

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

May 11, 2020

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held a virtual live-streamed regular board meeting on Monday, May 11, 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.

FACILITIES BONDS 1028

Mr. Hatcher conducted the 1028 additional appropriation public hearing for maintenance projects from the ten-year plan for the sixth grade academies, middle schools and high schools.

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 6:34 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

RECOGNITIONS

Joseph Carper was recognized as 2020 Valedictorian of Perry Meridian High School.
Isabel Turner was recognized as 2020 Valedictorian of Southport High School.
Makayla Gomperts was recognized as 2020 Salutatorian of Perry Meridian High School.
Mya Schuessler was recognized as 2020 Salutatorian of Southport High School.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of the April 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- Financial Report for March 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
- Renewal of Contract with Kleenit Group, Inc. to provide carpet cleaning at fifteen locations
- Renewal of Contract with PHD Carpet Cleaning to provide carpet cleaning at eleven locations
- Approval of Pear Deck Renewal Contract
- Approval of Skyward Renewal Contract
- Approval of Contract Renewal between Henry Burkhart Elementary and Salt Creek Retreat
- Approval of Treasurer, Deputy Treasurers and Position Surety Bonds for the 2020-2021 School Year

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION

Mr. Bohannon recommended approval of textbook adoption for the secondary schools. Mr. Shively moved to approve, Mr. Hernandez seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mrs. Carpenter recommended approval for the 5th grade students at Clinton Young Elementary to travel to Flat Rock River Camp for their outdoor education program on October 28 and return on October 30, 2020. Mr. Shively moved to approve, Mrs. Dale seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Hatcher recommended approval of for Barnes & Thornburg LLP to act as the District's bond counsel in conjunction with the district's Series B 2020 sixth grade academies, middle schools and high school's facilities bonds. Mr. Shively moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hatcher recommended approval of Resolution 20-009, Authorizing the Issuance of the 2020 B sixth grade academies, middle schools and high school's facilities bonds. Mr. Shively moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of the agreement with Electric Plus to provide electrical upgrades to Perry Meridian Middle School. Mr. Shively moved to approve, Mr. Hernandez seconded. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of the contract with Energy Systems Group to complete the air conditioning projects at Perry Meridian High School, Southport High School and Perry Meridian 6th Grade Academy. Mr. Shively moved to approve, Mrs. Dale seconded. The motion carried 7/0.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

In representing the board, Mr. Johnson congratulated the Valedictorians and Salutatorians of Perry Meridian and Southport High Schools, and congratulations to all students earning their diplomas this 2019-2020 school year. He and the board thanked teachers and staff for adapting so quickly to the remote learning because of COVID-19. Special thanks to the elementary teachers who had to come in and put packets together for their students who are not connected electronically. We are praying for the day we can bring our students and teachers back for personal contact. As a former teacher, it is good to have your students in the classroom and have that personal contact.

As a board, we would like to say to the seniors, parents and guardians: we know this is a difficult and unprecedented time with the COVID-19 pandemic. We must consider the health of the entire Perry Township Schools community and protect them. Human lives are precious.

Mr. Johnson thanked the administrators and the board as we continue to move forward working hard for the future.

Mr. Mapes stated as we are all living through this pandemic, we will see school in a much different way in the future. I want to assure everyone that we will be prepared when we finish this school and prepare to open the 2020-2021 school year. We know that will be a combination hopefully of having our students back in front of us, but we know there will be some students that might not be able to make it into our buildings and we will continue to provide E-learning so they can continue their education in Perry Township Schools. I think that will not only be true for Perry Township, but schools all across the state and country. We will be prepared to educate all of our students all of the time in Perry Township Schools and that is because of the efforts of our teachers, our administrators, our support staff, child nutrition staff, facilities, maintenance and custodial staff and more.

Mr. Mapes stated we distributed 4,000 boxes of meals today to our students. We are meeting the challenges. As you said Mr. Johnson, we are constantly leading and moving forward and making certain we provide the best opportunities for academic success for our students.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.



STEVE JOHNSON, PRESIDENT



JAMES H. HERNANDEZ, VICE PRESIDENT



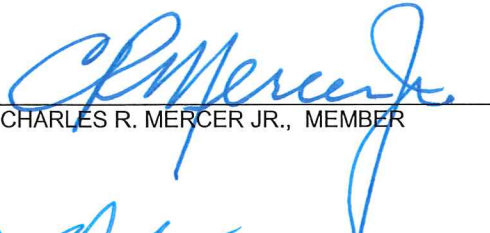
LEE T. SHIVELY, SECRETARY



HANNAH H. DALE, MEMBER



EMILY HARTMAN, MEMBER



CHARLES R. MERCER JR., MEMBER



KENNETH J. MERTZ, MEMBER