



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

**August 8, 2022**

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at 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	Absent
Mr. Steve Johnson, Board Member	Present
Mrs. Hannah Dale, Board Member	Present
Mr. James H. Hernandez, Board Member	Arrived After the Start of Meeting

**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 (Mrs. Starlena Hardimon spoke on behalf of Mrs. Carpenter.)	Absent
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**

Mrs. Pollard recognized Ms. Christina Crawford (department chair and orchestra), Ms. Melissa Walsh (choir) and Mr. Michael Richardson (band) of the Perry Meridian High School Music Department. The Perry Meridian High School Music Department was recognized as recipients of the Indiana State School Music Association All-Music award for the 2021-2022 school year. PMHS is 1 of only 13 high schools in Indiana to receive a Total Department Award and 1 of 6 high schools that offer Orchestra, Band and Choir.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No patrons chose to speak.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Minutes of the July 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting and the July 18, 2022 Public Work Session
- Conflict of Interest: Emily Hartman and Jim Hernandez
- June, 2022 Financial Report
- August 8, 2022 Allowance of Vouchers
- August 8, 2022 Personnel Report
- Perry Township Schools Staff Travel
- School Travel, Elementary
- Fundraisers, Secondary

*Motioned: Emily Hartman*

*Seconded: Hannah Dale*

*Approved: 5/0*

Mrs. Hardimon and Mrs. Pollard took a minute to introduce new administrators for the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Pollard introduced Mr. Michael Wingert, the new Main Office Assistant Principal at Southport Middle School, who brought his wife and children, Mrs. Katherine Kelly, the new Assistant Principal of Student Services at Southport Middle School, who brought her children and parents and Mr. Steven Mast, the new Main Office Assistant Principal at Perry Meridian Middle School. Mrs. Hardimon introduced Mrs. Jacquelyn Miller, the new Assistant Principal at Jeremiah Gray Kindergarten Academy, who brought her husband and son. Mrs. Dale commented on how pleased she was to be a member of the Board during the introduction of Jacquelyn Miller as the Assistant Principal at Jeremiah Gray Kindergarten Academy.



Mrs. Dale stated she has known Jacquelyn for a very long time and remembers when Jacquelyn started on this path in college and how great it is to see all her hard work come to fruition.

#### **ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION**

##### **Recommended Approval of the Contract Renewal with Newton Alliance**

Mrs. Star Hardimon recommended the approval of the renewal contract with Newton Alliance, LLC who will provide Evaluate™ student achievement and accountability services for grades 2-10. Each elementary school will have access to instantaneous data and assessments for reading and math that are aligned to the Indiana academic standards. Schools will also be provided support through emails, automatic monthly assessments and software enhancements. The cost is \$101,115.00 for 7490 licenses and will be paid using NESP Grant funds.

*Motioned: Scott Heller*

*Seconded: Steve Johnson*

*Approved: 5/0*

##### **Recommended Approval of the Contract Renewal with YMCA Youth Development**

Mrs. Hardimon recommended the approval of the renewal contract with the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis which provides for their organization to use Perry Township facilities for before and after care services during the 2022-2025 school years.

*Motioned: Hannah Dale*

*Seconded: Scott Heller*

*Approved: 5/0*

##### **Recommended Approval of the Contract with Kelly Educational Staffing**

Ms. Baker recommended the pay rate change to align with our beginning salary schedule for the 2022-2023 school year for Substitute Teachers, Paraprofessionals, and Media Specialists. Ms. Baker explained that the new rates will make us more competitive with our surrounding districts.

*Motioned: Emily Hartman*

*Seconded: Hannah Dale*

*Approved: 5/0*





## **Recommended Approval of the Acceptance of Donations**

Mrs. Star Hardimon recommended the approval of the following donations:

### **Abraham Lincoln Elementary**

Abraham Lincoln Elementary received a donation of \$3009.25 from Center United Methodist Church. The donation is to be used to purchase bike helmets for those in need.

### **Clinton Young Elementary**

Rosedale Hills United Methodist Church donated backpacks full of student supplies to Clinton Young Elementary. The backpacks will be given to students in need.

### **Douglas MacArthur Elementary**

Douglas MacArthur Elementary received a donation of \$1500.00 from the American Legion Post #355. The money will be used for the Student's Assistance Fund at DME.

### **Rosa Parks Kindergarten Academy**

The Pacers Foundation donated \$1000.00 to Rosa Parks Kindergarten Academy. The money will be used to purchase a portable basketball goal for the gymnasium.

Mrs. Jane Pollard recommended the approval of the following donations:

### **Perry Meridian High School**

Respectfully request approval of a \$7500 donation from American Legion Post 355. This donation will be used for all Perry Meridian High School students.

Respectfully request approval of a \$40,000 donation from Falcon Boosters. This donation will be used for students, staff, athletics and Perry Meridian High School improvements.



## **Southport High School**

Respectfully request approval of a \$7500 donation from American Legion Post 355. This annual donation will be used for student assistance.

*Motioned: Hannah Dale*

*Seconded: Steve Johnson*

*Approved: 5/0*

### **ITEMS OF INFORMATION NOT REQUIRING ACTION**

Mr. Hatcher explained that the Indiana Department of Education has mandated that Perry Township Schools change our Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy. The changes include adding the following definition of Teacher: Indiana Code (IC) 20-18-2-22(c) states that for the purposes of IC 20-43-103.5 (TAG), the term 'teacher' means "a professional person whose position with a: (1) school corporation; (2) special education cooperative established under IC 20-35-5; (3) cooperative career and technical education program; (4) special education program established by an interlocal agreement under IC 36-1-7; (5) joint program agreement established under IC 20-26-10; or (6) charter school; requires a license (as defined in IC 20-28-1-7) and whose primary responsibility is the instruction of students in the classroom or virtual classroom." Mr. Hatcher stated that this is the first reading of the suggested Policy Change and he plans to bring the Policy Change to the Board for Approval at the September 12, 2022 Meeting.

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

Mrs. Dale stated that she used her time earlier and passed.

Mr. Johnson had no comment.

Mr. Heller was excited to see highly qualified people stepping up to the plate in some of our positions. He acknowledged the tireless efforts of Human Resources to recruit and fill vacant positions, their diligence in seeking out the best candidate for our district and our students is appreciated.

Mrs. Hartman thanked the administrators for working with teachers and school administrators who are seeking a work/life balance, she appreciated we are adapting to accommodate the needs of our staff. Mrs. Hartman encouraged all Board members and attendees to be cultured about the different events and groups in our community. She has been intrigued by BACI, the Burmese American Community Institute, and this year attended their community open house. Mrs. Hartman was amazed by what these young students are doing and how they spent their summer doing research about the community. Mrs.



Hartman thinks there is something different about this school year and thinks it is because of everyone's desire to have a return of normalcy. Mrs. Hartman is hearing positive comments this year and feels like we are becoming a community again. Mrs. Hartman thanked the Board and Administrators for their hard work in facilitating a positive attitude.

Mr. Shively discussed the free student admission to sporting events. He thinks it is a great start in making the secondary students feel connected to school, the community and an overall sense of belonging. Mr. Shively thanked all the staff who give of their time to help cover classrooms during our teacher and substitute shortages and the administrators who are making sure everything is covered.

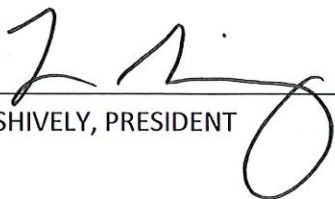
Mr. Mapes agreed that it has been a really good start to the school year. He stated that one thing that has been invaluable to us was the two week Jump Start program we had in June. Because of the success of the program, we were able to hit the ground running this year with our kindergarteners. The program provided our students and parents the opportunity to acclimate to buildings and procedures. Mr. Mapes stated that this year our administrators have done an outstanding job of communicating with parents. With students, they have set the bar for the year, letting them know what the expectations are which enables us to focus on academics, we are getting back to the business of growing our kids again. Mr. Mapes commended Patrick Murphy from Transportation, Kirby Schott from Facilities and Grounds, Erin Coleman from Food Services and Sharon Baker from Human Resources. All these Administrators have worked tirelessly to start the school year. Mr. Mapes said that even though we will probably not be fully staffed this year, the efforts of the drivers, administrators and front office staff in communicating with parents about transportation delays has gone a long way in easing parent concerns.


#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Shively sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.





  
LEE SHIVELY, PRESIDENT


  
EMILY HARTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

  
SCOTT HELLER, SECRETARY

  
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HANNAH DALE, BOARD MEMBER

  
STEVE JOHNSON, BOARD MEMBER

  
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