

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2014**

ROLL CALL

At 7:00 p.m. President Robinson called the regular meeting to order and requested all present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was taken and the following members answered aye: Mr. Skill, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Baumgartner, and Mrs. Thatcher. Mr. Bettenhausen arrived at 7:45 p.m. Mrs. Moe was not present.

VISITORS' LOG

The following people signed the Visitor's Log: Dawn Chaloupka of Peotone, Erin Edler of Manhattan and Elizabeth Quirarte of Peotone.

SPEAKERS' LOG

No one signed the Speakers' Log.

DRIVERS EDUCATION WAIVER HEARING

At 7:00 p.m., Mr. Uthe made a motion to convene the Drivers Education Waiver Hearing to receive comment from the board or public. Mr. Skill seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were five (5) ayes and no nays. President Robinson opened the hearing to comments from either the Board or Public. There were no comments from the Board or Public. At 7:01 p.m. Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to adjourn the Drivers Education Waiver Hearing. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were five (5) ayes and no nays.

MINUTES

Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of December 16, 2013. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were five (5) ayes and no nays.

FINANCE REPORTS

Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December as presented by the administration. Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mr. Skill, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Baumgartner, Mrs. Robinson, and Mrs. Thatcher.

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Imprest Fund Bills as presented by the administration. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mr. Skill, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Thatcher, and Mr. Baumgartner.

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the General Fund Bills, January 2014 as presented by the administration. Mr. Skill seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mr. Uthe, Mr. Skill, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Thatcher, and Mr. Baumgartner.

ACADEMIC STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Steve Stein, Superintendent, presented a certificate of commendation to the January Board of Education Academic Student of the Month, Elle' LeClaire, daughter of Ronald and Karen LeClaire of Peotone. Elle' is a senior at Peotone High School with a grade point average of 5.0 and ranks 5th in her class of 169 students. She is involved in Science Club, Show Choir, International Culture Club, National Honor Society and WYSE Team. Outside of school, Elle' is a volunteer Catechist at St. Paul the Apostle Church, a babysitter, a Concessions Stand Supervisor and Volunteer at Peotone Park District and Peotone Public Library Volunteer and Volunteer Illustrator. In her spare time, Elle' enjoys reading, gardening, sewing, baking and spending time with family. Elle' plans to major in Environmental Studies at Eureka College and work for the National Park Service.

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Steve Stein, Superintendent, presented a certificate of commendation to the following Peotone Junior High School December Students of the Month:

**Rylie Pine
Student of the Month
Sixth Grade**

Adam Mather, Seventh Grade Student of the Month and Nathan Weidner, Eighth Grade Student of the Month were not present for the presentation.

OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Mike Elder of Board Book reviewed the internal workings of the Board Book Program for those present and addressed any questions from the Board.

FOR ACTION

DRIVERS EDUCATION WAIVER

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Drivers Education Waiver. Mr. Baumgartner seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mr. Baumgartner, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Skill, Mrs. Robinson, and Mrs. Thatcher.

2013/2014 SENIORITY LISTS

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the 2103/2014 Certified and Non-Certified Seniority Lists as presented by the administration. Mr. Baumgartner seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were five (5) ayes and no nays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES (JULY-DECEMBER, 2013)

Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to keep the Executive Session Minutes from July, 2013 through December, 2013 closed. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were five (5) ayes and no nays.

2013/2014 NON-CERTIFIED STAFF HANDBOOK

Mr. Stein, Superintendent, stated that the 2013/2014 non-certified and certified staff handbooks will be reviewed and revised for the 2014/2015 school year. Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to adopt the 2013/2014 Non-Certified Staff Handbook. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were five (5) ayes and no nays.

2013/2014 CERTIFIED STAFF HANDBOOK

Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to adopt the 2013/2014 Non-Certified Staff Handbook. Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were five (5) ayes and no nays.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to approve the following personnel:

NON-CERTIFIED:

EMPLOYMENT:

- Emery Pearson – Substitute Bus Driver - Transportation

Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Baumgartner, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Thatcher, and Mr. Skill.

FOR DISCUSSION

FIRST POLICY READING – 7:185, 7:185E, 6:60

Steve Stein, Superintendent, reviewed the updated policy on Teen Violence for the Board. This is the first reading. These policies will be approved at the February Regular Board of Education Meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Steve Stein and the Board of Education extended their gratitude to Gary Love, Director of Buildings and Grounds and his staff for their continued efforts in removing snow from the parking lots and sidewalks.

Steve Stein and the Board of Education extended their gratitude to Barb Rizzo, Director of Transportation and her staff for preparing the buses for school on Wednesday. The Blue Devil Ball will be held on March 29, 2014. The administration has been discussing graduation dates for the junior high and high school. We have extended the school year by two (2) days.

Kirt Hendrick, Business Manager, had nothing further to discuss.

Dr. Charles Vitton, Curriculum/Technology Director, had nothing further to discuss.

Lawrence Piwnicki, Director of Special Education, reported that Karli Lizana, District Nurse, has made arrangements to offer a free dental check-up to students in the district. Ms. Lizana has sent letters of consent to district families.

Kathy Davis, Principal of Peotone Elementary, reported that the administration and staff has been reviewing the benchmark assessments for each student and reviewing each student's progress. Peotone Elementary students are currently participating in the St. Jude Research Hospital Math-a-Thon. Pre-Kindergarten registration has been scheduled for February 10, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and February 13, 2014 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Peotone Elementary.

Tracy Hiller, Principal of Wilton Center Elementary and Green Garden Elementary, reported plans to coordinate step-up days for K-4 students to become familiar with their new schools for the 2014/2015 school year.

Scott Wenzel, Principal of Peotone Junior High School, reported that the preliminary rounds for the Geography Bee have begun at the junior high. Mrs. Depperman is working on preparing the Spelling Team for competition. This will be Mrs. Depperman's last year as sponsor of the Spelling Team as she will be retiring at the end of the 2013/2014 school year. Ms. Heron and Ms. McKay are conducting try-outs for the junior high school play, "Aladdin". The Junior High School and the Connor Shaw Center raised \$706.00 during the Barnes & Noble fundraiser. Mr. Wenzel extended his gratitude to Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Schubbe, Mr. Thomas and the volunteers that worked to make the fundraiser a success. Mr. Wenzel extended his gratitude to Mr. Love and his staff for their hard work. President Robinson requested that the board honor the scouts for choosing the Peotone Junior High School Landscaping Project as their Eagle Scout Community Project.

Jack Thomas, Principal of Connor Shaw Center, reported that the enrollment at the Connor Shaw Center has increased by one (1) student. Mr. Thomas extended his gratitude Mr. Love and his crew. The Connor Shaw Center staff will meet with the fourth grade teachers to prepare for the grade center transition.

The February Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 due to President's Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:52 p.m., Mr. Baumgartner moved that the Board meet in Executive Session for the purpose of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of other specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were seven (7) ayes and no nays.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 10:48 p.m. Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion that the Board Return to Open Session. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were seven (7) ayes and no nays.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:58 p.m. Mr. Skill moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Baumgartner seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were seven (7) ayes and no nays.

Tara Robinson, President

Cynthia Zeilstra, Reporter