

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

October 19, 2020

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana, held a budget adoption hearing and a regular board meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020.

Board of Education members present:

**Steve Johnson**, Board President  
**Lee Shively**, Board Secretary  
**Hannah H. Dale**, Board Member  
**Emily Hartman**, Board Member  
**Charles R. Mercer, Jr.**, Board Secretary  
**Ken Mertz**, Board Member

Board of Education members not present:

**James H. Hernandez**, 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. Kent Hatcher**, Chief Financial Officer  
**Mr. Matthew Willey**, Chief Technology Officer

**CALL TO ORDER THE BUDGET ADOPTION HEARING**

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

**BUDGET ADOPTION HEARING**

Mr. Hatcher presented the proposed 2021 budget; capital projects plan and bus replacement plan.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**BUDGET HEARING ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

Mr. Hatcher recommended approval of Resolution 20-016, to transfer amounts from the education fund to the operations fund on a monthly basis for calendar year 2021. Mr. Shively moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hatcher recommended approval of Resolution 20-017, the 2021 appropriation, levy and tax rate, and Form 4. Mr. Mertz moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hatcher recommended approval of Resolution 20-018, the 2021 budget appropriation modification. Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Shively seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hatcher recommended approval of Resolution 20-019, the 2021-2023 Capital Asset/Project Plan. Mrs. Hartman moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hatcher recommended approval of Resolution 20-020, the bus replacement plan. Mrs. Dale moved to approve, Mr. Shively seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

#### **ADJOURN BUDGET ADOPTION HEARING**

Mr. Johnson adjourned the hearing at 6:37 p.m.

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

Mr. Johnson called the regular board meeting to order at 6:37 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 6/0. Included with these minutes are copies of the following items:

- Minutes of the September 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes of the September 28, 2020 Public Hearing for the 2021 Advertised Budget and Public Hearing for the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement
- Financial Report for August 2020
- Allowance of Vouchers
- Personnel Report
- Report of Travel Beyond 75 Miles by Certified and Classified Staff
- Fundraising Requests
- Approval of Acceptance of Donations

#### **Glenns Valley**

- a. The American Legion donated \$1500.00 to Glenns Valley. This money would be used at Glenns Valley for student needs throughout the year.

#### **Southport High School**

Respectfully request approval of \$500 donation from Sherry Hanlin. This donation will be used for the Southport High School football team.

## CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

- Approval of a Contract Renewal with Renaissance for the myOn Platform

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION

Mr. Mapes recommended approval of a support staff pay increase. Mrs. Dale moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school year calendars. Mr. Shively moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Sampson recommended approval of the 2020-2021 collective bargaining agreement. Mr. Shively moved to approve, Mrs. Hartman seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

Superintendent Mapes conducted the second reading and recommended approval of the Fixed Asset Capitalization Administrative Guidelines. The administrative guideline is necessary in order to update the fixed asset capitalization policy to be in compliance with GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.) Mr. Mercer moved to approve, Mr. Mertz seconded. The motion carried 6/0.

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

Mrs. Dale stated it is always a pleasure to vote on pay increases for staff and appreciates their dedication and hard work. As we return from fall break, the first nine weeks is completed and we will continue to move forward. She expressed her immense gratitude to teachers and staff for all of their hard work and effort during this pandemic.

Mr. Mertz complimented all of the teachers and staff for their hard work during this time. This has been and is a tough year. You can see it on the faces of everyone. Mr. Mertz complimented his fellow board members for their service, time and work. During this election time, I have been approached by people asking why they don't hear anything about the school board. I shared with them, "if we are doing our job, you won't hear anything." Mr. Mertz told the people "we would like to have people attend the board meetings." Mr. Mertz stated it was interesting to hear people ask that question -- it's shocking to me. The average voter does not know what the school board does. My point to this is to thank my fellow board members for doing their job and keeping the focus on kids. We have a really good board and we continue to move the district forward with the help of the administrative team. It's refreshing to serve on a board where we may not all have the same ideas; and that's okay, we discuss it. Mr. Mertz feels the teachers, staff and families will enjoy the three weekends over winter break. Thank you.

Mrs. Hartman thanked our teachers and support staff. She expressed her appreciation for our district's leadership, guidance, and direction. Mrs. Hartman thanked Mr. Hatcher for all he does in keeping the district's financials fiscally sound. She thanked Mr. Hatcher for ensuring we are financially secure. It is greatly appreciated. Mrs. Hartman appreciates the consistency of our school's schedule. Other districts have created schedules where the students have a different schedule on week 1, week 2 and/or week 3. That is difficult for students and families to keep track of. Thank you for the consistency of our schedule. Mrs. Hartman thanked Mr. Mapes for his transparency with all of the information from the Marion County Public Health Department. Amidst all of the changes, our schedules have not changed. Thank you! Mrs. Hartman said while reviewing the board packet, she truly misses our recognition of students and staff. I eagerly await the day when we can start recognizing students at this meeting.

Mr. Mercer stated he knows that teachers generally want to get everyone back in school. The strain that the teachers/staff are under is more than I can comprehend. The sooner we can get back to a normal schedule, the better for students, parents, and teachers.


Mr. Shively stated he appreciates the three weekends in December for the teachers and staff. He echoed the sentiments it was a pleasure voting for pay raises for staff, especially during this challenging time. I cannot express the appreciation we all have for our teachers and staff for their hard work. Mr. Shively thanked Mr. Hatcher and his staff for their work in preparing the annual budget to continually have a fiscally responsible school district; and be able to give raises this year is impressive. Mr. Shively said he attended his brother-in-law's wedding this past weekend, and he is a PMHS grad. Mr. Shively's sister, his wife, and her sister and their late father are all PMHS grads. Their grandfather graduated from Southport High just before WWII. I was thinking about our legacy; my kids are the fourth generation Perry Township students. This is a testament for this school system, for what it stood for in the past and continues to stand for. He asked us to think about the legacy families and the families coming to this township from another country and how amazing it is that they interconnect together. I look forward to how these relationships continue to grow as we move forward.

Mr. Johnson stated he appreciates the legacy families. He has told previous students that Perry Township has a lot to offer and will continue to do so as the district offers a great education. Mr. Johnson commended our bus drivers. He said, I run every morning between 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. and sometimes it's dark. I commend our bus drivers for not only driving our kids to school safely every day, but watching out for pedestrians and runners. I am always greeted with a wave when the bus drivers pass. The drivers are up early in the rain, snow and ice warming their buses, greeting kids every day, and delivering kids safely to school and home

Mr. Mapes stated, on behalf of our classified and certified staff, thank you Board for approving raises for the staff. Our staff work very hard, they care about our kids, and they are focused on our kids each and every day. Thank you. Mr. Mapes shared an update from his call with the Marion County superintendents and the Director of the Marion County Public Health Department (MCPHD.) MCPHD asked that we wait two weeks before we consider bringing 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders back four days a week. We are targeting Monday, November 9 as the date to bring back the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders to in-person learning at the schools. Students who have chosen to be virtual will remain virtual. We will announce this as long as the COVID-19 rates remain low and our positivity rate stays low in Marion County. As we have seen the past week and a half, the virus numbers are rising. We continue to work with the Marion County Public Health Department. The MCPHD is keeping a close eye on the numbers which show little transmission between 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. The transmission rate is higher for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, which is why they wish for high schools to remain hybrid throughout the end of the first semester. Mr. Mapes stated he cannot say enough great things about our teachers, support staff and administrators who are challenged with the COVID-19 pandemic and teaching kids every day, evenings and weekends. There are a lot of great efforts by a lot of great people. Our kids are in great hands in Perry Township as we navigate education in a pandemic.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

  
STEVE JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

  
ABSENT  
JAMES H. HERNANDEZ, VICE PRESIDENT

  
LEE T. SHIVELY, SECRETARY

  
HANNAH H. DALE, MEMBER

  
EMILY HARTMAN, MEMBER

  
CHARLES R. MERCER JR., MEMBER

  
Absent 11.9.20  
KENNETH J. MERTZ, MEMBER