



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

May 9, 2022

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Perry Township Education Center, 6548 Orinoco Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46227.

Board of Education Members:

Mr. Lee Shively, President	Present
Mrs. Emily Hartman, Vice President	Present
Mr. Scott Heller, Board Secretary	Present
Mr. Kenneth Mertz, Board Member	Present
Mr. Steve Johnson, Board Member	Present
Mrs. Hannah Dale, Board Member	Present
Mr. James H. Hernandez, Board Member	Present

Administrative Staff:

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

OPENING OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Mr. Shively called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.



RECOGNITIONS

Chuck Stumpf, representing the Perry Township Education Foundation (PTEF), recognized Mr. Tom Sponsel and his family for their leadership and commitment to Perry Township Schools and PTEF. Tom Sponsel joined the Foundation in 1995. Mr. Sponsel served on the board for ten years, was President for two years, Treasurer for eight years and a member of the Finance Committee for ten years. Mr. Sponsel also shared his time, talents, and treasures with the Perry Schools System and is the President of the 1983 and 1986 Building Corporations. Tom's wife Barbara was a member of the Education Foundation board for three years. Tom's daughter Natalie served on the Education Foundation Board for six years and was Board Treasurer for three. She currently serves on the Foundation's Finance Committee. Tom's nephew John Sponsel was a Special Education teacher at Clinton Young Elementary School. He currently serves as the Principal of Abraham Lincoln Elementary School.

Mrs. Jane Pollard recognized Perry Meridian High School Senior, Dagan Knight. Dagan was named a 2022 Indiana Academic All-Star. Each high school may nominate one senior based on criteria such as number of advanced classes taken, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities, leadership and community service involvement. Hard work and dedication in the classroom are evident in Dagan's many academic accomplishments Honor Roll, Academic Letter, Wells Scholarship Nominee, Phi Beta Kappa Scholar Award, Recipient of the Rising Stars Award (IASP), 2022 Class Secretary, Mr. Falcon 2022 and Homecoming King. As well as being a strong academic student, Dagan was a very involved Falcon. His extra-curricular activities included Basketball, Blue & Link Crew, Choir, Cross Country, NHS, FLOTS, Musicals, FEST and Improv. Dagan plans to attend Purdue University in the Fall.

Mrs. Jane Pollard recognized Perry Meridian High School Senior, Logan McCleese. Logan has earned the distinction of being appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Every year, about 10,000 students start the application process. Only around 1,000 students are admitted. In order to be appointed, individuals must have excellent grades, high SAT or ACT test scores, outstanding recommendations, community involvement, leadership potential, a strong athletic profile, medically qualify and receive a nomination. Logan's many accomplishments include Honor Roll, Academic Letter, Class President, Future Presidents of America, Student of the Month, Perry Action Committee for Perry Township and has been on the news multiple times. Outside of academics, Logan was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, CUMC Youth Group, Orchestra, Lacrosse, Blue & Link Crew, StuVo, Principal's Advisory Committee, Peer Tutoring, Float your Boat, NHS, FLOTS and Football.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Eileen Shumway, an educator, spoke of the negative effects the No Zero Grading Policy has on our students and the community.



CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of the April 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes of the April 25, 2022 Public Work Session
- March, 2022 Financial Report
- May 9, 2022 Allowance of Vouchers
- May 9, 2022 Personnel Report
- Perry Township Schools Staff Travel
- Perry Township Schools Secondary and Elementary School Travel
- 2022-2023 Fall and Spring Intersession Incentive Pay
- 2022-2023 Professional Development Incentive Pay
- Treasurer, Deputy Treasurers and other Positions Surety Bonds for the 2022-2023 School Year
- Contract Renewal with Curriculum Associates
- Contract Renewal with EIP Therapy
- Contract Renewal with Pear Deck
- Joe Griffith & Associates Agreement to Service AED Units
- Fundraisers, Secondary and Elementary

Motioned: Emily Hartman

Seconded: Steve Johnson

Approved: 7/0

Introduction of two new administrators were made before proceeding to Action items. Mrs. Pollard introduced Dr. Brian S. Bulmer. Dr. Bulmer will start the 2022-2023 school year as a new Assistant Principal at Perry High School. Dr. Bulmer was accompanied by his wife and children. Mrs. Carpenter introduced Mr. Anthony Osborne as the new 2022-2023 Principal for Perry's Early Childhood Academy. Mr. Osborne is currently Assistant Principal at Winchester Village and was joined by his wife and children.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION

Recommended Approval of the Revision to the 2022-2023 School Calendar

Mr. Sampson recommend moving spring break to begin March 20, 2023 and end March 31, 2023. Our current year calendar, as well as the 2022-23 school calendar, has spring break running through the first week of April, 2023. This year, we found that Evaluate and ILEARN testing windows cut into available instructional time. This move will give our students and staff



an extra week of instruction before the end of the school year. PEA surveyed their membership regarding the change and presented their data to us through discussions. The results from their survey were 36% against the change, 35% for the change and 29% did not have a preference.

Motioned: Ken Mertz

Seconded: Steve Johnson

Approved: 7/0

Recommended Approval of Budget Timeline for 2023

Mr. Hatcher recommended the approval of the below Budget Timeline for 2023.

February 2022 – August 2022	Preparation of Proposed 2023 Budgets
August 24, 2022	Finance Committee Budget Discussion
September 12, 2022	Board Discussion of Proposed Budgets
September 14, 2022	Date for Publication of Proposed 2023 Budgets <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023 Proposed Budget Submitted in Gateway (Form 3)• Capital Projects Plan Posted on PTS Website and Submitted on Gateway• Bus Replacement Plan Posted on PTS Website and Submitted on Gateway (no longer need to advertise in the newspaper)
September 26, 2022	Public Hearing on Proposed Budgets (must be 10 days after submission of Form 3) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Comment• Gateway Form 3 must be submitted at least 10 days prior
October 24, 2022	Budget Adoption Hearing (must be 10 days after Public Hearing) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Comment• Approval of Transfer Resolution – Education Fund to Operations Fund• Approval of Resolutions to Adopt the Capital Projects Plan, Bus Replacement Plan and School Budgets
October 29, 2022	DLGF Submission Deadline (within 5 days of Budget Adoption) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publish Approved Capital Projects Plan and Bus Replacement Plan on PTS Website and Upload to Gateway• Submit Adopted Budget in Gateway
November 8, 2022	Statewide Deadline to enter approved budgets into Gateway System for use by the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). Paper copies sent to the DLGF Field Examiner.
December 12-21, 2022	Anticipated Receipt of 1782 Budget Notice from DLGF
December 31, 2022*	Anticipated finalization of DLGF 1782 Budget Notice. <i>*Response Due within 10 calendar days of receipt of 1782 Notice</i>
June 2023	Property Tax Spring Settlement
December 2023	Property Tax Fall Settlement

Motioned: Hannah Dale

Seconded: Jim Hernandez

Approved: 7/0



Recommended Approval of the Lease Amendment with Southside Special Services to Include the James Whitcomb Riley Building

Mr. Sampson recommended the approval of a lease amendment with Southside Special Services to include the current James Whitcomb Riley Building. We currently own and lease the building in which Southside Special Services resides. The original lease agreement began in 2011. As we complete our move of the JWR program to the Academic Center, we will lease the current JWR building to Southside Special Services so they can expand their programing. We will retain use of the east wing of JWR for storage.

Motioned: Emily Hartman

Seconded: Hannah Dale

Approved: 7/0

Recommended Approval of the Contract with Network Solutions/CUSCI Phone System

Mr. Willey recommended the approval of a contract with Cisco through NSI for our ongoing phone system licensing and maintenance. This contract is a new 5 year term to replace the previous term which expires in July, 2022. The new cost is a 22% increase over our previous locked-in price. This is a result of general industry price increases as well as a large increase in our number of telephone users since 2017.

Motioned: Emily Hartman

Seconded: Scott Heller

Approved: 7/0

Recommended Approval of the Contract Renewal with EdPuzzle

Mr. Willey recommended the approval of a renewal with EdPuzzle. EdPuzzle is a district-wide site license for their platform. This is Perry Township Schools first year of a full renewal with EdPuzzle as it was purchased in stages during COVID for remote learning. This contract is roughly a 30% increase of previous contracts; however, those contracts were prorated depending on when added. In March, EdPuzzle was our 30th most visited site being used by 3,954 students and 164 teachers.

Motioned: Hannah Dale

Seconded: Ken Mertz

Approved: 7/0

Recommended Approval of Foster Contracting, Inc. to Complete the Roof Project at Abraham Lincoln Elementary

Mr. Sampson recommended the approval of the Foster Contracting, Inc. bid to complete the roof project at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School. The bid of \$1,992,404 is the low and most responsive bid received. The Base Bid for the project is \$1,665,000. Contingency Add is included to account for



escalating prices over the term of the project. These amounts may not be expended if pricing does not warrant it. Technical Assurance will be the construction manager on this project. The anticipated timeline of the project is September, 2022 through April, 2023.

Motioned: Steve Johnson

Seconded: Scott Heller

Approved: 7/0

Recommended Approval of the Acceptance of Donations

Mrs. Vickie Carpenter recommended approval of the following donations:

Clinton Young Elementary

Donation of \$500.00 from Mr. Patrick Butler. This money will go into the 5th Grade Camp Fund.

Donation of \$500.00 from RJS Foundation. This money will go into the 5th Grade Camp Fund.

Donation of \$5,000.00 from Mr. Harrington, the 2nd year in a row he has donated to the 5th Grade Camp Fund.

Homecroft Elementary

Donation of \$1,446.89 from GTC Machining. This money will be used for the HE Robotics Club, helping to absorb the cost of supplies, entry fees, etc.

Perry Township Schools EL Department

Southport International Rotary donated \$1,000.00 in hygiene supplies. These items will be used for students who speak Swahili.

Rosa Parks Elementary

Mrs. Christy Martino, Principal at Rosa Parks Elementary, is seeking approval to collect voluntary donations from the staff and teachers to purchase a memorial bench in memory of Mr. Neal Voorde.



Rosa Parks Kindergarten Academy

Donation of \$600.00 from Mr. and Mrs. James Swails. This money will go into the Social Committee funds to help celebrate teachers and staff throughout the year.

Mrs. Jane Pollard recommended approval of the following donations:

Southport High School

Donation of \$150 to the STARS program from PTSA. The program will use the money to help with the cost of awards and posters.

Donation of \$200 to the National Honor Society from PTSA. National Honor Society will use the money for ceremony and reception costs.

Donation of \$1000 from Mr. Alex Bettag, SHS head football coach. Coach Bettag won the money from Throw Deep Publishing. The funds will help support the football program.

Donation of \$500 from Two Sisters Painting. The money will be used to support the baseball program.

Donations totaling \$2,825 to Riley Dance Marathon:

Lindo Mexico - \$100

Becks Service Center - \$100

Southport Dairy Queen - \$200

Jack and Rebecca Petty - \$125

Southport Discount Appliance - \$100

Hubler Chevrolet - \$500

Charles and Ruth Mercer - \$100

Aaron and Christiana Barlow - \$1600

Motioned: Hannah Dale

Seconded: Jim Hernandez

Approved: 7/0

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Hernandez thanked everyone for their hard work in getting the referendum passed. Regarding the recognitions, Mr. Hernandez said it is really incredible what the Sponsel family has done for Perry Township Schools and our community. Mr. Hernandez was very impressed with the students who were recognized and congratulated them on their success. Mr. Hernandez appreciated the way Mrs. Shumway presented information to the Board regarding the No Zero Grading Policy from a professional perspective. He welcomed the new administrators and wished them the best of luck. Mr. Hernandez appreciated the



prudent review of all contracts that are presented to the Board. Mr. Hernandez was impressed with the list of donations to the schools and appreciates the support.

Mrs. Dale congratulated Dagan, Logan, Dr. Bulmer and Mr. Osborne. Mrs. Dale was happy to see PTEF at the meeting and recognizing Tom Sponsel. Mrs. Dale has worked with Tom personally and stated he is one of the hardest workers she has ever known. She appreciates Tom's giving and positive personality. Mrs. Dale stated that the entire Sponsel family give of their time, talent and treasure to the district. She congratulated everyone on the end of the year and wished everyone luck.

Mr. Johnson congratulated Dagen Knight and Logan McCleese and the administrators who are starting their new positions. Mr. Johnson thanked Vivian and Jim Leach, the administration and everyone who helped with the referendum and encouraged the community to "Vote Yes". Mr. Johnson stated that soon the 8th graders will move to the high schools and he knows the principals will help them succeed in their new phase of life. Mr. Johnson thanked all the administrators and staff for their hard work this school year and thanked his fellow Board members for supporting him this year. Mr. Johnson appreciates the way the Board work together.

Mr. Mertz thanked Chuck Stumpf, the presenter of Tom Sponsel's award. He stated that Mr. Stumpf laid a lot of the ground work that has led the School Board to what it is today. Mr. Mertz appreciates the service Mr. Stumpf has provided our community. Mr. Mertz recognized the hard work of Tom Sponsel, he has had the privilege of working with Tom and Chuck throughout the years and said you could not meet two finer individuals, he appreciates their passion for Perry Township Schools and their willingness to always say yes. Mr. Mertz spoke highly of Dagan and Logan, both of whom he knows personally. He stated that they are the epitome of what you would want a young man to be. Mr. Mertz thanked not only the community but his fellow Board members, Emily Hartman and Lee Shively, for participating on the referendum committee. He acknowledged and appreciated the work commitment involved; extra meetings and extra time dedicated to the success of the vote. Mr. Mertz thanked the administration, staff, teachers and community who put in extra hours to make the referendum a success. He discussed the struggles the District is going through regarding the completion of contracts. Mr. Mertz is also in a business that relies on the supply chain and knows firsthand the hardships we are facing. Mr. Mertz thanked his fellow Board members for their time and commitment to the District and stated it is a pleasure to work with them.

Mr. Heller appreciated the work of the Sponsel family who have partnered with others in the community to accomplish great things for Perry Township Schools the community. Mr. Heller thanked the community, not only for passing the referendum but for all the ways they show support through donations and time spent to better our schools and community. Mr. Heller stated that he understands that some community members had personal reasons to be against the referendum and that the Board understands and will do their best to be good stewards of the funds. Mr. Heller stated he appreciates the schools for



adding excitement to the end of the year while still focusing on learning, Perry Township is a great place to live and a great place to be a student.

Mrs. Hartman appreciates that we start and end meetings with a positive. It calms her spirit after hearing we have to spend \$400,000 more to put on a roof when we could be using that money to do great things for our kids. Mrs. Hartman was pleased that we recognized the Sponsel family, Dagan Knight and Logan McCleese. Mrs. Hartman stated that in the last three months, when we really started to work towards the referendum, the number of families, administrators and staff who came together to support Perry Township Schools and our community was exceptional.

Mr. Shively thanked the Boy Scouts who attended the meeting as observers. He acknowledged the many activities that Dagan and Logan participate in and stated he knows they have great futures ahead of them. Mr. Shively thanked Mr. Willey and the technology staff for everything they do behind the scenes to keep the district running and all the ways he and his team are good stewards of township funds. Regarding the school calendar change, Mr. Shively said it is a perfect example of the administration listening to the teachers and it shows that even though a decision is made, we can still be flexible and make changes that are in the best interest of students and staff. Mr. Shively thanked Mrs. Shumway for her respectfulness and professionalism while addressing the Board. As an educator himself, he knows what a sensitive subject grading is. Mr. Shively stated that all decisions, including grading, are thoroughly discussed and not made lightly, but made with the best interest of students. Mr. Shively was impressed with the hard work Tom Sponsel has put forth for the benefit of Perry Township Schools. Mr. Shively recognized Jim and Vivian Leach for their work to help the school and community pass the referendum. Mr. Shively said as a Board member he understands his responsibility to be a good steward of our finances. By serving on the finance committee, he learned firsthand that our administrators and Business Office also take seriously the responsibility of being good stewards and he thanked them for it.

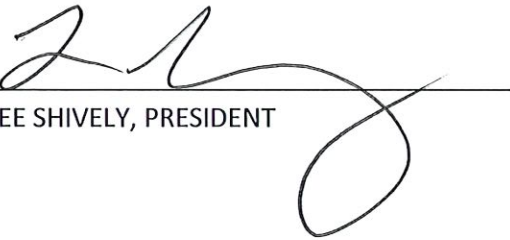
Mr. Mapes introduced the new Executive Director of the Perry Township Education Foundation, Mary Blake. Mr. Mapes thanked Tom Sponsel for his guidance over the years and congratulated him on the long overdue recognition. Mr. Mapes thanked our administrators for working after hours to make sure we successfully passed the referendum. Mr. Mapes thanked Elizabeth Choi, Natalie Newlin and Ally Price who were instrumental in getting clear and thoughtful information out through graphics and messaging, without them and the hours they put in after their workday, our campaign would not have been as successful. Mr. Mapes thanked all of the PTEC administration who worked after hours with him to ensure the referendum's success. Mr. Mapes thanked Jim and Vivian Leach, two of the most important people he has worked with on a campaign. He valued their knowledge not just of politics but of Perry Township, their ability to reach out and help the community understand the needs of the district and the best way to show support. Mr. Mapes explained that referendum dollars are not new dollars coming into Perry Township Schools, these dollars support the 193 teachers, 20 assistant principals, 17 technology positions, 14 instructional assistants, and the \$1.5 million to our transportation fund. The additional funds from the



state will allow us to give raises and benefits to our employees, the referendum dollars are not earmarked for that. Mr. Mapes stated that we will reach out to the community to help them understand how the referendum dollars will be spent. During the referendum we showcased our township using social media and Perry Press. We learned the importance of informing the community of our amazing educators, exceptional students, events and activities going on in Perry Township and will continue to shine the spotlight on our great school and the community of Perry Township. Mr. Mapes said we have a busy two weeks till the end of the school year and hope everyone can stay on track. Mr. Mapes stated that we have had a tough school year but are back on track of growing our kids academically and look forward to what the future brings us.

ADJOURNMENT

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


LEE SHIVELY, PRESIDENT
EMILY HARTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT
SCOTT HELLER, SECRETARY

Absent June 13, 2020


KENNETH J MERTZ, BOARD MEMBER
HANNAH DALE, BOARD MEMBER
STEVE JOHNSON, BOARD MEMBER
JAMES H HERNANDEZ, BOARD MEMBER