



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

September 12, 2022

The Board of Education of Perry Township Schools, Marion County, Indiana held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, September 12, 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	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

The Perry Township Board of Education, along with Administrators, held a reception to welcome our 1st, 2nd and 3rd year new teachers and certified staff on September 12, 2022 at the Perry Township Education Center at 4:45 p.m. Staff enjoyed light appetizers and had the opportunity to meet and greet fellow Perry Township Schools staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Stenger discussed her concerns on how the District communicates to parents when there is an incident of violence or threat.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of the August 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting and the August 22, 2022 Public Work Session
- July, 2022 Financial Report
- September 12, 2022 Allowance of Vouchers
- September 12, 2022 Personnel Report
- Perry Township Schools Staff Travel
- Perry Township School's Travel, Elementary and Secondary Out-of-State
- Contract Renewal with NIET
- Contract with Southside Special Services and Perry Township Nutrition Department to Provide Meals
- Fundraisers, Elementary and Secondary

Motioned: Emily Hartman

Seconded: Hannah Dale

Approved: 7/0

Mrs. Pollard, along with Mr. Kert Boedicker, took a minute to introduce Ms. Emily Steinmetz as the interim Athletic Director for Perry Meridian High School. Ms. Steinmetz thanked the Board for giving her the opportunity to lead the PHS Athletic Department. Ms. Steinmetz was supported by her wife, parents and the PHS Administrative team.



ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION

Recommended Approval of the Contract Renewal Canvas

Mr. Matthew Willey recommended the approval of a three year contract renewal with Canvas or their LMS product. Year one pricing is a 4.8% increase per user over last year. Total yearly price is an increase over last year due to our rapid growth in user accounts.

Motioned: Ken Mertz

Seconded: Steve Johnson

Approved: 7/0

Recommended Approval of the Contract with Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc.

Mrs. Vickie Carpenter recommended the approval of the new contract with Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc. Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc. will provide nursing services for a student with an IEP so that the child can attend school. Perry Township has two students with specific medical needs that will require a nurse one-on-one. Maxim Healthcare Staffing will be staffing the position with a contract nurse to support our students with their medical needs.

Motioned: Emily Hartman

Seconded: Jim Hernandez

Approved: 7/0

Recommended Approval of the Acceptance of Donations

Mrs. Vickie Carpenter recommended the approval of the following donations:

Clinton Young Elementary

Mr. Bradley Ford, owner of Built to Last Construction Company, donated \$500 towards the Clinton Young 5th Grade Camp fund.

JFW Industries donated \$750 towards the Clinton Young 5th Grade Camp fund.

Jim and Vivian Leach donated \$750 towards the Clinton Young 5th Grade Camp fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford donated \$100 towards the Clinton Young 5th Grade Camp fund.



Douglas MacArthur Kindergarten

Walmart will donate various school supplies to Douglas MacArthur Kindergarten Academy. The supplies will be used to help students and teachers in the building.

Homecroft Elementary

St. Jude donated 4-5 large bags of uniform dress-code clothing.

Home Depot donated 4 bags of rocks for Homecroft's Rock Garden. The value of the donation is around \$25.00.

William and Sue Brown donated \$2,500 to Homecroft Elementary. The donation will help support the Robotics Club, the 5th Grade Outdoor Education and to help with other student needs.

Perry Township Schools

Mount Pleasant Christian Church donated three \$500 gift cards to United Art and Education. The teachers that received the gift cards are:

Amy Nadler - Southport Elementary
Amelia Walters - Southport 6th Grade Academy
Dayshah Nelson - Clinton Young Elementary

Rosa Parks Elementary

An anonymous donor donated the cost for up to ten students in financial need to attend the 5th grade field trip to Flat Rock — YMCA.

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

Southport High School

Requested the approval of a \$26,350 donation from the Southport High School Adult Athletic Booster Club. The funds will be split (\$13,175 each) between all Athletic Team Sports and the Athletic Department.



Requested the approval of the following donations from the Southport High School Adult Athletic Booster Club, Winter & Spring 2021-2022 fund:

\$3,810 — all Athletic Team Sports

\$16,340.56 — Athletic Department

Requested the approval of a \$6,074.53 donation from Cardinal Robotics Association, Inc. (501 c). The Robotics Association, Inc. is dissolving and the SHS Robotics team will be using their school ECA account for their program this year.

Requested the approval of a \$300 donation from Steve Bean, a former SHS student. The funds will be used for Southport Athletics.

Student Services

Requested the approval of the following food donation from Vanguard Music and Performing Arts to the Perry Township food pantry:

100 pounds of frozen shredded turkey

150 pounds of frozen fries

15 pounds of frozen chicken patties

30 pounds of frozen diced chicken

Motioned: Hannah Dale

Seconded: Ken Mertz

Approved: 7/0

ITEMS OF INFORMATION NOT REQUIRING ACTION

Mr. Hatcher presented the Proposed Perry Township Schools 2023 Budget. Please follow the link below to view the PowerPoint.

[https://go.boarddocs.com/in/msdpt/Board.nsf/files/CHVHRK49B464/\\$file/Proposed%20Budget%20Presentation%2C%20Perry%20Township%20Schools%202023.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/in/msdpt/Board.nsf/files/CHVHRK49B464/$file/Proposed%20Budget%20Presentation%2C%20Perry%20Township%20Schools%202023.pdf)

Mr. Sampson presented preliminary information regarding the establishment of elementary boundary lines. Last spring, we formed a committee to discuss the many issues with transportation, mainly a lack of employees. The committee researched and discussed a multitude of options that might reduce the number of routes required to safely transport our students. The committee suggested 13 to 14 different options. After research and discussion, the committee had two viable options that would have a big enough impact to improve our transportation deficiencies. The first proposal was to route the C9 students to the middle school to catch the bus home. In past years we have taken C9 students' home. This year



we have implemented taking C9 students to the middle school to catch a bus home, freeing up 4 buses/drivers to route tier 2 students' home. The other option discussed was to eliminate the Choice program at the elementary schools. The committee believes that by disposing of the Choice program, we could eliminate 16 routes. Currently the Choice program transports students all over the district. With driver's being at a premium, those buses could better serve the district by filling to capacity and driving students within their school boundary. If we do away with Choice, we will have to reestablish school boundaries since Rosa Parks and Jeremiah Gray do not currently have boundaries. As we go forward, our goal will be to eliminate the number of buses necessary to safely transport our students. As we examine the elimination of the Choice program, we want to make sure we are not taking opportunities away from students. Academically, programming and curriculum is uniform across Perry Township Schools. The days of Rosa Parks and Jeremiah Gray having different curriculums or a different time schedule are in the past. Redistricting will not remove any program or opportunity for our students. All our schools equally utilize our NIET supports and processes and the academic outcomes are similar throughout our schools. The committee believes that if you are at a Perry school you are going to get a very good education, you're going to be loved and you are going to grow, those things will happen at any of the school buildings in Perry Township. As school boundaries get smaller, routes will get shorter, enabling students to get to and from school in a timely manner. Our buses will run closer to capacity and we will be able to eliminate an estimated 16 bus routes. Our next step will be to establish boundaries for each elementary school and have them vetted by many to make sure we are providing the best opportunities to our students. The committee hopes to present the final boundaries to the Board in November and if the Board decides to move forward, present a plan for acceptance by the Board in December.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Hernandez was very happy that we were able to celebrate and recognize the new teachers. He enjoyed meeting with new teachers and seeing their enthusiasm. Mr. Hernandez appreciated that Mrs. Stenger presented her concerns to the Board in a respectful manner. Mr. Hernandez enjoys hearing how the community supports the schools through the many generous donations. Mr. Hernandez thanked Mr. Hatcher and Mr. Sampson for their presentations and their team's hard work seeking solutions to issues that are important to Perry Township Schools.

Mrs. Dale thanked Mrs. Stenger for presenting her concerns in a respectful manner. Mrs. Dale congratulated Ms. Steinmetz on her promotion. She was glad the Board and District could give her the opportunity. Mrs. Dale appreciated the format for the New Teacher Reception. She enjoyed being able to socialize and welcome the new staff on a personal level.

Mr. Johnson had no comment.



Mr. Mertz thanked Mrs. Stenger for bringing her concerns to the Board's attention, as a parent, he understands her concerns. Mr. Mertz congratulated Emily Steinmetz for her step forward. Mr. Mertz welcomed the new teachers and stated he enjoyed having the opportunity to talk with them personally.

Mr. Heller stated that the New Teacher Reception is a great example of the community we are trying to build in Perry Township Schools. He appreciated that we could let teachers know we are thankful they chose Perry Township Schools and that we showed them a community outside of their buildings. Mr. Heller said it is incredible to see the many donations we continue to receive from the community. Mr. Heller appreciated that Mrs. Stenger presented her concerns and also thanked the Administration for responding to the concerns of the community. He stated that student safety is paramount to education and we want to better communicate that. Mr. Heller acknowledged that bus routes have been a huge problem and appreciates that solutions are being presented and evaluated. He thanked the budget team for their work in lowering the tax rate as much as possible and still providing the best education we can for our students.

Mrs. Hartman appreciated that our budget was fiscally sound and our administration knows what our needs are and that we try to live within our means and still support our students and community. Mrs. Hartman thanked our Human Resource Department for their work tonight at the New Teacher Reception. She appreciates that they put so much effort in making Human Resources "human". She was excited to meet people tonight but also the new teachers were excited to interact with the Board and other staff. Mrs. Hartman enjoys hearing the donations. She appreciates how the community continues to support the school district. Mrs. Hartman gave a special thank you to Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Pollard for the information they presented at the last Public Work Session. She is still processing the data and thinking about how our district compares to others in the city and state. Mrs. Hartman appreciated Mrs. Stenger's comments and concerns. As a parent she shares those concerns but sends her children to school knowing that the men and women tasked with the safety of staff and students are doing the best job they can and knows we are in good hands. Mrs. Hartman mentioned the Perry Township Education Foundation's Running Event and hoped it was successful.

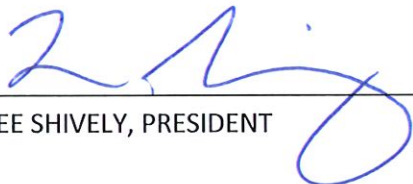
Mr. Shively felt tonight's New Teacher Reception was a great representation of how we take care of and support our teachers. Mr. Shively appreciates that our 5th grade students get to participate in outdoor education and is thankful so many people donate so that all students can attend and have an experience they might never have had. Mr. Shively thanked Mr. Hatcher for his work and presentation on the budget and Mr. Sampson for his work and presentation on the school boundaries. Mr. Shively thanked Mrs. Stenger for expressing her concerns and stated that as someone who had two family members in the building she referenced, he heard her fully but not for a moment was he worried that anything unsafe would occur. He was confident that whatever steps were taken, hours of work had already occurred and the best decision for the safety of staff and students was made.




Mr. Mapes let the Board know that Tuesday, September 13th we start our Leadership Academy with parents and community members as they learn the inner workings of Perry Township Schools. Mr. Mapes stated that the next two weeks the Perry and Southport sides would celebrate homecoming with many activities and this year the elementary schools are engaging in activities to coincide with festivities. Mr. Mapes acknowledged not only the new teachers but all the teachers and administrators for their hard work this year, he feels we are back to normal. He stated that walking into buildings, you would never know the struggles we are having in transportation, food services and hiring aides. Everyone is working and pitching in to support our students and we are back on track, growing our kids.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shively sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.


LEE SHIVELY, PRESIDENT


EMILY HARTMAN, VICE PRESIDENT


SCOTT HELLER, SECRETARY


KENNETH J MERTZ, BOARD MEMBER


HANNAH DALE, BOARD MEMBER


STEVE JOHNSON, BOARD MEMBER


JAMES H HERNANDEZ, BOARD MEMBER