



**BOARD OF EDUCATION-REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021
AT PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL - MEDIA CENTER**

The Regular Board Meeting of March 15th was an open meeting with a maximum of fifty people. Present in the Media Center at Peotone High School were Vice President Rick Uthe Trustee Roger Bettenhausen, Trustee Jodi Becker and Trustee Paul Douglas. Also present: Mr. Steve Stein, Dr. Charles Vitton, Mrs. Cathy Cuculich and Administrators and the Public. President Tara Robinson, Secretary, Jennifer Moe and Trustee Jody Thatcher were absent for tonight's regular board meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

At 6:00 p.m., Vice President Rick Uthe called the regular board meeting to order and requested all who are present to please stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was taken and the following members answered aye (4): Mr. Roger Bettenhausen, Mr. Paul Douglas, Mrs. Jodi Becker and Mr. Richard Uthe. Mrs. Tara Robinson, Mrs. Jennifer Moe and Mrs. Jody Thatcher were absent for the regular board meeting of March 15, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Vice President Uthe asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for the March 15, 2021 regular board meeting. Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Mrs. Becker seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the follow members answered aye (4): Mr. Douglas Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe and no nays. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the regular board meeting of March 15, 2021.

OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK:

Mr. John Maxedon, of Peotone, Illinois, asked a question about the Debt Reduction Plan.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF NICHOLE SCHULTZ:

Mr. Jason Spang, Principal of Peotone High School, reported to the Board that it is an honor and privilege to introduce a few special visitors that are present tonight to join us for our tribute in memory of Nichole Schultz. Joining us tonight are Nichole's mother, Andrea Schultz, sister, Carrie Caschetta, and dear friend and former colleague, Amanda Skierkiewicz, and Amanda's mom. Nichole Schultz selflessly committed her personal career to the Peotone CUSD 207U family for the last ten years as a guidance counselor at the high school. Nichole was so dedicated to each one of her students and their education.

Mrs. Marlene Murray, high school registrar, spoke fondly of her memories working with Nichole, we shared laughs, tears, and sometimes we agreed and sometimes we disagreed, but in the end we always came to an agreement. Marlene also said I just want to express how grateful I am for my time with Nichole. Mr. Mike Heywood, Social Studies teacher at the high school, read a beautiful letter to Nichole from all of her high school family. Mr. Heywood ended the letter with, "we will miss you Nichole, God bless." Nichole's dear friend and former co-worker, Amanda Skierkiewicz, also spoke about working together at the high school, their friendship and how much she will miss Nichole.

Mr. Jason Spang, reported that there are two scholarships set up in memory of Nichole. One is from Mrs. Susan Bartels of Joliet Junior College stated "that as a Peotone Recruiter and friend of Nichole, I am starting the JJC "Nichole Schultz Memorial Scholarship" to honor her memory." "Nichole loved her students, was an incredible advocate of JJC and truly cherished education." If you would like to consider giving, then please visit: www.jjc.edu/givetojjc, and simply choose "other" under Designation and type in **Nichole Schultz Memorial Scholarship**. Also, in memory of Nichole's passion and commitment to the students of Peotone High School and to the entire Peotone School District family, a scholarship is also being established in her honor through the Peotone Community Scholarship Association. If any individual, club, sports team or organization would like to donate to her scholarship, donations are being taken at Peotone Community Bank. Please specify the donation is to be Nichole Schultz Memorial Scholarship. If you have any questions please contact Marlene Murray, Registrar, at PHS.



Nichole Rose Schultz
October 15, 1982 - September 30, 2020

"When through one woman a little more love and goodness, a little more light and truth come into the world-then that woman's life has had meaning."

GOOD NEWS:

PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL

RECOGNITION OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE FEBRUARY 2021 PEOTONE BOWLING CENTER EXCELLENCE AWARD

It is an honor to recognize the February recipients of the PBC Excellence Award, the district secretaries - ***Sue Bartels, Kathy Derkacy, Marlene Murray, Beth Jones, Shelby McConkey, Andrea Hasse, Mandi Fier, Trish Brott, Melinda White, Shawn Picker and Cathy Cuculich***. The secretaries were nominated by the nursing staff of the District and wrote:

We would like to nominate the Peotone School District secretaries for the PBC award. Sue Bartels, Kathleen Derkacy, Marlene Murray, Beth Jones, Shelby McConkey, Trish Brott, Andrea Hasse, Mandi Fier, Melinda White, Cathy Cuculich and Shawn Picker who go above and beyond to help us and the rest of school staff every day. These ladies are always willing to go the extra mile to help us when we have multiple things going on. They are the eyes and ears of the school and our go-to for questions about students. They lend a helpful hand when we are not in the building and keep us up to date. Their dedication to the staff and students shine through every day and we appreciate all that they do! Congratulations District Secretaries!



(Present at the March Board meeting were Sue Bartels, Kathy Derkacy, Marlene Murray & Cathy Cuculich)

PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL

MARCH 2021 ACADEMIC STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Superintendent Stein presented a certificate to ***Brooklynn Cavitt***, as the March 2021 Board of Education Academic Student of Peotone High School. Brooklynn is a junior at Peotone High School with a grade point average of 4.2 on a 4.0 grading scale.



Congratulations Brooklynn!

PEOTONE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2021 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Superintendent Stein presented certificates to **6th Grade student** of the month, **Taylor Zdzinicki**, and **8th Grade student** of the month, **Heath Devore**. **7th Grade student** of the month, **Meghan O'Connor** was not present at the board meeting to receive her certificate. These students have demonstrated outstanding behavior, good work ethic, and have "gone above and beyond the call of duty" at Peotone Junior High School.



Congratulations Taylor, Meghan (not present) and Heath!

FY21 AMENDED BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. Trevor Moore, Business Manager, CSBO addressed the Board with his presentation of the FY21 Amended Budget. Mr. Moore stated that the presentation is posted online on the District's website for review.

FOR ACTION:

REPORT NO. 53:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF THE
27 ACRES FARM LEASE.**

Vice President Uthe asked for a motion to approve the **Renewal of the 27 Acres Farm Lease**. Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve and Mrs. Becker seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (4): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas and no nays. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the March 15, 2021 regular board meeting.

REPORT NO. 54:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL FOR AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND
THE FY21 BUDGET AND TO BE PUT ON DISPLAY**

Vice President Uthe asked for a motion to approve the **Authorization to Amend the FY21 Budget and to be put on Display**. Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve and Mrs. Becker seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (4): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas and no nays. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the March 15, 2021 regular board meeting.

REPORT NO. 55:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE 2021-2022 STUDENT
HANDBOOKS FOR PES, PIC, PJHS AND PHS.**

Vice President Uthe asked for a motion to approve the **2021-2022 Student Handbooks for PES, PIC, PJHS and PHS**. Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve and Mrs. Becker seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (4): Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the March 15, 2021 regular board meeting.

REPORT NO. 56:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION
FOR DISMISSAL OF PROBATIONARY TEACHERS.**

Vice President Uthe asked for a motion to approve the **Adoption of the Resolution for Dismissal of Probationary Teachers (not final year)**. The following teachers, Joselyn Daher and Keith Cucio are hereby dismissed effective as of the end of the 2020-2021 school term and will not be re-employed as teachers in this School District for the 2021-2022 school term. Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (4): Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the March 15, 2021 regular board meeting.

REPORT NO. 57:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE DESTRUCTION OF CLOSED
EXECUTIVE TAPES FROM
AUGUST 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 2015.**

Vice President Uthe asked for a motion to approve the **Destruction of Closed Executive Tapes from August 2015 through December 2015**. Mrs. Becker made a motion to approve and Mr. Bettenhausen seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (4): Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the March 15, 2021 regular board meeting.

REPORT NO. 58:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION
APPROVING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT FOR THE SOUTHERN
WILL COUNTY COOPERATIVE
FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION (SOWIC).**

Vice President Uthe asked for a motion to approve the **Adoption of the Resolution Approving and Ratifying an Amendment to the Articles of Agreement for the Southern Will County Cooperative for Special Education (SOWIC)**. Mrs. Becker made a motion to approve and Mr. Bettenhausen seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (4): Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the March 15, 2021 regular board meeting.

REPORT NO. 59:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF 2021 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY)
AND SUMMER SCHOOL RATES OF PAY.**

Vice President Uthe asked for a motion to approve the **2021 Extended School Year (ESY) and Summer School Rates of Pay**. Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (4): Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the March 15, 2021 regular board meeting. The 2021 ESY rates of pay are as follows:

ESY /Summer School Paraprofessional: \$15.75 per hour, or \$1 more than regular paraprofessional rate of pay (higher wage prevails)
ESY /Summer School Teacher: \$29.75 per hour
ESY SLP: \$51.75 per hour
ESY Social Worker/Counselor: \$36.75
ESY OT /COTA: contractual hourly rate
School Nurse: contractual hourly rate
ESY /Summer School Administrator (2 positions)
One position: \$2500 stipend for K-5 program and ESY Program
One position: \$2500 stipend for 6-12 program

REPORT NO. 60:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF 2021 SUMMER SCHOOL (K-8)
AND CREDIT RECOVERY (9-12).**

Vice President Uthe asked for a motion to approve the **2021 Summer School (K-8) and Credit Recovery (9-12)**. Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve and Mrs. Becker seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (4): Mr. Bettenhausen Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas, and no nays. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the March 15, 2021 regular board meeting.

REPORT NO. 61:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S PRICE INCREASE
OF THE LUNCH MILK FEE FOR THE
2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.**

Vice President Uthe asked for a motion to approve the **District's Price Increase of a Carton of Milk from \$0.35 to \$ 0.40 for the 2021-2022 school year.** Mrs. Becker made a motion to approve and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (3): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, and (1) nay Mr. Douglas. Student lunches (K-12 grades) \$3.00 per lunch and adult lunches \$3.50 per lunch will stay the same for the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the March 15, 2021 regular board meeting.

REPORT NO. 62:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL
(*Contingent upon receipt and evaluation and
employment documentation required by the District
and the Illinois State Board of Education*)**

CERTIFIED STAFF**EMPLOYMENT:**

- Nathan Matthies - PJHS - 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach- splitting coaching stipend with Tyler Bolin (effective date of 02/08/2021)
- Gabrielle Robinson - PJHS - Long Term Substitute - 7th Grade Math Teacher Maternity Leave for Mallory Martin (effective date of 02/22/2021).
- Keith Cuccio - PHS - Assistant Track Coach (effective date of 04/05/2021).
- Zuleyma Gonzalez - PHS - EL Interventionist for the 2021-2022 school year (effective date of 08/09/2021).
- Sandra Voss - Grades 4th - 8th - EL Interventionist for the 2021-2022 school year (effective date of 08/09/2021).

DISMISSAL:

- Joselyn Daher - PHS - Special Education Teacher (effective date of 06/30/2021).
- Keith Cuccio - PHS - Special Education Teacher (effective date of 06/30/2021).

RESIGNATION:

- Kimberly Onsen - CSC - Preschool Teacher (effective date of 06/30/2021).

RETIREMENT:

- Charles J. Vitton, Assistant Superintendent - (retirement date extended to 07/30/2021).

SECOND YEAR:

Joshua Hoskins - Special Education Teacher - PJHS
Kerry O'Connell - Physical Education Teacher - PHS
Todd Zasadil - Health Education Teacher - PJHS
Andrew Butz - Social Studies Teacher - PHS
Lisa Schwartz - Special Education Teacher - PES
Colleen McIntyre - Social Worker - CSC/PIC
Stephanie Wilda- 5th Grade Teacher - PIC
Catherine Jasionowski - Math Teacher - PHS
Nicole Huizenga - Social Worker - CSC/PES
Emma Ahrens - Permanent Substitute Teacher - PES
Erin Blievernicht - Math Teacher - PHS
Sarah Zarnowski - Science Teacher - PHS
Caley Michalak - Guidance Counselor - PHS
Mikinsey Prium - Special Education Teacher - PHS
Ariana Meewes - English Teacher - PHS

THIRD YEAR:

Shannon Anselmo - School Psychologist - CSC/PES/PIC
Sarah Acevedo - SI Special Education Teacher - PES
Carly Bittner - Math Teacher- PJHS
Moirra Burke - Special Education Dept. Lead Teacher - PHS
Kelly Chenoweth - Speech and Language Pathologist - PES
Krysta Harmon - Music/Art Teacher - PIC
Katherine Herder - Band Teacher - PJHS/PHS
Terri Jean Kauchak - Special Education Teacher - PIC
Gregg Schreiber - Physical Education Teacher - PES
Samantha Sexton - 1st Grade Teacher - PES
Ashley Siemion - School Counselor - PHS
Travis Smith - Art Teacher - PJHS
Deanna Staley - Science Teacher - PJHS
Amber Tiggelaar - Special Education Teacher - PJHS
Katrina Yager - 4th Grade Teacher - PIC

FOURTH YEAR:

Michelle Bozarth- 6th Grade Special Education Teacher - PJHS
Nicole Kreml - 5th Grade Teacher - PIC
Tara Popovich - Permanent Substitute Teacher - PES

TENURE:

Amy Cameron- Special Education Teacher - PES
Alexandra Martin - Special Education Teacher - PES
Steven Malm - School Psychologist - PHS
Jill Scheffers - Kindergarten Teacher - PES
David Church - Guidance Counselor - PHS
Abby Jacobs - Ag Teacher - PHS
Emily Johnson - Science Teacher - PHS

CLASSIFIED STAFF

EMPLOYMENT:

- Tyler Bolin - PJHS - 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach- splitting coaching stipend with Nathan Matthies (effective date of 02/08/2021).
- Sarah Macari - CSC - Preschool Paraprofessional for 2021-2022 school year (effective date of 08/17/2021).

CHANGE IN STATUS:

- Rebecca Michel - Transportation - Bus Aide to on-call Bus Aide (effective date of 03/03/2021).
- Don Swanson - Technical Support Specialist to Senior Technical Support Specialist (effective date of 03/16/2021).

RESIGNATION:

- Wade Headrick - District - Maintenance - (effective date of 05/30/2021).

Vice President Uthe asked for a motion to approve the **Certified and Classified Staff Personnel** of the District. Mrs. Becker made a motion to approve and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (4): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas, and no nays. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the March 15, 2021 regular board meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent, reported to the Board that I have received several FOIA requests this month. One was from Smart Procure - regarding purchases; City-Wide Building Maintenance - regarding custodial, Mr. John Maxedon - logo usage; Mr. Tim Stoub - fuel usage; and two FOIAs from Mr. James Bowden - regarding enrollment and COVID 19 relief.

I would also like to report that we have had fifty percent participation of staff receiving the COVID 19 vaccine through Silver Cross Hospital. Only a few of our staff experienced some minor side effects from the vaccine.

Also, I have been discussing with the Board and the Administration graduation dates for our seniors of Peotone High School and our 8th graders of Peotone Junior High School. Right now the dates that we have set for graduation is June 5th for the high school and June 6th for the junior high school. We are still discussing - whether or not it will be an indoor or outdoor ceremony for the graduates.

Mrs. Carole Zurales, Principal of Peotone Elementary, reported to the Board that March Family Dental came and did Dental Talks for all grade levels on February 22.

- Our Yearbook and Bell Choir have started up again this past month back in person!
- We have Reading Club going on in the afternoon for about 40 first through third graders from 1:30 - 2:30 every Tuesday through Thursday. During our Student Support Team meeting, the data showed that students attending Reading Club are making great gains and growth on their progress monitoring.
- Our March monthly focus is "Learning Leprechauns" where we have been focusing on our afternoon remote learning and practicing listening skills and following directions. They are earning gold coins on their classroom door and a remote version for these different focus areas and the classroom in each grade level that earns the most coins will reward next week.
- We are going to have the PHS Football Players come over on Wednesday for Homecoming week to lead out movement breaks with some special St. Patrick's Day activities.
- We have our third quarter Pop Star Reward next Friday 3/26 for our in person and remote learners. It will be a Karate Dance Party and Songwriting Spectacular with Camp Organization that did our last Popstar event that the students loved!

Mrs. Joanne Obszanski, Principal of Peotone Intermediate Center, reported to the Board that:

Perseverance is PIC's March Character Trait!

What is perseverance and why should students want it? Students might be surprised to hear that perseverance (also called **grit**) is important and something they can be proud of. Why? Because life is full of challenges and struggles. Perseverance is the drive that helps students get past the hard stuff to get to what they want.

CONGRATULATIONS to our PIC students for demonstrating behavior aligned to **DEPENDABILITY!**

4th grade students Jason Benton and Olivia Grzeskowiak & Mary Klawitter
5th grade students Jackson Tierney and Sydney Borgman & Jace Sharp.

Full-Time Remote Learning Highlights from the 2020-2021 School Year thus far: Because our full-time remote teachers, Ms. Clayton & Mr. Peppmuller as well as our remote students are able to share so much of their families, their pets, their homes, and various other personal things through their Google Meetings, they have developed a unique bond this year that will definitely leave a great impression on both teachers and students. Mr. Peppmuller takes our remote students for tours and visits of our school and to other in-person classrooms to see friends and teachers via Google Meetings. Mr. Peppmuller & Mrs. Harmon collaborate to join in-person music class with remote music classes to participate in activities together. Students' technology vocabulary and skills such as download, upload, attaching documents, presentations via Google Meets, virtual conferencing, office hours, jam boards, breakout rooms, class polls, kahoot, creating Google Forms, virtual assessments, platform surveys are skills that will undoubtedly take them beyond our expectations. Ms. Clayton & Mr. Peppmuller hosted virtual events that include a Halloween party, Thanksgiving celebrations, a virtual Christmas Brunch w/an ugly sweater contest while making snowflakes and telling jokes. Interesting lessons that include a mock court trial in Social Studies, as well as Science projects. Mr. Wedic & Mrs. Harmon have provided activities in Art, Music & PE that are creative, interactive and fun. Mrs. Harmon continues to provide virtual support to her Band Students. PIC Remote & In-person teachers, remote students and their families have much to be proud of for the accomplishments made without a Remote Playbook during the 2020-2021 school year. PIC is enjoying Spirit Week this week: Monday - 3/15/21 - emphasis on the color purple for Women's History Month Tuesday - Pajama Day Wednesday - Shamrocks & Green for St. Patrick's Day Thursday - Backwards Day Last day of Learning Lab prior to Spring Break is 3/25/21 and we resume on 4/13/21 Quarter 3 Ends on 3/26/21 Quarter 4 begins on 4/6/21. Report Cards go home on 4/9/21.

Mr. Scott Wenzel, Principal of Peotone Junior High School, reported to the Board that **Numbers** - As of this date, PJHS currently has 44 students choosing the remote option. Breaking that down, we have seven 6th graders, twenty 7th graders, and seventeen 8th graders. This is approximately 14% of the student body who chose remote.

- **Positive Cases and Quarantines** - At this time, PJHS has four positive cases of COVID. We currently have 61 students who are in quarantine from the four cases.
- **Yearbook** - Image Group Photography came to PJHS today to take pictures of all of our clubs, as well as, Band and Choir.
- **Choose to Include/Respect Week** - As part of belonging to Unified Champion Schools, the PJHS Choose to Include group is hosting a Respect Week to raise awareness for the PJHS Community. This is occurring this week March 15-19. Tuesday, March 16 is **Take the Pledge**. Students may choose to sign their name to a pledge card if they wish to pledge to be respectful and inclusive of all students. Wednesday, March

17 is **Hats Off to Respect**. Students may make a small donation to Choose to Include and they will be allowed to wear a hat for the day. Thursday, March 18 is **Community Awareness Day**. Stop by and share an activity that has been done to raise awareness about inclusion in the community. Thanks to Tony's Pizza. Friday, March 19 is **Wacky Sock Day**. Students will celebrate World Down syndrome Day (March 21) by wearing wacky or mismatched socks.

Mrs. Wendy Bean, Assistant Principal of Peotone Junior High School, reported to the Board that:

Sports Update:

Our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys' basketball teams wrapped up their seasons last week.

Our 6th and 8th grade girls' volleyball teams also wrapped up their seasons last week. Our 7th grade team won their regional and will play in the sectional game this Wednesday at 4:30pm. This game will be live streamed on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/PJHSEvents

Girls' basketball for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will begin next week and Track practice will also start next week.

After spring break, wrestling will begin on Tuesday, April 6th.

Spring Play:

Under the direction of Ms. Heron, PJHS will present Alice in Wonderland this coming weekend - Saturday, March 20th starting at 5:00 pm and Sunday, March 21st starting at 2:00 p.m. This will be done in a modified format with small groups of audience members moving through scenes in order to maintain social distancing. Tickets are available at <https://pihsalice.brownpapertickets.com/>.

Mr. Brandon Owens, Athletic Director/Assistant Principal at Peotone High School, reported to the Board that:

Winter Sports:

Our Winter Sports teams (Girls' Bowling and Boys'/Girls' Basketball) completed their seasons last week. The Girls' Bowling team were able to finish their season with multiple victories. They completed their season on March 3rd but will be holding their Bowling Extravaganza on Thursday, March 18th. The boys' basketball teams finished up their seasons last Tuesday, March 9th. The freshmen team finished with a record of 0-5. Although they were unable to secure a victory in their short season, the boys continued to hustle and show improvement over the season. The JV team finished their season with a record of 7-2. After beginning their season with a loss, the team were able to win seven of their last eight games. The Varsity Boys' continued to fight throughout the season finishing with a record of 1-9. The Varsity team's big win of the season came as they defeated Streator, the top ranked team in the IC8 Conference this year. The girls' basketball teams completed their seasons one day later on

Wednesday, March 10th. Both teams picked up plenty of victories this year. The Girls' Varsity basketball team finished their season with a 10-2 record overall and 8-1 in the IC8 Conference. Their only losses of the season came at the hands of BBCHS and close loss to Lisle. There were no Regionals or Sectionals designated for Winter Sports during these shortened seasons.

Speech Team:

On Saturday, February 6th, the PHS Speech & Drama Team participated in the live virtual Regionals hosted by Morris High School. Kathryn Miller and Molly Peters placed 3rd for HDA Humorous Duet Acting. By placing third, they qualified to compete at Sectionals on February 13th.

Spring Sports:

After the last few weeks of practices, spring sports (volleyball, boys' soccer, and football) will begin this week. Volleyball is set to hold their first game tonight (Monday, March 15) as they host Bishop McNamara. The games are as follows for this season: Freshman - 5:00 p.m. / JV - 6:00 p.m. / Varsity - 7:00 p.m. Boys' soccer games begin tomorrow (Tuesday, March 16) as they head to Coal City at 4:30 p.m. Varsity Football will get started with their first home game of the season on Friday as they host Herscher. This year, we will only be playing one Varsity game on Friday nights that will start at 6:00 p.m. JV games will be held at 5:30 p.m. the following week.

Spectators:

With the start of the Spring Seasons, we are adopting slight changes to the expectations of our spectators. Seniors will have the opportunity to invite four (4) spectators to each of their home games. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be allotted three (3) spectators. This will take place for all spring sports, including boys' soccer, football, and volleyball. For the majority of our conference schools, up to two (2) away fans will be allowed to attend outdoor activities; however, indoor activities remain at fifty (50) spectators, and no away fans will be allowed to any volleyball games.

Mr. Jason Spang, Principal of Peotone High School, reported to the Board that:

- **SAT/PSAT Update:**
 - PHS will host the SAT School Day for juniors on April 13. Students in grades 9, 10, and 12 will be asynchronous and not in attendance this day.
 - PHS will host the PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 on April 20. Students in grades 11 and 12 will be asynchronous and not in attendance this day.
- **Illinois State Scholars Update:**
 - COVID-19 IMPACT ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2021-22 STATE SCHOLARS:
- The postponement or cancellation of spring 2020 college entrance exams (i.e., SAT and ACT) due to the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in

moving State Scholar announcements to later in the academic year than they would normally occur. If not already completed, high school counselors are encouraged to submit sixth semester data for use in determining 2021-22 State Scholars as soon as possible. Follow the instructions for submitting and validating data through the SSP area of the GAP Access portal. Once the data is uploaded and validated, and any errors are corrected, the file will be held until the processing cycle begins. An announcement will be made when that date has been when that date has been determined. This page will continue to be updated with new information as it becomes available.

▪ **Nichole Schultz Tribute:**

- It is an honor and privilege to introduce a few special visitors this evening as we honor and pay tribute to the late Ms. Nichole Schultz who selflessly committed her personal career to the Peotone 207-U family for 10 years.
 - Mother - Andrea Schultz
 - Sister - Carrie Caschetta
 - PHS Registrar - Marlene Murray
 - PHS Social Studies Teacher - Mike Heywood
 - Dear friend and PHS Former School Psychologist - Amanda Skierkiewicz.

• **Regional Scholarship in memory of Nichole Schultz:**

• **Nichole Schultz Memorial Scholarship**

- Susan Bartels of Joliet Junior College announced on October 20, 2020 that JJC has created a scholarship in the name of our late Peotone High School Guidance Counselor Ms. Nichole Schultz. The name of the scholarship will be the Nichole Schultz Memorial Scholarship. Hello, one of our outstanding high school counselors, Nichole Schultz from Peotone High School, passed away on September 30th at the young age of 37. As the Peotone Recruiter and friend of Nichole, I am starting the JJC "Nichole Schultz Memorial Scholarship" to honor her memory. Nichole loved her students, was an incredible advocate of JJC and truly cherished education. If you would like to consider giving, then please visit: www.jjc.edu/givetojjc. and simply choose "Other" under Designation and type in **Nichole Schultz Memorial Scholarship**. Whether you knew Nichole or not, every contribution is welcomed and appreciated. Please pass along to others who may like to give towards this scholarship. JJC will also be reaching out to our local high school counselors who all knew and loved Nichole. Thank you for your time and consideration, Sue

Bartels Recruitment Specialist /Admissions/Joliet Junior College.

- This started on October 20th , the day after our last BOE meeting so we wanted to share today as this was our first opportunity at an open meeting to announce this in front of Nichole's family who is present this evening.
- **Local Scholarship in memory of Nichole Schultz:**
 - In memory of Nichole's passion and commitment to the students of Peotone High School and to the entire Peotone School District family, a scholarship is being established in her honor through the Peotone Community Scholarship Association. If any individual, club, sports team or organization would like to donate to her scholarship, donations are being taken at Peotone Community Bank. Please specify the donation is to the Nichole Schultz Memorial Scholarship. If you have any questions please contact Marlene Murray at PHS.
- **Student Council:**

Hosted a spirit week to honor Ms. Schultz at the beginning of February. They also conducted a Nothing Bundt Cakes fundraiser in order to raise money for the scholarship in Ms. Schultz' honor. The students were able to donate a total of \$1000. Thank you to all those who helped in showing our admiration for such an amazing, impactful woman in the Peotone schools.
- **Congratulations Rebecca Reidy!**
 - On Thursday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m., Rebecca was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society via a Virtual Ceremony. As a member of the National Technical Honor Society, Rebecca pledged to maintain the highest standard of personal conduct. She pledged to apply herself to continue a record of scholastic achievement, and she will strive for excellence in all aspects of her education. She will invest her talents, her skills, and her knowledge in a career of her own choosing, and shall always endeavor to uphold her obligations as a citizen of her community and her country.

Mr. Trevor Moore, Business Manager, CSBO, reported to the Board with an update on proceeds the District received from an estate. These proceeds were willed to the District for a PHS film library. Since the will had not been updated since the 1970's, Mr. Moore worked with the PHS principals and science department staff to explore options that were in the spirit of the will's instructions. The District has purchased 10 laptops that offer a virtual reality experience and software geared towards advanced science lessons. Once

these are received and the staff have received their training, they will demonstrate the equipment to the Board at a meeting.

As mentioned previously in the meeting, Mr. Moore and Dr. Vitton have begun planning the grant application for ESSER II. The District was allocated \$464,000. This must be used to address learning loss and prepare the schools for changes related to COVID-19. This should cover the cost for regular education summer school and two years of an interventionist at PES to help kindergarten through 3rd grade students who are struggling from not being in school as much as normal. The remainder will likely be used for facility improvements in the HVAC area, although more programs to address learning loss might be added. This learning loss will be the first priority.

Mr. Moore provided the Board with an update on selling the mobile classroom that is located at PJHS. The Buildings and Grounds Committee asked the administration team to look into these options since there are annual maintenance and inspection costs associated with keeping it. It would actually cost the District a considerable sum to have it removed and demolished. Mr. Moore has been in contact with one school district who might be interested in purchasing it. Because of the high cost to move it, the sale would likely only be viable if the sale price was very low. This sale would result in the District avoiding the cost to demolish it. The final option under consideration is to keep it and continue to pay to maintain it. No decisions have been made and Mr. Moore will keep the Board updated on any developments.

Finally, Mr. Moore let the Board know that he attended a virtual hearing on a proposed mobile home development near the north boundary of Peotone CUSD 207U's attendance area. This land is near Steger Road and Rt. 45, just to the south of another mobile home development that isn't within the District. It is being proposed as an age targeted 55+ community. The developer does not think any students will be added to the District's enrollment. With the development just being targeted to older renters, it isn't clear if no new students can be assured. Mr. Moore will continue to watch the progress of this proposal and make sure the District's best interests are being considered.

Mr. Dave Osborne, Director of Buildings and Grounds, reported to the Board that the first home football game is this Friday and soccer is next Tuesday. We have been getting the fields ready for those games. And we are also looking forward to shutting the boilers down.

Mrs. Jennifer Haag, Director of Transportation, reported to the Board that the Secretary of State was at our facility March 8th, 9th and 10th of last week. They came out to inspect our bus fleet. Since we have a newer fleet we usually do very well on these inspections. We had a few minor things such as a lights out on some buses. One bus was issued a violation for an incorrect safety sticker but that is taken care of. We have 30 days to do the repairs and send the paperwork back letting them know it's taken care of on our end. They come out every two years.

Mrs. Terry Wuske, Director of Food Services, reported to the Board that I have been busy finalizing my commodity purchases for the next school year. While doing that, I was able to secure an extra \$5,000 in purchase credit for fresh produce from the Department of Defense program for this school year.

I have also been working with ISBE and have received extra commodity dollars for Wild Mike's Pizza, Schwan's, and Conagra for this year. Due to the special circumstances this year we have been able to trade for things we need. Our remote and daily **Grab N Go Lunches** continues to move smoothly.

Mr. Dan Stankus, School Resource Officer, reported to the Board that we conducted a successful **A.L.I.C.E.** Barricading drill at PES on March 9th and will be conducting an **A.L.I.C.E.** Barricading drill at PHS on March 17th. I am continuing work on student reunification protocols with Mr. Wenzel, and will also be consulting with the Will County Active Threat Command and Control for future trainings on this topic. Happy to be back and visiting classrooms and walking the hallways.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

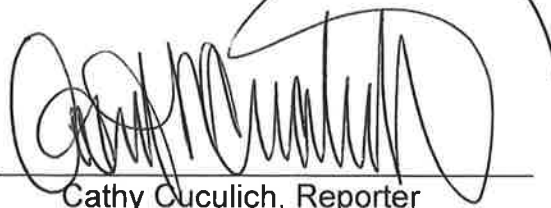
For the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel; collective negotiating matters; student disciplinary cases and other matters relating to individual students; pending, probable, or imminent litigation; security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonable potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public or public property.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:54 p.m. Vice President Uthe asked if anyone had anything for executive session tonight and the board responded no. Vice President Uthe asked for a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting. Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Becker seconded the motion and on a voice call vote, the following members answered aye (4), Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe and no nays. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the regular board meeting of March 15, 2021.



Rick Uthe, Vice President



Cathy Cuculich, Reporter