

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

**September 13, 2021**

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana held a regular Board meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Perry Township Education Center, 6548 Orinoco Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46227.

Board of Education members present:

Lee Shively, Vice President  
Hannah Dale, Board Secretary  
Emily Hartman, Board Member  
Scott Heller, Board Member  
Kenneth Mertz, Board Member

Board of Education members absent:

James H. Hernandez, President  
Steve Johnson, Board Member

Administrative staff present:

Mr. Patrick Mapes, Superintendent  
Mr. Chis Sampson, Associate Superintendent of Operations  
Mr. Bob Bohannon, Assistant Superintendent of Career Preparation, 6-12  
Mrs. Jane Pollard, Assistant Superintendent of Career Preparation, 6-12  
Mrs. Vicki Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of Foundation Learning, PreK-5  
Mr. Kent Hatcher, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Matthew Willey, Chief Technology Officer  
Mrs. Sharon Baker, Director of Human Resources

Administrative staff absent:

All present

**OPENING OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Shively called the regular board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Shively stated board members Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Johnson would not be in attendance but since we had enough members present for a quorum, we would start the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- Minutes of the August 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting and Minutes of the August 23, 2021 Public Works Session
- Financial Report for July, 2021
- Allowance of Vouchers
- September 13, 2021 Personnel Report
- Administrative, Professional, Superintendent and Business Office Travel
- Report to Board on Travel Beyond 75 Miles by Certified Staff
- Approval of School Travel
- Fundraiser Requests
- The 2021-2022 Fall/Spring Intersession Incentive Pay
- Renewal of Professional Services Agreement with Actuarial Alternative, Inc. for Pension Bond Analysis
- Renewal of Professional Services Agreement with Mr. William Brown for Pension Bond Analysis
- Renewal of Professional Services Agreement with Atlas Collections, Inc. for Collection Services

*Motioned: Mr. Mertz*

*Seconded: Mrs. Dale*

*Approved: 5/0*

## PUBLIC COMMENT

No participants signed up to speak.

## ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION

**Recommended Approval of Acceptance of Donations presented by Mrs. Jane Pollard:**

PMHS respectfully requests approval of a \$7500 donation from American Legion Post #355. The donation will be used for student enrichment.

PMHS Athletic Department respectfully requests approval of the following donations to be used for athletic department needs:

T-shirts and \$200 from Nightmare on Edgewood Haunted House

\$2000 from Allstate Insurance Company agent, Patrick Kendall, Jr.

SHS Football team respectfully requests approval of a \$1000 donation from Sherry Hanlin to be used for team meals.

**Recommended Approval of Acceptance of Donations presented by Mrs. Vicki Carpenter:**

**Clinton Young Elementary**

Rosedale Methodist Church donated 40 backpacks, each filled with school supplies, recess equipment, books and indoor board games. They also donated 2 checks totaling \$1100.00. This money is to be used for the 5th Grade Camp.

Dan Duffer of Bailey and Wood Mortgage Lender donated 1000 printed car rider tags for the 2021-22 school year.

Cameron Schonegg, a current Southport High School student, chose to create a sensory room at Clinton Young Elementary School for his Eagle Project. Cameron will be seeking funds outside of school to get needed material for the room. He envisions the total cost of the items for the room to be between \$5000.00 - \$8000.00.

Clinton Young received a donation of \$750.00 from Mr. Douglas Stark, father-in-law of CY teacher, Randyn Payne. This money is to be used for the 5th Grade Camp.

Mr. Steve Harnedy, father of CY teacher Kim Butler, donated \$200.00 to go towards the CY Fifth Grade Camp Fund.

Clinton Young received a donation of \$5000.00 from Mr. Peter Harrington, father of CY teacher MacKenzie Harrington. This money will be used for the 5th Grade Camp.

**Douglas MacArthur Elementary**

Douglas MacArthur received a donation of \$1500.00 from the American Legion Post #355. This money will be used for the Student's Assistance Fund to help students.

**Douglas MacArthur Kindergarten Academy**

Resurrection Lutheran Church donated a total of \$1100.00 in gift cards to Douglas MacArthur Kindergarten Academy. Each teacher will receive a \$100.00 gift card to be used to purchase student materials for their classroom.

**Glenns Valley Elementary**

The American Legion Post 355 donated \$1500.00 to Glenns Valley Elementary. This money would be used to purchase classroom incentives and for student needs.

**Henry Burkhardt Elementary**

Henry Burkhardt received multiple boxes of school supplies from Insperity. The school supplies would be used by students.

#### Homecroft Kindergarten Academy

Mrs. Deena White donated backpacks filled with school supplies. They will distribute the backpacks to students as needed.

Elevation Church donated school uniforms and a gift card for \$100.00. They will use the gift card to purchase needed items for students.

#### Jeremiah Gray Elementary

Jeremiah Gray received a check in the amount of \$500.00 from Mt. Pleasant Christian Church. This donation is intended to be used to help children in need of school uniform assistance.

#### Jeremiah Gray Kindergarten Academy

Impact Bethany Church donated \$500.00 to Jeremiah Gray Kindergarten Academy. The money will be used to purchase school uniforms for students in need.

#### Rosa Parks Kindergarten Academy

Rosa Parks Kindergarten Academy received a check from Coca Cola GIVE from a community member in the amount of \$26.12. This money will be used to purchase books for students.

Mr. and Mrs. James Swails donated \$200.00 to Rosa Parks Kindergarten Academy. This money will be used by the Social Committee to celebrate teachers throughout the year.

#### Southport Elementary

Southport Elementary received donations from two families, one for \$30.00 and the other for \$90.00. Both donations will go towards the 4th Grade Trip.

#### Winchester Village Elementary

Mrs. Natalie Bohannon donated \$500.00 to Winchester Village Elementary. This donation will be used to support student activities and the 5th grade outdoor education experience.

*Motioned: Mrs. Dale*

*Seconded: Mrs. Hartman*

*Approved: 5/0*

Mrs. Dale commented on how great it was to have so many generous donations and thanked all community members who are willing to support our students and schools.

**Recommended Approval of Academic Center Renovation**

Mr. Chris Sampson requested approval of the Academic Center Renovation.

*Motioned: Mrs. Hartman      Seconded: Mr. Mertz      Approved: 5/0*

Mrs. Hartman asked to clarify that we are only working on the structure of the flooring in one section of the Academic Building. Mr. Sampson confirmed that to be true. Mrs. Hartman also asked for clarification of the kitchen remodel. Mr. Sampson explained that we have downgraded the kitchen to a warming kitchen instead of a full kitchen. Mr. Mertz thanked Mr. Sampson and his team for being considerate of the budget and how our needs can be assessed to stay within budget.

**Recommended Approval of the Contract Agreement with Schmidt and Associates to Provide Architectural and Engineering Services**

Mr. Chris Sampson requested approval of the Contract Agreement with Schmidt and Associates to Provide Architectural and Engineering Services.

*Motioned: Mrs. Dale      Seconded: Mr. Heller      Approved: 5/0*

**Recommended Approval of Contract Agreement with Skillman Corporation to Provide Services to Perry Township as Construction Manager on Approved Projects**

Mr. Chris Sampson requested approval of the Contract Agreement with Skillman Corporation to provide services to Perry Township as Construction Manager on approved projects.

*Motioned: Mrs. Dale      Seconded: Mrs. Hartman      Approved: 5/0*

**Recommended Approval of School Resolution 21-012 Authorizing Issuance of Refunding Bond**

Mr. Kent Hatcher recommended approval of School Resolution 21-012 Authorizing Issuance of Refunding Bond

*Motioned: Mr. Mertz      Seconded: Mrs. Dale      Approved: 5/0*

**Recommended Approval of Resolution 21-013 Rainy Day Transfer for Ray Skillman Donation**

Mr. Kent Hatcher recommended the approval of the Resolution 21-013 Rainy Day Transfer for Ray Skillman Donation

*Motioned: Mrs. Hartman      Seconded: Mr. Mertz      Approved: 5/0*

Mrs. Hartman wanted to clarify for the gallery that this resolution was for the football fields. Mr. Hatcher confirmed it was for the turf on the football fields.

#### **Recommended Approval of New Contract with Susan Bray**

Mrs. Vicki Carpenter recommend approval of the contract with Susan Bray.

*Motioned: Mrs. Dale*

*Seconded: Mr. Heller*

*Approved: 5/0*

#### **Recommend Approval of Resolution 21-014 Authorizing Renewal of 2021-2022 Contract and Stipend for Mr. Robert Bohannon**

Mr. Patrick Mapes recommend approval of Resolution 21-014 authorizing Renewal of 2021-2022

*Motioned: Mrs. Hartman*

*Seconded: Mrs. Dale*

*Approved: 5/0*

#### **Items of Information Not Requiring Action**

Mr. Kent Hatcher presented the Proposed 2022 Budget.

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

Mrs. Hartman wanted to thank Mr. Hatcher and his team for their hard work. She stated that she appreciates our strong relationship with Skillman and Schmidt. Mrs. Hartman is thankful that we now publicly acknowledging the community members who continue to support our schools with their generous donations. Mrs. Hartman spoke of a 1<sup>st</sup> year teacher who has had a positive experience thanks to the support of her administrators, mentor and master teachers. Mrs. Hartman sees how NIET has been instrumental in supporting both staff and students.

Mr. Heller thanked Mr. Bohannon for his contribution to the township over his years of service. Mr. Heller let us know how he continues to hear from outside sources in our city how Perry Township Schools does such a good job supporting our EL students. He is proud of the reputation Perry Township Schools has throughout the state as being a top township.

Mr. Mertz thanked everyone who donated to the school district. Mr. Mertz thanked Mr. Bohannon for his years of service to Perry Township Schools. He also wanted to thank Skillman Corporation for being a continual partner in the development of Perry Township Schools.

Mrs. Dale wanted to thank Mr. Hatcher for his attention to detail and his efforts to save our district and township funds. She also thanked Mr. Bohannon for his dedication and service to Perry Township Schools over the past 36 years.

Mr. Shively thanked Mr. Bohannon for his years of service and dedication to Perry Township Schools. Mr. Shively noted our history with the Skillman Corporation and that we can always

count on them to do good work. Mr. Shively noted the donations to the schools and how they impact our students in a positive way. He thanked Mr. Hatcher for his work in saving our community money without the school doing without.

Mr. Mapes wanted to clarify the Ray Skillman donation for the turf at Southport High School and Skillman Corporation are two different entities. Ray Skillman Automotive and Ray Skillman Family have provided the district 2 million dollars to put turf football fields at each site. We have repaid the turf purchase back into a Rainy-Day Fund, it is like a long-term loan that Ray Skillman paid off. We appreciate both Ray Skillman Automotive and Ray Skillman Corporation for their generosity to our township. Our township has a lot of partnerships with the community that benefit our students and by the list of donations, you can see we have a lot of people who care about our kids. Mr. Mapes mentioned our Perry Township Education Foundation who provide opportunities for our kids and who support our teachers.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shively sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Absent 10-4-2021

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JAMES H HERNANDEZ, PRESIDENT

  
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LEE SHIVELY, VICE PRESIDENT

Absent 10-4-2021

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HANNAH DALE, SECRETARY

  
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EMILY HARTMAN, BOARD MEMBER

Absent 10-4-2021

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SCOTT HELLER, BOARD MEMBER

  
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STEVE JOHNSON, BOARD MEMBER

  
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KENNETH J MERTZ, BOARD MEMBER