

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2016**

ROLL CALL

At 7:00 p.m. Vice President Uthe 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: Mrs. Moe, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Thatcher and Mr. Baumgartner. Mrs. Robinson was absent.

VISITORS' LOG

No one signed the Visitor's Log.

SPEAKERS' LOG

The following people signed the Speaker's Log: James Bowden of Peotone

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve the consent agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of November 21, 2016. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mrs. Moe, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Thatcher and Mr. Baumgartner.

GOOD NEWS

ACADEMIC STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Superintendent Stein presented a certificate of commendation to the November Board of Education Academic Student of the Month, John Schubbe, son of Brian and Sheri Schubbe of Peotone. John is a sophomore at Peotone High School with a grade point average of 3.929 on a 4.0 grading scale and ranks 7th in his class of 118 students. At Peotone High School, he is an FFA and International Culture Club member and is on the golf and baseball teams. John is an altar server at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. He also takes golf lessons. In his spare time, John plays golf, goes fishing, helps on the family farm, and enjoys hanging out with friends. After high school, John will attend college majoring in agriculture and then work on their family farm.

KANKAKEE AREA CAREER CENTER STUDENTS OF THE FIRST QUARTER

Omar Novoa, son of Omar and Maria Novoa of Peotone, was chosen as Kankakee Area Career Center's Student of the First Quarter in Collision Repair. Omar Novoa has shown course content knowledge and a desire to learn. He has exhibited characteristics that place him at the top of his class. We are proud of Omar's efforts as he has represented Peotone High School and the Kankakee Area Career Center exceptionally well.

Omar Rosales, son of Sergio and Hipolita Rosales of Peotone, was chosen as Kankakee Area Career Center's Student of the First Quarter in Construction. He has exhibited characteristics that place him at the top of his class. We are proud of Omar's efforts as he represents Peotone High School and the Kankakee Area Career Center exceptionally well. Omar Rosales was not able to be present to be honored by the Board.

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

**Mallory Kelly
Student of the Month
Sixth Grade**

**Brock Krska
Student of Month
Seventh Grade**

Cassandra Botello, Eighth Grade Student of the Month, was not able to be present for the presentation.

GOOD NEWS

Mr. Stein presented a certificate of commendation to the Peotone High School Boys Cross Country Team: Zachery Crocker, William Gaskin, Andrew Grzeskowiak, Nicholas Stefinsky, Joseph Uthe, Derek Walker, and Peyton Walker along with Coach Bill Benner for qualifying for the IHSA Class 1A State Competition on November 5, 2016 in Peotone, Illinois.

OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

James Bowden of Peotone addressed the board requesting that they work with the tax assessor for Peotone, Mrs. Latham, when they are fighting Property Tax Appeals. Mr. Bowden stated that Mrs. Latham is able to provide the required information to fight these tax appeals. He requested that all taxing bodies work together to repeal these types of requests. Mr. Bowden stated that the district should set a price for the property the district is selling and contact an industrial real estate agent.

Mrs. Wuske, Director of Cafeteria Services, gave a presentation of the activities of National School Lunch Week. There were some new samples distributed to the students during National School Lunch Week. The cafeteria participated in the Homecoming Parade.

John Michalesko of Gassensmith & Associates, LLC presented and reviewed the results of the June 30, 2016 school district audit for those present.

FY18 LEVY HEARING

At 7:36 p.m., Mrs. Moe made a motion to call the FY18 Levy Hearing to order. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were six (6) ayes and no nays. Superintendent Stein presented the details of the FY18 Levy as presented to the Board at the October 17, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. Vice President Uthe requested questions from the Board or visitors. Mr. Bowden requested further explanation of the .7% CPI and the increase in the EAV. There were no further questions from the Board or visitors at this time. At 7:40 p.m. Mrs. Thatcher made a motion to close the FY18 Levy Hearing. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were six (6) ayes and no nays.

INTERFUND TRANSFER HEARING

At 7:40 p.m. Mrs. Thatcher made a motion to call the Interfund Transfer Hearing to order. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and on voice vote there were six (6) ayes and no nays. Superintendent Stein presented the resolution to authorize the transfer of \$378,000 in funds from the Operations & Maintenance to the Debt Service Fund for the purpose of paying costs related to the purchase of the 27 acres of real property. There were no further questions from the Board or visitors at this time. At 7:44 p.m. Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to close the Interfund Transfer Hearing. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were six (6) ayes and no nays.

FY18 LEVY

Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve the FY18 Tax Levy as presented by the administration. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Baumgartner, Mrs. Moe and Mr. Uthe.

TRANSPORTATION CONSORTIUM INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve the two (2) year agreement to maintain membership in the Will County Transportation Consortium. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were six (6) ayes and no nays.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFER

Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve the resolution to authorize transfer of funds from Operations and Maintenance into the Debt Service Fund for the purpose of paying costs related to the purchase of the 27 acres. Mrs. Becker seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Baumgartner, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Thatcher.

AUTHORIZED ACTIVITY FUND AGENT

Mrs. Thatcher made a motion to appoint Hillary Houberg, Accounts Payable Coordinator as an authorized agent for the activity fund for Peotone Community Unit School District #207-U. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Baumgartner, Mrs. Moe and Mr. Uthe.

EARLY GRADUATES

Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve the following students for early graduation as they will complete their graduation requirements at the end of their seventh semester:

**Samantha Carr
Kristine Contreras
Krystin Fohran
Mariana Fulgencio
Lauren Fuqua
Peyton Marcukaitis
Maxwell Merritt
Logan Shirley
Katherine White**

Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were six (6) ayes and no nays.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF WILTON CENTER PROPERTY

Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to table the resolution authorizing the sale of the Wilton Center parcel by sealed bid at public sale. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Baumgartner, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Thatcher.

FARMLAND BIDS

Superintendent Stein presented the results of the bidding for the farmland owned by the district. The district received one (1) bid. The bid did not qualify as it was below the minimum bid set by the board. Mrs. Thatcher made a motion to reject the farmland bid of \$8,700 an acre for the 74 acres as the bid did not meet the minimum bid requirements set by the board. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Baumgartner, Mrs. Moe and Mr. Uthe.

GRADUATION DATES

Superintendent Stein presented and requested approval of the graduation ceremony recommendations for Peotone Junior High School to be scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Peotone High School graduation ceremony will be scheduled for Friday, May 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve Thursday, May 25, 2017 as the graduation date for Peotone Junior High School at 7:00 p.m. and Friday, May 26, 2017 as the graduation date for Peotone High School at 7:00 p.m. as requested by the administration. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were six (6) ayes and no nays.

BOARD POLICIES

Superintendent Stein reviewed the changes to the board policies as recommended by the Board Policy Committee. Mrs. Thatcher made a motion to approve the board policies revisions as presented by the Board Policy Committee and the administration. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were six (6) ayes and no nays.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Thatcher made a motion to approve the following personnel:

CERTIFIED:

EMPLOYMENT:

- Jordan Hopman – Asst. Boys Basketball (Freshman/Sophomore) - PHS
- Maureen Gasik – Long Term Substitute (5) – Peotone Intermediate Center

CLASSIFIED:

- Maria Novoa – Cafeteria – Peotone Junior High
- Julie Busich – Cafeteria Substitute – District
- Nicole Johnson – Cafeteria – Peotone Elementary (3.5 Hours to 5 hours)
- Ramon Ramos – Custodian – Peotone High School

RESIGNATION:

- Julie Busich – Cafeteria – Peotone Junior High
- Maureen Beierman – Lunch/Recess Supervisor – PIC

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

FOR DISCUSSION

ATHLETIC TRAINER

Jordan Hopman presented to the Board a request for an athletic trainer. He stated that the high school may be able to obtain a grant from the NFL Foundation to assist in the cost of hiring an athletic trainer during or before the sports events in the district. An athletic trainer would assist in performing baseline assessments and assist coaches on the field assessing athletes that are injured. Mr. Hesh previously performed a cost analysis for an athletic trainer. An athletic trainer for 30 hours a week for one year would cost approximately \$30,000 and hiring a trainer for 40 hours a week for one year would cost approximately \$40,000. A trainer currently costs the district \$180 for 6 hours which varies from event to event. The NFL Foundation grant has been completed and submitted for approval. There was further discussion on hiring an athletic trainer for half the year. The Board requested that Mr. Hopman research athletic trainers and present a timeline at the December meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Scott Wenzel, Principal of Peotone Junior High School, presented the three (3) School Improvement Plan goals for Peotone Junior High School. The junior high school is beginning the process of introducing a new curriculum. The new math testing provides immediate feedback which allows for immediate changes to improving the math curriculum. There will be an update to grammar, writing and reading. The junior high school will be working on culture and climate. A new system will allow the administration and teachers to track discipline in the hallways and classroom which assists our social workers to intervene in avoiding any unwanted behaviors. This has helped in decreasing referrals this year.

Larry Piwnicki, Director of Special Education, reported on the percentages and numbers of Special Education students in the district overall and the percentages and numbers in the Cooperative. Mr. Piwnicki reported on the success rate of the Early Childhood Program. The numbers of special education students entering Kindergarten have been greatly reduced due to the Early Childhood Program.

Dave Weissbohn, Technology reported that the computer installations have been completed and the WIFI phone system has been installed throughout the district.

Terri Wuske, Director of Cafeteria Services, reported that she has been attending conferences to improve the cafeteria costs for food by working with a cooperative and learning the new regulations.

Tyler Hesh, Principal of Peotone High School, presented the School Improvement Plan for Peotone High School. The high school will strive to improve Language Arts scores. The high school will strive to develop more AP courses for the students and increase the student enrollment in the AP courses. The high school will work with the junior high administration to improve math scores so that more students can take advantage of advance math courses at the high school. The high school will also work on culture and climate. Common Plan days

will be used to create conversation on how to help students that struggle with science, math and English. The high school will again host a social media informative meeting that will educate students and parents on how to monitor social media usage.

Joanne Obszanski, Principal of Peotone Intermediate Center presented her School Improvement Plan. Peotone Intermediate Center will use the AIMS web to improve the math curriculum. The administration and teachers will work on a plan that will reduce the math skills lost over the summer break. Peotone Intermediate will strive to improve their reading fluency goal and provide intervention to the students that show the need for intervention. The administration and teachers will partner with other teachers in the district to improve intervention of these subjects. Peotone Intermediate Center will also work on culture and climate in the school environment. The administration and staff will look at the character programs created by Peotone Junior High School and Peotone Elementary and implement a character building programs such as the Devil Dollars to reinforce positive character traits, Random Act of Kindness, Battle of the Books, or Student of the Week. Mrs. Obszanski reported that Peotone Intermediate Center sponsored "Adopt a Soldier" on Veterans Day which coincided with the Penny Wars. Peotone High School Band played for the flag ceremony. Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops performed the flag ceremony.

Dr. Vitton, Assistant Superintendent, reported that Phase 1 of the technology projects has been completed. The infrastructure has been updated. Phase II will begin soon. A timeline will be presented to the Board along with a cost analysis.

Brian O'Hagan, Director of Grounds & Maintenance, extended his gratitude to the Boards Grounds & Maintenance Committee for meeting with his department and is looking forward to working with the committee on future projects.

Superintendent Stein reported that the district received two (2) Freedom of Information Requests from Mr. Bowden and they have been completed. Superintendent Stein reported that there is a boiler problem at Peotone Elementary and the administration must notify the community that school will be cancelled due to maintenance repairs to the boiler. The board has unfinished business and may decide to schedule a Special Meeting or postpone this business until the December Regular Board Meeting. Vice President Uthe and Board unanimously agreed to postpone the unfinished business until the December meeting due to the holiday schedule.

Mr. Bettenhausen complimented the administration on their reports and their successful presentations on Veteran's Day.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 p.m. Mrs. Moe moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were six (6) ayes and no nays.