

**MINUTES OF A
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC WORK SESSION
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
PERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA**

February 24, 2020

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held a Special Board Meeting and a Public Work Session on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Perry Township Education Center, 6548 Orinoco Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Board of Education members present:

Steve Johnson, Board President
James H. Hernandez, Board Vice President
Lee T. Shively, Board Secretary
Hannah H. Dale, Board Member
Emily Hartman, Board Member
Charles R. Mercer, Jr., Board Secretary
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. Kent Hatcher, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Matthew Willey, Chief Technology Officer

OPEN SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Mr. Johnson called the Special Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Personnel Report was approved with a motion and a second. The motion passed 7/0.

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Mr. Johnson adjourned the Special Board meeting.

OPEN PUBLIC WORK SESSION

Mr. Johnson opened the Public Work Session.

STUDENT SERVICES

Mrs. Kathy Luessow presented information to the board regarding the Student Services Department. The department supports schools, students and families. Our school social workers support every school in our district; Pre-Kindergarten through graduation. Our district is actively learning about and incorporating many strategies to support Social and Emotional Learning in all aspects of school.

Of our local homeless population, children and youth make up 30% of that population. Students in Transition (SIT) students are in foster care or in a homeless situation. We assist these students and families with meals, attendance, school supplies, referrals for health and dental care, transportation, guidance with courses and college planning and connections to trusted adults. Currently in Perry Township there are 96 students in foster care, and 198 students who are Students in Transition (SIT).

Student Services assists in the expulsion process in communicating with families answering their questions and concerns about the process. The department supports the school in the process.

Student Services serves the schools, students and families through our school social workers, our school counselors, our community partners, our teachers, our administrators, our support staff and our families.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM

Mr. Joe Shelburn presented information to the board about the James Whitcomb Riley (JWR) Alternative Program. The program serves the 4 kindergarten academies, 11 elementary schools, 2 sixth grade academies and 2 middle schools. The JWR alternative program contains three sections:

S.O.A.R. Program: Alternative to Suspension, Special Education Evaluation, Consequence, Intervention

- * Kindergarten through 2nd grade
- * 3rd through 5th grade

M.A.P. Program - Alternative to Expulsion, Probationary Agreement, 9-Week Program

- * 6th through 8th grade

C.I.O.P. Program - Special Education Students, Alternative to Suspension, Typically 3 to 5 Days

- * 6th through 8th grade

Our core values we teach and instill in the students:

- Relationships - Peers, Parents, Adults, Ourselves
- Action - I must make it happen
- High Expectations - We care enough to expect you to perform
- Reality - Honesty and Reality will always win
- Growth - Always taking steps forward

The following are updates to the JWR Program in 2019-2020:

- Updated Enrollment Process through collaboration with Transportation and Home Schools
- Student bathrooms added inside building
- Addition of new classroom allowing single K-5 class to split into two sections
- Furnished new classroom with furniture that mimics KG Academies
- Created Sensory Room for student in K-8 (Regulation Room)
- Updated Entrance / Window Graphics
- Added sensory posters in hallways (borrowed from Abraham Lincoln)
- Created "Calm Room" space within K-2 Classroom
- Connected with Social Workers through regular meeting
- Worked with Director of Student Services to update Expulsion process
- Met with all but two building Admin at the start of the year
- Connected with Behavior Specialist – established regular meeting
- Remodel of Computer Lab – Simple Shop – site of Birdhouse project*
- New Fence and future site of playground
- Renewed relationship with RISE

* Birdhouse Project – A new project engaging 6th through 8th grade students through hands-on, project based experience that is REAL-life. Students will create a tangible product that elicits pride and ownership, taking steps toward future careers and restoring hope.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson adjourned the Public Work Session.



STEVE JOHNSON, PRESIDENT



JAMES H. HERNANDEZ, VICE PRESIDENT



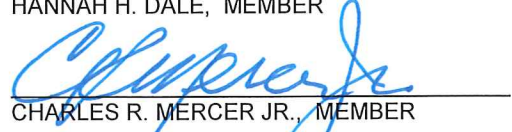
LEE T. SHIVELY, SECRETARY



HANNAH H. DALE, MEMBER



EMILY HARTMAN, MEMBER



CHARLES R. MERCER JR., MEMBER



KENNETH J. MERTZ, MEMBER