIDENT

A B S E N T

STEVE JOHNSON, VICE PRESIDENT



COLLIN C. FULTZ, SECRETARY



HANNAH H. DALE, MEMBER



JAMES H. HERNANDEZ, MEMBER



CHARLES R. MERCER JR., MEMBER



KENNETH J. MERTZ, MEMBER