

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 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. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Baumgartner, and Mrs. Thatcher.

**VISITORS' LOG**

No one signed the Visitor's Log.

**SPEAKERS' LOG**

The following people signed the Speakers' Log: Kirsten Steeves of Peotone and Robyn Greenfield of Monee.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of January 13, 2014. Mr. Skill seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were seven (7) ayes and no nays.

**FINANCE REPORTS**

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

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

Mr. Bettenhausen requested an explanation of the Constellation Energy Billing. Mr. Stein stated that the billing is intermittent and this causes a double billing for the following month. Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve the General Fund Bills, February 2014 as presented by the administration. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mr. Uthe, Mr. Skill, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Moe and Mr. Baumgartner.

**ACADEMIC STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

President Robinson recognized the accomplishments of Zoe Soderstrom, February Board of Education Academic Student of the Month. Zoe is the daughter of Steve and Dee Soderstrom of Monee. Zoe is a junior at Peotone High School with a grade point average of 4.88 and ranks 8th in her class of 149

students. She is involved in Track and Field, International Culture Club, Journalism and is Stage Manager of plays and musicals. Outside of school, Zoe is a P.A.W.S. Volunteer, Journey Volunteer and babysitter. In her spare time, Zoe enjoys reading, taking photos, listening to music and making movies. Zoe is planning to attend college and eventually travel the world. Zoe was not able to attend and will be recognized at the March Regular Board of Education Meeting.

### **JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

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

**Mohamad Abdeh  
Student of the Month  
Sixth Grade**

**William Robinson  
Student of Month  
Seventh Grade**

**Caitlin Wilcox  
Student of the Month  
Eighth Grade**

Mrs. Deanna Oliver, Peotone High School Principal, introduced the Illinois State Scholars. These students will be recognized on May 14, 2014 during a State Scholar Breakfast for the scholar and their family and during the Senior Awards Night.

### **ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL**

Kellie Bowden  
Melissa Carter  
Jacquelyn Delorto  
Sarah Foote  
Rebecca Janes  
Lindsay Johnson

Elle Leclair  
Michaela Minock  
Josie Schaver  
Carla Schoenrock  
Kristen Schubbe  
Abigail Smaga  
Katherine Taylor

Laine Tongren  
Tyler Trzcinski  
Joshua Vincent  
Brandon Wenzel  
Dakota Youdris  
Trevor Zeibert

Melissa Carter, Joshua Vincent, Brandon Wenzel and Trevor Zeibert were not present.

### **OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

Mark Brumwell and Jeff Stofferahn of Hygieneering, Inc., presented to the Board information on the fuel oil leak clean up and repairs at Wilton Center Elementary. Hygieneering, Inc. will continue to conduct soil and vapor intrusion samples to make sure there is no further intrusion of fuel oil and vapor into the building area. Students will be housed at Green Garden Elementary during this testing.

John Fester, Scariano, Himes & Petrarca, presented information regarding their law firm to the Board and community. Scariano, Himes & Petrarca is a law firm that exclusively represents schools. It is comprised of 14 attorneys. Mr. Fester invited the Board to sign up on their website for two (2) complimentary seminars that will be presented on March 1, 2014.

Kirsten Steeves of Peotone requested that the Board consider the creation of a Cross Country Track Team for Peotone High School. The parent group presented a proposed budget for the Cross Country Team. The amount needed from the school budget would be approximately \$1,880.00. The Board and administration stated that they would present this proposal to the teachers' union.

Robyn Greenfield of Monee reported that the Blue Devil Ball will take place on March 29, 2014 at Manteno Golf Club from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The tickets are \$35.00 per person. Music will be provided by Misty Maves. The proceeds will support post prom activities. This gives the students a safe place to go after prom.

### **FOR ACTION**

#### **GRADUATION DATES**

Mr. Stein stated that the last day of school will likely be June 11, 2014 if the district does not need any further snow days. The graduation ceremony for Peotone Junior High School will be scheduled on Thursday, May 29, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Peotone High School graduation ceremony will be scheduled for Friday, May 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to approve Thursday, May 29, 2014 as the graduation date for Peotone Junior High School at 7:00 p.m. and Friday, May 30, 2014 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 one (1) nay. Motion carries with a majority vote of six (6) ayes and one (1) nay.

#### **POLICIES 7:185, 7:185-E, 6:60**

Mr. Stein stated that this is the second read for these policies that deal with Teen Dating Violence. Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to approve Policy 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited, Policy 7:185-E Exhibit – Memo to Parents/Guardians Regarding Teen Dating Violence and Policy 6:60 Curriculum Content as presented by the administration. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were seven (7) ayes and no nays.

#### **BOARD CALENDAR**

Mr. Stein requested that the board consider designating the media center or band room at Peotone High School as the official meeting place of the Board of Education. Mrs. Moe made a motion to designate Peotone High School as the official meeting place of the Board of Education. Mr. Baumgartner seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were seven (7) ayes and no nays.

### **LAW FIRM**

Mrs. Moe made a motion to table any motion on Report No. 60 Approval of Law Firm until after Executive Session. Mr. Baumgartner seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were seven (7) ayes and no nays.

### **RENAME GREEN GARDEN ELEMENTARY**

Mr. Stein requested that Green Garden Elementary be renamed Peotone Intermediate Center beginning with the 2014/2015 school year. Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to approve renaming Green Garden Elementary to Peotone Intermediate Center with the beginning of the 2014/2015 school year. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were seven (7) ayes and no nays.

### **PERSONNEL**

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

#### **CERTIFIED:**

##### **EMPLOYMENT:**

- Sherri Schubbe – District Media Services Director – Peotone High School
- Drew Tyler – Girls Track – Peotone High School
- Cory Dillard – Boys Track – Peotone High School
- Lynsee Foster – Assistant Track Coach – Peotone Junior High
- Jim Wedic – Boys Track Coach – Peotone Junior High

#### **RESIGNATION:**

- Jack Thomas – Principal – Connor Shaw Center
- **Cody Vogt – Agricultural Teacher – Peotone High School**

#### **NON-CERTIFIED:**

##### **EMPLOYMENT:**

- Larry Koster – Substitute Custodian – Peotone Elementary
- Megan Bradley-Klir – Special Education Assistant – Peotone Elementary
- Christopher Tidmore – Assistant Baseball Coach – Peotone High School
- Brian Cash – Maintenance Engineer – Peotone Junior High School
- John Redwitz – Bus Driver – Transportation
- Reassignment of Secretarial Position

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

## **FOR DISCUSSION**

### **FIRST POLICY READING – 8:30, 5:120-AP2, 8:25, 8:25-AP**

Steve Stein, Superintendent, reviewed the updated Policy 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property deals with the new “conceal & carry” law, Policy 5:120-AP2 Administrative Procedure – Employee Conduct Standards, Policy 8:25 Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools provided by Non-School Related Entities and Policy 8:25-AP Advertising and Distribution Materials in Schools provided by non-school Related Entities. The board will review these policies and approval will be scheduled for the March Board of Education meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Dr. Charles Vitton, Curriculum Director, reviewed his draft of a proposed Curriculum Review Process and seven (7) year Curriculum Cycle which is vital to ensuring that our students are provided with instructional practices and resources that are supported by current research. Dr. Vitton requested that the Board review the information that was included in their packet and approval will be scheduled for the March Board of Education meeting.

Steve Stein, Superintendent, reported that the State of the Village Address has been moved to March 11, 2014 in the auditorium at 6:00 p.m. due to inclement weather. Mr. Stein extended his gratitude to the maintenance staff, custodial staff and bus drivers for their help during the inclement weather. Mr. Stein extended his gratitude to Chief Mort and his staff for their help during our lock down drills.

Mr. Thomas Skill applauded Mrs. Deanna Oliver, Principal of Peotone High School, for her informative curriculum packet.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:26 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. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were seven (7) ayes and no nays.

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

At 10:33 p.m. Mrs. Moe made a motion that the Board Return to Open Session. Mr. Bettenhausen seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were seven (7) ayes and no nays. Mrs. Moe left the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

### **LAW FIRM**

Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to approve the law firm, Scariano, Himes & Petrarca. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Skill, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Baumgartner and Mrs. Thatcher.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:39 p.m. Mr. Baumgartner moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Bettenhausen seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were six (6) ayes and no nays.

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Tara Robinson, President

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Cynthia Zeilstra, Reporter