

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

January 13, 2020

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held a regular board meeting and a public hearing on Monday, January 13, 2020 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  
**Charles R. Mercer, Jr.**, Board Secretary  
**Hannah H. Dale**, Board Member  
**James H. Hernandez**, Board Member  
**Ken Mertz**, Board Member  
**Lee Shively**, 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. Kent Hatcher**, Chief Financial Officer  
**Mr. Matthew Willey**, Chief Technology Officer

**OPENING OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Mrs. Hartman called the Organizational meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The presentation of colors and Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Boy Scout Troop #139 from St. John's Church of Christ led by Mr. Paul Stroud, Sr. and Mr. Jason Burk.

**ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

Mr. Mertz nominated Mr. Steve Johnson as president, Mr. Jim Hernandez as Vice President, and Mr. Lee Shively as Secretary of the Board of Education. Mrs. Dale moved to approve, Mr. Mercer seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

**APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER AND DEPUTY TREASURERS**

Mr. Mapes recommended Kent A. Hatcher as treasurer and Beth Meyers and Cynthia King as deputy treasurers. Mrs. Hartman moved to approve, Mr. Shively seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

**APPOINTMENT OF PURCHASING AGENT**

Mr. Mapes recommended Kent A. Hatcher as purchasing agent. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Hernandez seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

**RECESS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Mr. Johnson recessed the Organizational meeting.

### **CALL TO ORDER THE BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING**

Mr. Johnson called the Board of Finance meeting to order

### **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BOARD OF FINANCE OFFICERS FOR 2020**

Mr. Mercer made a motion to nominate Mr. Johnson as President of the Board of Finance and Mr. Shively as Secretary of the Board of Finance. Mrs. Dale seconded the motion. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Hatcher reviewed board policy: "The School Board authorizes the Treasurer or the Deputy Treasurer to make investments of available monies from the several funds of the Corporation as authorized by the State of Indiana and the State Board of Accounts (IC 5-13-9 and IC 20-26-5-4)." Mr. Hatcher presented the financial report for the district.

Superintendent Mapes gave kudos to Mr. Hatcher as advance withdraws from Marion County so the district monies came to us quicker than before so that we were able to invest and make more money. I thank him for his work and the Business Department with the best interest of maximizing district funds. Mr. Hatcher presented the district investment report.

Mr. Mertz thanked Mr. Hatcher for shopping CD rates for the best interest rate for the district.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD OF FINANCE AND RECONVENE THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Mr. Johnson adjourned the Board of Finance meeting and reconvened the Organizational meeting.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING RECONVENED**

Mr. Mapes recommended approval of board meeting dates for 2020 and January 2021. Mrs. Dale moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Mapes recommended approval of Resolution #20-002, Authorization of Contract Changes. Mr. Mapes explained this resolution will allow Mr. Hatcher to approve contract changes to a teacher's contract between Board Meetings. Mr. Shively moved to approve, Mr. Hernandez seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Mapes recommended approval of Resolution #20-003, Use of Facsimile Signatures. Mr. Mapes explained this allows electronic signatures on documents and teacher contracts. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mrs. Dale seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Mapes recommended approval of board members' compensation for 2020 which is \$2,000 per member annually. Mrs. Dale moved to approve, Mr. Shively seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Mapes recommended approval to appoint Barnes and Thornburg as the board's legal counsel for 2019. Mr. Hernandez moved to approve and Mr. Mertz seconded. Mrs. Hartman asked what is the cost. We will provide that information for you. The motion carried 7/0.

### **ADJOURN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Mr. Johnson adjourned the Organizational meeting

### **CALL TO ORDER REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Johnson called to order the Regular Board meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Minutes of the December 9, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes of the December 9, 2019 Executive Session
- Financial Report for November 2019
- Allowance of Vouchers
- Personnel Report
- Administrative Travel
- Report to Board on Travel beyond 75 miles by Certified & Classified Staff
- Fundraiser Requests

- Approval of Acceptance of Donations:

**Clinton Young Elementary**

- a. Clinton Young received a donation of 200 coats from Salvation Army. CY will host a coat, hat, and glove give-away and exchange on Thursday, December 12, 2019.
- b. Jim and Vivian Leach donate a snack to every 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student at Clinton Young each day of the school year.
- c. Lifeway Church donates a monthly catered lunch for the Clinton Young Elementary staff.

**Glenns Valley**

- a. The American Legion has donated \$600.00 to Glenns Valley Elementary School. These funds will be used for both the Saddle Club, which allows some of GV's students with challenging situations to participate in trauma therapy with horses at a local stable, and towards student incentives.

**Homecroft Elementary**

- a. Homecroft Elementary received a donation of 30 winter coats and 50 pairs of pants for the students and families in need from McGuire Sponsel.
- b. Community member, Beverly Tucker, donated \$400.00 to be used to help pay down the lunch debts of Homecroft Elementary families.

**Southport Elementary**

- a. IBEW has donated \$500.00 to Southport Elementary to support the third grade project "Keeping Indy Warm".

**Perry Meridian High School**

Respectfully request the acceptance of a \$600 donation from American Legion Post #355. The funds will be used for PMHS student support and services.

**Southport Middle School**

Respectfully request the acceptance of a \$500 donation from Southport Middle School PTSA. The funds will be used for the drama department.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Mr. Boedicker, Principal of Perry Meridian High School introduced Mr. Brett Cooper as the head football coach at PMHS.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION

Mr. Hatcher recommended approval of 2019 year-end appropriation transfer, Resolution #20-001. Mr. Shively moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of bids from Blue Bird to purchase and replace ten school buses from MacAllister Transportation. Mr. Hernandez moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of the Motorola Agreement to provide an integrated security portfolio for the two high schools. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

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

Mr. Hernandez extended continued thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Meyers and family. He stated that Troop #139 did a great job presenting the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance, thank you. Mr. Hernandez gave kudos to the Leadership Academy meetings. The meeting this morning was held at Transportation and covered Transportation and Facilities and Perry Police. There is a great coordination of efforts by all of these departments, who all show great stewardship towards the families of this district and always keeping the focus on students. Mr. Hernandez congratulated Mr. Hatcher on his work and impact he has on our financials. He thanked the board officers for everything they have done and thank you to Mrs. Hartman for her service as board president.

Mrs. Shively is looking forward to being a part of Perry Township for his family and for being on the Board. He welcomed Mr. Cooper to Perry Meridian High School and Perry Township Schools.

Mr. Mertz welcomed Mrs. Meyers back. He thanked Mrs. Hartman for her leadership this past year. It takes a lot of time to serve as President of the Board. Thank you for your willingness to do so. Mr. Mertz thanked Mr. Johnson for his willingness to serve this year. He welcomed Mr. Cooper to Perry Township. Mr. Mertz stated this is his third term serving on the board. We have a very good team of board members. We ask difficult questions and demand a lot, but the working relationship we have with everyone here is great. It is greatly appreciated. Everyone is open and honest and tells you what they think and it helps us to make decisions and vote on them. Mr. Mertz is looking forward to a great year.

Mrs. Dale echoed all of the board members' comments. Mrs. Dale mentioned a Homecroft Elementary community member who attended years ago recently brought in a \$400 check to help clear student lunch debt. I think this speaks to the family that Perry Township is. We've had too many circumstances lately where we have had to rely on the township family, but I feel it truly shows who we are as a community and it makes me very, very proud.

Mr. Mercer stated we didn't always begin the board meetings with scout troops leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jon Morris called it to our attention and made the suggestion. We appreciate the scouts coming to the board meeting to begin the board meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed Mr. Cooper to Perry Township. Mr. Mercer thanked Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Johnson and all board members for their work. He thanked Mr. Hatcher for his work and getting the money returned from the county sooner.

Mrs. Hartman thanked everyone who are serving as officers this year. She stated we are beyond blessed for the great leadership. She welcomed Mr. Cooper. Mrs. Hartman spoke about grades and doing what is best for students. Wins or losses, we want to grow young men and women. At the end of May, we want the seniors to fly away and make a difference, and hopefully fly home and make a difference here. We want to grow character in young men and women.

Mr. Johnson welcomed Coach Cooper to Perry Township and wish you the best. As Mrs. Hartman said, growing students is the right thing. As a past coach, it just takes one kid to say I am tired of doing this. It takes one to be a leader. He thanked Mrs. Hartman for serving as board president. We want to do what is best for kids and we will continue to do that. Mr. Johnson welcomed back Mrs. Meyers.

Mr. Mapes presented Mrs. Hartman a plaque in recognition and gratitude for her service to the township as President of the Board in 2019.

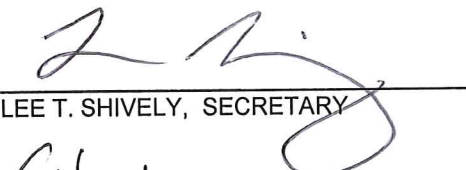
Mr. Mapes commented on the national awards received, the state-wide awards received, the work done by teachers and administrators, and support staff with the biggest focus every day on our students and how to make them better. We want to continue that focus in 2020. We appreciate the board and the partnership we have to make the best decisions for students. Thank you all for your service and for all of the time you give to the district.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Hartman sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

  
STEVE JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

  
JAMES H. HERNANDEZ, VICE PRESIDENT

  
LEE T. SHIVELY, SECRETARY

  
HANNAH H. DALE, MEMBER

  
EMILY HARTMAN, MEMBER

  
CHARLES R. MERCER JR., MEMBER

  
KENNETH J. MERTZ, MEMBER