

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

April 13, 2020

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held a virtual regular board meeting on Monday, April 13, 2020.

Board of Education members present:

Steve Johnson, Board President
James H. Hernandez, Board Vice President
Lee 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

VIRTUAL MEETING ROLL CALL

Mr. Steve Johnson	Present physically with social distancing
Mr. Lee Shively	Present physically with social distancing
Mrs. Emily Hartman	Present remotely
Mr. Ken Mertz	Present remotely
Mrs. Hannah Dale	Present remotely
Mr. James Hernandez	Present remotely
Mr. Charles R. Mercer, Jr.	Present remotely

CALL TO ORDER THE PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Johnson called the hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

DISTRICT-WIDE FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY BONDS 1028

Mr. Hatcher conducted the 1028 additional appropriation public hearing for the district's 2020 district-wide facilities and technology bonds.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the hearing.

BOARD QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Johnson adjourned the public hearing.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Mr. Johnson called the regular board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of the March 9, 2020 Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
- Financial Report for February 2020
- Allowance of Vouchers
- Personnel Report
- Administrative Travel Requests (Dependent if Travel Restrictions Have Been Lifted)
- Report to Board on Travel beyond 75 miles by Certified & Classified Staff (Dependent if Travel Restrictions Have Been Lifted)
- Fundraiser Requests
- Approval of Acceptance of Donations:

Abraham Lincoln

- Abraham Lincoln Elementary received a donation of \$1000.00 from Williams Barrett & Wilkowski, LLP. This money will be deposited in the ECA account and used to pay a portion of the Teachtown renewal.

Jeremiah Gray Elementary

Jeremiah Gray Elementary has received the following donations that will all be used to purchase needed materials and supplies, registration fees for Robotics competitions and food for the students during the competitions.

- Mariela Rivera \$140.00
- Aaron B Perry \$75.00
- Archon Security \$100.00
- Richard and Pamela Rudd \$30.00
- Granville Coatings, LLC \$200.00
- Koziel Family Chiropractic DBA; Alignlife of Beech Grove \$200.00
- MCC Resorts Management, LLC \$200.00
- Wanda Cummings \$30.00
- Bright Funds – recommended and supported by Officer Jason Hollands \$1000.00
- Michelle Bennett \$30.00

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval of the elementary reading curriculum adoption for 2020-2021. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt has been selected as the curriculum for the 2020-2021 school year. This curriculum was chosen with input from all elementary and kindergarten academy schools' teachers and administrators. The cost of this program is an average of \$16.67 more than the last reading curriculum adoption in 2014. Mr. Shively moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval of the elementary textbook rental fees for elementary students for the 2020-2021 school year. Kindergarten textbook rental fees will be \$120; grades 1-5 will be \$142; and CIP students will be \$95. Mr. Shively moved to approve, Mr. Hernandez seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of textbook adoptions for secondary grades for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Shively moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval for textbook rental for students in grades 6 through 12 to be individualized based on the courses selected by each student. An approximate average for textbooks, workbooks and consumables is: middle school approximate average at \$125; and, high school approximate average at \$150. Mr. Shively moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of the bid for Jack Laurie Group to complete the removal and installation of carpet at Clinton Young Elementary for \$76,600. Theirs was the only bid received and they have done work for the district in the past. Mr. Shively moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval to accept the bid from Jack Laurie Group to complete the removal and installation of carpeting at Perry Meridian Middle School at \$111,480. Their bid was one of two bids received and was the lowest bid. Mr. Shively moved to approve, Mr. Mercer seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of the contract with ERS Wireless to complete the Safe Schools Security Project. We have found great value in the solutions provided by Motorola through the initial Safe Schools project at the high schools. We look to expand the solutions at the high school and install the same solutions at the middle school and sixth grade academy buildings. The elementary project will involve only the exterior door and exterior camera coverage. Mr. Shively moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Based on recommendations by Barnes & Thornburg LLC to comply with State Board of Accounts, it was recommended approval of actions by the Superintendent and/or designee during the state-wide and national emergency caused by the Corona virus (COVID-19.) Mr. Shively moved to approve, Mrs. Dale seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Our condolences to the family of Officer Breann Leath, a Southport High School graduate, who was killed in the line of duty.

We give sincere thanks to all of those on the front lines: nurses, doctors, first responders, police officers, fire fighters, health care technicians in hospitals and doctors' offices, truck drivers keeping supply chains running, grocery store workers working around the clock, teachers, school staff delivering meals, electrical workers keeping us all connected, and to all essential workers.

This is a time we all need to come together to support one another. This is a difficult time for a lot of people and a time of sorrow for those who have fallen ill or lost a loved one.

We thank our Child Nutrition (food service department) for providing thousands of meals to our students and community. We thank our police for providing security and safety. We thank our support staff for making sure essential work is being completed. We thank our technology staff for their work in distributing Chromebooks to students so that they may do their school work and repairing the Chromebooks as needed.

We thank Mr. Kirby Schott who purchased hand sanitizer and wipes to help keep staff safe.

We thank Mr. Hatcher for keeping our finances stable during this time.

We thank Mrs. Sharon Baker for keeping Human Resources operating.

The board thanks our teachers for reorganizing lessons for remote learning. We thank principals for their work in supporting teachers and operating their buildings from afar. We thank central office administrators for their work in helping to distribute meals and Chromebooks, and leading during this crisis.

Students are surpassing a different learning process. Parents are also involved in this different learning process for their child(ren.)

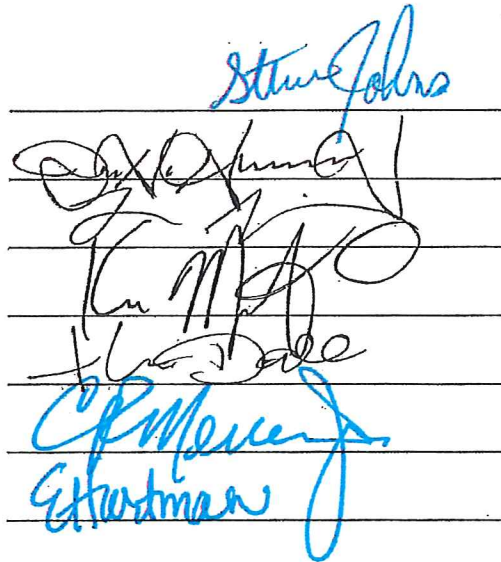
We are thinking of our seniors during this time as it is not what any of us expected for the end of their senior year.

We hope and pray that everyone continues to stay healthy.

Superintendent Mapes echoed Mr. Johnson's thoughts and comments. These are very difficult times for everyone. It is unbelievable that this has happened. We will work to do our best during this crisis. We are amazed at how our teachers, staff and administrators have taken on this challenge, especially not knowing what is to come from one day/week to the next. I have never seen anything like it. Everyone's attitude is to be commended! Stay safe and healthy.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

A series of seven handwritten signatures in blue ink, each written over a horizontal line. The signatures are: Steve Johnson, James Hernandez, Lee Shively, Ken Mertz, Hannah Dale, Charles R. Mercer, Jr., and Emily Hartman.

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