



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

December 12, 2022

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

Recognition of Brian Knight, 2022 Journalism Education Association Administrator of the Year

Mrs. Pollard recognized Brian Knight, Principal of Southport High School for being chosen as the 2022 Journalism Education Association Administrator of the Year. Perry Township Schools are honored to recognize Brian and his commitment, support and dedication to journalism education, as well as to his students and staff.

Recognition of Amy Boone, 2022 IASP Assistant Principal of the Year

Mrs. Pollard recognized Amy Boone, Assistant Principal of Southport High School, for being chosen as the Indiana Association of School Principals 2022 Assistant Principal of the Year. Perry Township Schools are honored to have Amy represent and serve the students and staff of Perry Township Schools.

Recognition of Luri Thang Ting, the 2022 District Holiday Card Contest Winner

The Department of Student Services holds an annual Holiday Card Contest. The 2022 design will be displayed on the Perry Township District website throughout the Holiday season. Luri Thang Ting, a Southport Middle School 8th grade student, was named this year's winner.

Recognition of Perry Meridian 6th Grade Academy Spell Bowl Team

Mrs. Pollard recognized the Perry Meridian 6th Grade Academy Spell Bowl Team. The team spelled 55 out of 56 words correctly to be named the 2022 Indiana State Runner-Up.

2022 Perry Meridian Academy Spell Bowl Team

Chris Abelro	Avaneesh Achar	Ekansh Agrawal	Haedyn Cochran
Christian Lytle	Esther Mawi	Akshaj Mudi	Hazel Richardson
Siddhant Saxena	Genesis Taknan	Bawidawtbik Vuangtu	
Coaches: Kelly Swisher and Aspen Lovejoy			



Recognition of Jeremiah Gray Spell Bowl Team, First Place District Spell Bowl, Second Place District Indiana Academic Spell Bowl Competition

Mrs. Carpenter recognized the Jeremiah Gray Elementary Spell Bowl Team as the 2022 District Winner! The team went on to place Second in the Regionals and Top Ten in the Indiana State Spell Bowl Competition!

Analía Ardizzone	Charlie Baer	Lexie Bennett	Sophia Biggerstaff
Makayla Black	Kailyn Cloyd	Cameela Cummings	Ethan Gray
Kaden Keister	Harmony Leggins	Jacob Neukam	Jayden Obando Torres
Khrihruai Par	Sophia Par	Leila Percy	Luna Pineda
Sally Salaz	Hawkins Shrum	Stephanie Tluangi	Wyatt Williams
Coaches: Brent Cummings, Lora Spangle & Samantha Flecker			

Recognition of Abraham Lincoln Spell Bowl Team, Second Place District Indiana Academic Spell Bowl Completion, First in District for Competition

Mrs. Carpenter recognized the Abraham Lincoln Elementary Spell Bowl Team as the 2022 Regional Competition Winner! The team also placed Second in the Indiana State Spell Bowl Competition!

Emily Castillo	Bawi Cung Hnin	Desi langcin	Randy Jeremiah
Non Lay	Joyce Malsawmsangi	Biak Par	AJ Rodriguez
Eden Taknan	Alex Thang	William Thang	
Coach -Susan Davis			

PUBLIC COMMENT

Corey Kamradt addressed the Board concerning the proposed redistricting plan.

Dulce Ramirez addressed the Board concerning the proposed redistricting plan.

Leslie Wells addressed the Board concerning the proposed redistricting plan.

Jason Wells addressed the Board concerning the proposed redistricting plan.

Heather Pease addressed the Board concerning the proposed redistricting plan.

Jennifer Byrd addressed the Board concerning the proposed redistricting plan.



McKenna Allen addressed the Board concerning the proposed redistricting plan.

Gregory Dyer addressed the Board concerning school policy.

Leonor Formo addressed the Board concerning the proposed redistricting plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of the November 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, November 28, 2022 Executive Session of the Board of Education, November 28, 2022 Public Work Session and the December 5, 2022 Special Board Meeting
- October, 2022 Financial Report
- December 12, 2022 Allowance of Vouchers
- December 12, 2022 Personnel Report
- Perry Township Schools Staff Travel
- Perry Township Schools Out-of-State and School Travel
- Contract Enhancement with Frontline to Add the HRMS Solution
- Contract with Soliant Health, LLC
- Contract Renewal with BrainPop
- Fundraisers, Secondary and Elementary

Motioned: Emily Hartman

Seconded: Ken Mertz

Approved: 6/0

ITEMS OF INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION

Recommended Approval of the Establishment of Elementary Boundaries

Mr. Mapes recommended the establishment of elementary boundary lines. After hours of study and research, Mr. Mapes proposed to establish elementary boundaries and end School Choice. In the place of School Choice will be an intra-district transfer process that will allow families to go to a school outside of their school attendance boundary if there is space in the school and parents provide their own transportation. (Special Education programs are the exception to the boundaries.)

Motioned: Scott Heller

Seconded: Emily Hartman

Approved: 6/0



Recommended Approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Tim Haynes to Serve as the Energy Manager

Mr. Sampson recommended the approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Tim Haynes to serve as the Energy Manager for Perry Township Schools. The length of this agreement is for one year, 20 hours a week at \$40 per hour. Tim Haynes will replace Jim Wernke who has served as our Energy Manager for the past six years. The agreement includes the monitoring of our utility systems, identifying and applying for utility rebates and advising us on projects which produce energy savings for the district. Mr. Haynes retired from Perry Township Schools, he previously served as our HVAC specialist and controls specialist.

Motioned: Hannah Dale

Seconded: Jim Hernandez

Approved: 6/0

Recommended Approval of Schmidt and Associates Project Approval

Mr. Sampson recommended the approval of a Schmidt and Associates Project. The estimated cost of the projects is \$3,054,461 and includes Mary Bryan Elementary Restroom Renovations for \$778,541; Southport Middle School Kitchen HVAC for \$1,038,710; Perry Meridian Middle Access Road for \$847,450; Perry Meridian Middle Football/Track Bleachers for \$389,760. All projects will be paid for from Bonds designated for building repair and renovations. Bid and contract approval will come at a later date.

Motioned: Hannah Dale

Seconded: Scott Heller

Approved: 6/0

Recommended Approval of the Amendment to our Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement with Energy System Group

Mr. Sampson recommended the approval of an amendment to our Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement with Energy Systems Group to complete various HVAC and roof projects. The cost of the project is \$15,170,000. Guaranteed energy and operational savings are \$19,863,483 over a 15-year period. Project scope includes roof projects for Southport Middle, Southport 6th Academy, Southport Elementary, Rosa Parks (flat roof only), transformer replacement for Mary Bryan, Winchester Village, Perry Meridian High, Perry Meridian Middle, Southport High, Southport Middle and Southport 6th Academy and HVAC refurbishments for Mary Bryan, Winchester Village, Southport High and Southport Middle. Mr. Schott and Mr. Gettinger have worked closely with ESG to identify and approve all listed projects. The timeline for completion of all projects is subject to supply chain availability.

Motioned: Scott Heller

Seconded: Hannah Dale

Approved: 6/0



Recommended Approval of the Contract with Mindy Koehne Orientation and Mobility Services

Mrs. Vickie Carpenter recommended the approval of the new contract with Mindy Koehne Orientation and Mobility Services. Perry Township provides special education services to students that are eligible for services as students that are Blind/Low Vision. Some of these students require additional services by a Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist that will work with the student on spatial and environmental concepts as well as cane skills that will help them navigate the educational environment. This vendor will provide the Certified Specialist to aid our students with their unique needs. The cost will come from Education Funds.

Motioned: Emily Hartman

Seconded: Jim Hernandez

Approved: 6/0

Recommended Approval of Resolution 22-017, Year End Appropriation Transfers

Mr. Hatcher recommended the approval of Resolution 22-017, Year End Appropriation Transfers. The resolution states that the proper officers of a political subdivision may transfer money from one major budget classification to another within a department or office if they determine that the transfer is necessary, the transfer does not require the expenditure of more money than the total amount set out in the budget as finally determined under this article; and the transfer is made at a regular public meeting and by proper ordinance or resolution. A transfer may be made under this section without notice and without the approval of the department of local government finance.

Motioned: Ken Mertz

Seconded: Emily Hartman

Approved: 6/0

Recommended Approval of Resolution 22-018, Rainy Day Fund Transfer

Mr. Hatcher recommended the approval of Rainy-Day Fund Transfer Resolution 22-018 for the Budget Year ending December 31, 2022. The amount requested to transfer is \$5,000,000 from the Operations Fund (DLGF Fund #3300) to the Rainy Day Fund (DLGF Fund #0061) for future operational needs of Perry Township Schools.

Motioned: Hannah Dale

Seconded: Scott Heller

Approved: 6/0



Recommended Approval of the Acceptance of Donations

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

Abraham Lincoln Elementary

The Indiana Retired Teachers Association donated \$500.00 to Abraham Lincoln School. The money will be used to purchase two new xylophone carts for the Music Program.

Clinton Young Elementary

Advocates for Education donated \$500.00 to Clinton Young Elementary School. The donation will be used for the 5th Grade Outdoor Education Program.

Edgewood United Methodist Church will sponsor 3 families, ten children, for Christmas.

Julie Orme, mother of Sara Hughes (Orme), donates 2 -3 hours of her time each week at Clinton Young Elementary. She helps organize both the clothing and supply area.

Impact Bethany Church donated 75 new winter coats to Clinton Young students in need.

Homecroft Kindergarten Academy

An anonymous community member donated several dozen sets of hats and gloves to Homecroft Kindergarten Academy. The donation will be added to the school coat closet and distributed to students as needed.

Jeremiah Gray Kindergarten Academy

Jeremiah Gray Kindergarten Academy received over 60 new coats for JGK students in need. The following people helped make the donation happen: Drs. Matt and Erin Wittrig, Kent Franklin, Dana and Justin Laraway, Joni Candler, Charlotte Luttmann, Sharon and Tony Rader, Ashley Luttmann, Stephanie Hansell, Shelley Hansell, Brion and Heather Whitaker, Stacie Davidson, and Dr. Holly Austgen, Austgen Family Dental.



Rosa Parks Elementary

An anonymous donor donated \$10,000.00 to Rosa Parks Elementary School. The money will be divided evenly between each grade level and used to meet the needs of students at each grade level.

Winchester Village Elementary

Mr. Joe Waltermann, Attorney at Law and a former WV student, donated \$5000.00 to Winchester Village Elementary School. The donation will be used for advertising expenses to support student and staff morale at WV.

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

Southport High School

Requested approval of the following donations to help support the Girls Lacrosse team and the DECA club:

- \$50 - Michael Jacobs - Grandfather of Lacrosse Coach Frantz
- \$500 - Christopher & Lois Teeter- friends of Lacrosse Coach Frantz
- \$100- Sandy - family friend of the Lacrosse coaching staff
- \$20 - Michael & Cheryl Rettig- Cheryl Retting is the DECA sponsor

Perry Meridian Middle School

Requested approval of a \$1000 donation from Aqua Systems. One of the owners of Aqua Systems is married to a Cheer Team coach. The funds will be used to help offset the cost of spirit supplies.

Requested approval of a \$250 donation from Herkert Family Eye Care, a local community business. After speaking with a Robotics Team member about the program, the eye care office donated to help fund the purchase of Robotics Team t-shirts.

Motioned: Scott Heller

Seconded: Ken Mertz

Approved: 6/0



INFORMATION NOT REQUIRING ACTION

Teacher Appreciation Grant

Mr. Hatcher provided information regarding the Teacher Appreciation Grant.

ESSER III In-Person Instruction Plan

Mr. Sampson explained that US DOE regulations require ESSER III recipients review their return to in-person instruction plans and revise as needed every six months. This requirement is for the statutory life of ESSER III (September 30, 2023). The return to in-person instruction plans must include public comment and should be posted on the district's web site. Perry Township will continue to operate on the board approved 2022-23 School Calendar. In-person instruction will be provided Monday through Friday for students in grades K-12. The virtual classroom option providing continuous learning will only be available in emergencies. Health protocols along with plans for continuous learning remain unchanged.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Mapes thanked Hannah Dale and Jim Hernandez for serving on the Perry Township Board of Education for the last four years and presented them with plaques from Perry Township Schools.

Mr. Hernandez stated that the redistricting vote was a matter that received extensive consideration by every member of the Board. Mr. Hernandez said the Board listened to every speech and read every email regarding this matter and thanked the community for their participation, stating their interest provoked the Board to ask questions of the committee and present different compromises for consideration. The Board voted for the action that best benefited the entire Perry Township Schools community. Mr. Hernandez thanked the committee for their care and consideration of students and families during this highly emotional process. Mr. Hernandez individually thanked the members of the Board for the special attributes they have contributed to the Board and the impact each of them has had on making him a better Board member. Mr. Hernandez thanked Mr. Mapes for the work he has done and continues to do to make Perry Township Schools one of the best districts in Indiana. Mr. Hernandez said Mr. Mapes is a strong and innovative leader who brought state and national connections, resources and work ethic to the district, pushing Perry Township Schools to the forefront both locally and nationally. Mr. Hernandez acknowledged the strong group of administrators Perry Township Schools has who have contributed to the success of the district. Mr. Hernandez finished by stating he considers every Board member a friend, welcomed the new members of the Board and said he looks forward to future opportunities to serve the Perry Township community.



Mrs. Dale encouraged parents and families to continue to advocate for their students. She encouraged parents to push for programs they feel are missing in their child's school and mentor parents who might not know how to support or start a strong school community. Mrs. Dale thanked Mr. Mapes for his leadership, even though they disagreed sometimes, they listened and respected each other and trusted the big picture. Mrs. Dale expressed how grateful she is for each Board member and will cheer them on from the sidelines, stating it has been an honor to serve the Perry Township Schools community. She welcomed the new Board members.

Mr. Mertz congratulated Brian Knight, Amy Boone and the Spell Bowl Teams for their recognitions. Mr. Mertz stated he has always been concerned by the empty seats at meetings and encouraged the community and parents who advocated for their students to stay involved and welcomed them to attend future Board meetings. Mr. Mertz said that Perry Township is fortunate to have strong public and parochial schools in the district, the two working in tandem to create a strong community. Mr. Mertz encouraged parents to visit new schools and meet with the principal and staff. Mr. Mertz thanked Jim Hernandez and Hannah Dale for their service to the Board and encouraged them to stay involved in the community.

Mr. Heller thanked the community for their input throughout the process of establishing boundaries. Mr. Heller stated how difficult it was to disappoint parents and students by voting for the new boundaries. He knows our Administrators work hard and they make decisions with great consideration and care for the students and community of Perry Township Schools. Mr. Heller encouraged parents to stay involved in their student's school. Mr. Heller congratulated Brian Knight, Amy Boone and the Spell Bowl Teams for their recognitions. Mr. Heller stated Jim Hernandez and Hannah Dale brought wisdom and heart to the Board and they will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Hartman recognized C-9 December students of the month. Mrs. Hartman expressed her condolences to SHS for the recent passing of two staff members and RP and HKA for the recent loss of their students. Mrs. Hartman congratulated Kathy Luessow for her retirement and thanked her for her service to our students and families. She also thanked Jim Wernke for his service throughout the years and congratulated him on his retirement. Mrs. Hartman thanked Jim Hernandez and Hannah Dale for their service and for making her a better Board member. Mrs. Hartman said the decision made to establish elementary boundaries was made after many conversations and thorough deliberation to best benefit all students in Perry Township.

Mr. Shively congratulated Brian Knight, Amy Boone and the Spell Bowl teams for their well-deserved recognitions. Mr. Shively appreciated that through stipends, teachers will be compensated for extracurricular activities. Mr. Shively was impressed and grateful for people who continue to support students through donations to the schools. He thanked Jim Hernandez and Hannah Dale for their guidance during his time on the Board and for their service to Perry Township Schools. Mr. Shively stated the Board diligently considered every aspect of the proposal before voting for the establishment of boundaries and felt



the decision best serves all students in Perry Township Schools. Mr. Shively thanked the community for the respectful way they communicated with the Board.

Mr. Mapes thanked Jim Hernandez and Hannah Dale for their service to Perry Township Schools. Mr. Mapes wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shively sounded the gavel to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.



EMILY HARTMAN, PRESIDENT



SCOTT HELLER, VICE PRESIDENT



KEN MERTZ, SECRETARY

Absent, January 9, 2023

STEVE JOHNSON, BOARD MEMBER



LEE SHIVELY, BOARD MEMBER



CHRIS LEWIS, BOARD MEMBER



HRE MANG, BOARD MEMBER