



**BOARD OF EDUCATION-REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021
AT PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL - MEDIA CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER:

At 6:00 p.m., President Tara Robinson 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 board members answered aye (7): Mrs. Tara Robinson, Mr. Roger Bettenhausen, Mrs. Jodi Becker, Mr. Richard Uthe, Mrs. Jennifer Moe, Mrs. Dawn Love and Mr. Tim Stoub.

CONSENT AGENDA:

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda of the May 17, 2021 regular board meeting. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion to approve, and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Tim Stoub, Mrs. Dawn Love and no nays.

OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK:

Mr. Brandon Owens introduced **Ms. Delaney Balmer**, who is a junior at Peotone High School and is a member of the student advisory board of IHSA. Mr. Owens reported to the Board that student-athletes can be nominated to be members of the Student Advisory Committee by meeting the following criteria:

- The nominee must have a cumulative grade point average comparable to 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- The individual must have participated in at least two IHSA sports or activities.
- The student can never be ejected from a high school contest for unsportsmanlike conduct.

And Delaney has meet all of these requirements and we are very proud of her. I will now let Delaney share with the Board her experiences as a member of the student advisory committee.

Ms. Delaney Balmer, addressed the Board and reported that she is currently a member of the IHSA's student advisory committee. Being a member of the SAC, we are focused on providing leadership and communication between participants, administrators, and fans of IHSA activities. As a member of the SAC, I meet with other students from across the state that represent their districts, to discuss ways to inform our peers about valuable skills such as leadership, as well as how to promote extracurricular activities and make those sports more enjoyable. Due to the Pandemic, the student advisory committee was never able to meet in person, but we were so successful in achieving all of our goals that we set for ourselves. Some of these goals were creating a virtual leadership program called the youth leadership certificate, which over a 1000 students across the state participated. Also we hosted the student spirit showdown, which asks schools across the state to send us videos displaying ways they show their schools spirit. We also as a committee sent out short informational videos on masks, health and public safety. Delaney is first student of Peotone High School's to be a representative of the IHSA student advisory committee. Thank you Delaney for your presentation!



Z SPACE PRESENTATION:

Mr. Jason Spang, Principal of Peotone High School, stated that before I start I would like Trevor Moore to speak on the financials of this project - and if you never experienced augmented and virtual reality, get ready!

Mr. Trevor Moore reported to the Board that Peotone High School was named in a will, well over a year by now and we received a quarter of the estate that they left for Peotone High School. The will had not been updated for quite a number of years and it was earmarked for a science film library at the high school. We decided that a science film library was not the best use of funds at this point, but wanted to honor the spirit of that and look for something science related and was also something audio visual. Jason had experienced Z Space at a previous district. He suggested it and we had many discussions and decided we would purchase ten Z Space laptops and purchase four years of the software. Mr. Spang, reported to the Board, if you never experienced augmented and virtual reality, get ready!

The science teachers of Peotone High School, Emily Johnson, Nicole Phelps, Sarah Zarnowski and Amanda Whiteside each visited board members at their tables to demonstrate how the Z Space works with the content that they teach at the high school.

Mrs. Christine Miller, of Peotone, IL, addressed the Board regarding having an option of remote learning for students for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mr. John Maxedon, of Peotone, IL, addressed the Board with his concerns about continued overspending of the Board, discussion items of the special board meeting, the hiring of counselors instead of teachers, and the lost months of student learning during the Pandemic.

Mrs. Anne Rosenberg, of Peotone, IL, addressed the Board with a statement about the reporting of the actual months of learning loss during the Pandemic, the district's budget, additional staffing, the purchasing of a new scoreboard and the two maintenance trucks. President Robinson instructed Mrs. Rosenberg to please email your questions to Mr. Stein.

Mr. George Macias, of Monee, IL addressed the Board about his termination as the Junior varsity boys' basketball coach at Peotone High School.

PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL

RECOGNITION OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE

APRIL 2021 PEOTONE BOWLING CENTER EXCELLENCE AWARD

Mr. Jason Spang, Principal at Peotone High School, reported that it is my honor to recognize **Ms. Kathy Barger**, recipient of the April 2021 PBC Excellence in Teaching Award. Kathy Barger is a math teacher at Peotone High School. Ms. Emily Johnson, science teacher at Peotone High School nominated Kathy Barger for this award and wrote:

This educator has shown great dedication to teaching and to helping her students be successful. She not only shows her dedication in the classroom, but outside of it as well as the coach of the Peotone volleyball team. She also greatly helped me as my advisor during my first couple of years here at Peotone High School. She made me feel welcome and she was always available when I needed help. She is hardworking, dependable, helpful, and an exceptional teacher. It is my absolute pleasure to present the PBC Excellence in Teaching Award to Kathy Barger.



Congratulations Kathy!

PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL

MAY 2021 ACADEMIC STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Superintendent Stein presented a certificate to **Avery Postma** as May Board of Education Academic Student of the Month for Peotone High School. **Avery** is the daughter of Jason and Christie Postma of Peotone. Avery is a freshman at Peotone High School with a grade point average of 4.0 on a 4.0 grading scale.



Congratulations Avery!

PEOTONE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

APRIL 2021 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Superintendent Stein presented certificates to the April students of the month, **7th Grade student, Landon Scroggins** and **8th Grade student, Hanna Clousing**. **6th Grade student, Levi Ipema** was not present at the board meeting to receive his 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 Hanna, Landon and Levi!

FOR ACTION:

REPORT NO. 72

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ATTORNEYS.**

President Robinson entertained a motion to approve **Appointment of the Law Offices of Himes, Petrarca & Fester, Attorneys at Law, as the School District's Attorneys.** Mrs. Moe made a motion and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken, and the following board members answered aye, (6), Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Bettenhausen, and (1) abstain vote, Mr. Stoub abstain from voting on Report Action No. 72.

REPORT NO. 73:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT'S TREASURER.**

President Robinson entertained a motion to approve **Appointment of Mr. Scot A. Carder, as the School District's Treasurer.** Mr. Uthe made a motion and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken, and the following board members answered aye, (6), Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Bettenhausen and (1) abstain vote, Mr. Stoub abstain from voting on Report Action No. 73.

REPORT NO. 74:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
DEPOSITORIES.**

President Robinson entertained a motion to approve **Appointments of First Midwest Bank and First Community Bank and Trust.** Mr. Uthe made a motion and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken, and the following board members answered aye, (7), Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 75:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE 2021-2022
CLASSIFIED STAFF RAISES**

President Robinson entertained a motion to approve the **2021-2022 Classified Staff Raises.** Mrs. Moe made a motion and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken, and the following board members answered aye, (6), Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Bettenhausen and (1) abstain vote, Mr. Stoub abstain from voting on Report Action No. 75.

REPORT NO. 76:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE 2021-2022
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER STAFF RATES**

President Robinson entertained a motion to approve **2021-2022 Substitute Teacher Rates.** Mrs. Moe made a motion and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken, and the following board members answered aye, (6), Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Bettenhausen and (1) abstain vote, Mr. Stoub abstain from voting on Report Action No. 76.

REPORT NO. 77:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF
TWO (2) MAINTENANCE TRUCKS.**

President Robinson entertained a motion to approve **Purchase of Two (2) Maintenance Trucks.** Mr. Uthe made a motion and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken, and the following board members answered aye, (6), Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Bettenhausen and (1) abstain vote, Mr. Stoub abstain from voting on Report Action No. 77.

REPORT NO. 78:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE WORK LOAD PLAN
FOR SPECIAL EDUCATORS.**

President Robinson entertained a motion to approve **Work Load Plan for Special Educators.** Mr. Uthe made a motion and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken, and the following board members answered aye, (7), Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 79:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE 2020-2021 EXTENDED SCHOOL
YEAR (ESY) PERSONNEL.**

President Robinson entertained a motion to approve the **2020-2021 Extended School Year (ESY) Personnel.** Mrs. Moe made a motion and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken, and the following board members answered aye, (7), Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 80:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE 2020-2021 SUMMER SCHOOL
EMPLOYMENT.**

President Robinson entertained a motion to approve the **2020-2021 Summer School Employment**. Mrs. Moe made a motion and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken, and the following board members answered aye, (7), Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 81:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE PEOTONE INTERMEDIATE
CENTER'S BAND SCHEDULE CHANGE
PROPOSAL AND STIPEND.**

President Robinson entertained a motion to approve the **Peotone Intermediate Center's Band Schedule Change Proposal and Stipend Amount of \$2,473.17**. Mr. Uthe made a motion and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken, and the following board members answered aye, (7), Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 82:

**FOR ACTION: ADDENDUM (additions are in Bold and Underline)
TO APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL.
(*Contingent upon receipt and evaluation and
employment documentation required by the District
and the Illinois State Board of Education*).**

President Robinson entertained a motion to approve the **Addendum to Personnel of Certified and Classified Staff**. Mr. Uthe made a motion and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken, and the following board members answered aye, (7), Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

**CERTIFIED STAFF
EMPLOYMENT:**

- Holly Mulvenna - PES - 1st Grade Teacher (effective date of 08/16/2021).
- Kellen Munneke - PHS - Industrial Arts Teacher (effective date of 08/16/2021).
- Natalie Harden - PIC - Reading Interventionist - (effective date of 08/16/2021).

CHANGE IN STATUS:

- Andrew Butz - PHS - Volunteer Assistant Football Coach to Assistant Football Coach (effective date 03/21/2021).
- Jaclyn Clark - PES - 1st Grade Teacher to EL Interventionist (K-3) (effective date of 08/09/2021).
- Michelle Weinrich - PES -Third Grade Teacher to 1st Grade Teacher (effective date 08/16/2021).
- Scott McAllister- PIC - Drama Club Sponsor-splitting stipend with Terri Lauchak (effective date of 08/16/2021).
- Terri Kauchak - PIC - Drama Club Sponsor - splitting stipend with Scott McAllister (effective date of 08/16/2021).
- Chelsea McKay - PHS/PJHS - Technical Director (effective date of 02/01/2021).

RESIGNATION:

- Krysta Harmon - PIC Drama Sponsor - (effective date of 05/03/2021).
- Katrina Yager - PJHS Head Softball Coach (effective date of 05/03/2021).

CLASSIFIED STAFF

EMPLOYMENT:

- Edward Knecht - District - Maintenance Technician (effective date of 06/01/2021).
- Sandra Marcukaitis - PES - 1:1 Paraprofessional (effective date of 08/17/2021).
- **Marcia Dalen - PES - Inclusion Paraprofessional (effective date of 08/17/2021).**

TEMPORARY SUMMER POSITIONS:

- Lauren Hamann - Summer Crew Custodian (effective date of 06/07/2021).
- Jake Lexow- Summer Crew Custodian (effective date of 06/07/2021).
- Dawson Piper- Summer Crew Custodian (effective date of 06/07/2021).
- Matt Zaida- Summer Crew Custodian (effective date of 06/07/2021).
- McKenna Evans- Summer Crew Custodian (effective date of 06/07/2021).
- Michael Hunding- (Summer Crew Custodian effective date of 06/07/2021).
- Austin Coulter- Summer Crew Custodian (effective date of 06/07/2021).
- Nicole Parker- Summer Crew Custodian effective date of 06/07/2021).
- Dean Kubela - Summer Crew Custodian (effective date of 06/07/2021).
- Eli Prokop- Summer Crew Custodian (effective date of 06/07/2021).
- Alexis Burns - Summer Crew Custodian (effective date of 06/07/2021).
- Cole Evans- Summer Crew Custodian (effective date of 06/07/2021).
- Andrew Saliba- (Summer Crew Custodian effective date of 06/07/2021).
- Cathal McTerman-Summer Crew Custodian (effective date of 6/07/2021).

CHANGE IN STATUS:

- Kathleen Haase - PHS Sanitizing Custodian (COVID) to PJHS Day Custodian.
(effective date of 06/07/2021).
- Bryan Jones - PJHS Night Custodian to District - Day Floater Custodian
(effective date of 06/07/2021).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

- Helen Kochel - Transportation - Bus Aide (effective date of 04/23/2021).

RETIREMENT:

- Judy Karas - PHS Transition Coordinator (effective date of 05/10/2021).

RESIGNATION:

- Daniel Bennett - PHS - Assistant Track Coach - (effective date of 05/11/2021).
- Dave Osborne - District - Buildings and Grounds Director (effective date of 06/30/2022).

TERMINATION:

- George Macias - PHS Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach (effective date of 05/05/2021).

MOTION REQUIRED: ROLL CALL VOTE.

FOR DISCUSSION:

Josten's Renaissance Club:

Mr. Jason Spang, Principal of Peotone High School, addressed the Board briefly with his proposal for a Josten's Renaissance Club at Peotone High School. The Renaissance club will run through Jostens, and the club's sole focus is to promote the culture and climate of Peotone High School from a student, staff, and parent perspective. It is a club that I have worked with at my previous districts and I have personally experienced tremendously positive benefits and the impact it had on my community was immeasurable. This Club will have a stipend position for a staff member from Peotone High School.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Dr. Charles Vitton, Assistant Superintendent, reported to the Board that we had PK/K New Student Registration on May 11, 2021.

- New Preschool: 37 (+23 returning) = 60
- New Kindergarten: 35 (+25 going to K) = 60

The Returning Student and New Student (PK-12) registration portals will open on Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

Officers Stankus and Popek came to PK on May 13th to discuss Stranger Danger. We appreciate these officers coming to preschool and starting the process of forging relationships with our youngest learners.

Mrs. Carole Zurales, Principal of Peotone Elementary, reported to the Board that our big event this past month was to wrap up our April Monthly Focus of "Be Aware- Show You Care." To bring awareness to childhood hunger, we had a CEREAL-sly Caring Cereal drive where we brought in over 1,800 boxes of cereal for Helping Hands. Before we donated we created a school wide domino with all the cereal boxes. It was great to have the students, staff, parents, and community get involved with this event and bring so much joy and excitement to our community.

- We have been busy wrapping up the end of the year: Third Graders had step up day to PIC, we welcomed our Peotone preschoolers from Connor Shaw for a Kindergarten Step Up day last week, PTO put together an awesome Teacher Appreciation week, and there have been a lot of fun and special activities in classrooms, grade levels and the school for the end of the year.
- Upcoming Events
 - Aimsweb testing starts on Thursday 5/20
 - We will have our Last Popstar Calldown next Thursday and our Fourth Quarter Popstar reward
 - Giant Book Walk in our Field on May 27 and 28
 - End of the Year Assembly is June 1
 - Field Day is June 2 and 3

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

Congratulations to PIC's April Student/s of the Month

For being, a role model and demonstrating behavior aligned to the character trait of COURAGE:

4th Grade - Gaby Fry, Kohen Schirmer & Fiona Langenberg

5th Grade - Bella Allen, Josh Smith & Noah Rosenberg

PIC's May Character Trait is Leadership!

We teach our 4th & 5th grade students that student leaders work towards setting goals, they are honest, they work hard, they serve others, they are good listeners & good communicators, they make good decisions, they encourage others, they are positive and they are responsible & trustworthy.

On behalf of PIC's Staff & Students, we extend a BIG thank you to Mrs. Schubbe and PHS Students; Brooklynn Cavitt, Matt Barta, Amelia Early, Emma Spagnoli, Audra Moore, Marti Wiesch & Joel Lee. PIC's May Monthly Character Trait is "Leadership". This group of PHS student leaders came to PIC on Thursday, May 13 to read a book, and share their experiences and wisdom about "Leadership" with our 4th & 5th grade students. They did an exceptional job! It was a great day for all of us! We are thankful for your visit!

Step-up Day was a great day for students and staff. Thanks to transportation for the smooth schedule. Our 4th grade students will participate in an internal step-up day with our 5th grade teachers on 5/21.

Thank you to Peotone PTO for funding two in-school presentations; The Will County Forest Preserve visited PIC and provided our students with a presentation on Illinois Mammals exploring local mammal species by investigating real fur and bone samples, and a presentation of exotic reptiles that have been rescued by Will County Forest Preserves.

Mrs. Flanagan's Class was our "First Place" winner of our Earth Day Door decorating contest and is enjoying a "Wild Mike's Pizza Party" on 4/21/21 for their First

THANK YOU TO PTO for the daily gifts and gestures during Teacher Appreciation Week.

PIC 5th Grade Band students are spending the morning of May 20 at PHS to practice on the "big stage" for their May 24 Band Concert @ 6:30pm. Thank you to Mrs. Wuske for providing our band students with a menu of breakfast items after their morning of practice.

SUMMER BAND for 5th & 6th grade students – 6/15 – 7/1: T, W & R from

9-11:30 a.m. and will wrap up Summer Band with an Outdoor Band Concert on 7/1/2021 at PHS @ 6pm.

Parent Information to go home on Tuesday, 5/18/2021.

End-of-Year School-wide "Fun Day" planned for June 3rd.

Mr. Scott Wenzel, Principal of Peotone Junior High School, reported to the Board that:

- **Numbers** - As of this date, PJHS currently has 52 students choosing the remote option. Breaking that down, we have eight 6th graders, twenty seven 7th graders, and seventeen 8th graders. This is approximately 16% of the student body who chose remote.
- **Summer School** - The summer school staff is working to complete curriculum and lessons for their classes. At this time, we have eleven 6th graders, eight 7th graders and 11 8th graders who have committed to attending summer school.
- **Activity Week** - The PJHS is hosting their Spring Activity Week this week. Students and staff will participate in daily themed dress up days. Homerooms will decorate a pennant. We are holding a used book drive in which books will be donated to the Peotone Public Library. Each morning, the homerooms are competing in games. Homerooms send down to the gym their group of students to participate.
- **Step-up Day** - On Friday, May 7, the fifth graders visited PJHS to hear a little about the Junior High and to take a tour of the building. Thank you to the PIC 5th Grade teachers, Jen Haag and transportation, as well as our 8th Grade Tour Guides.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** - Last week was Teacher Appreciation Week. Staff was treated to S'mores, bagels and fruit & cheese, cookies from the PJHS Student Council, lunch from Culver's, and a lunch purchased by the PTO from Buona Beef.
- **Systems/Data Days** - Each grade level will be meeting next week to discuss the results of the Spring NWEA MAP Test.
- **Graduation** - Graduation for PJHS 8th graders is set for Sunday, June 6 at 12:00 PM. It will take place in the PHS Gymnasium. Families have or will receive 6 guest tickets. They have also received graduation gowns, class t-shirt, and a graduation yard sign. Administration from PHS and PJHS are meeting with Image Group to discuss video and pictures for the ceremony.

Sports Update:

1. Girls' basketball finished up a smooth and successful season a few weeks ago.

2. Track and Field finished up on Saturday by competing at the Sectional at Watseka. The coaches said all of our athletes improved throughout the season and set personal records at each new meet. Almost every girl earned a ribbon at the Sectionals meet. Our 7th grade girls' team came in 7th overall.
3. And wrestling has their last meet tomorrow at home at 4:30 p.m. That will wrap up all of our sports for the year.

Mr. Jason Spang, Principal of Peotone High School, reported to the Board that PHS hosted our NHS Induction on 5/2/21 with 2 well attended successful ceremonies at 11 am and 1 pm. Special thanks to our NHS sponsor, Mr. Meri Rietman for organizing a safe and successful event for all our NHS members and new inductees. Job well done!!!

PHS would like to recognize Meri Rietman, Marlene Murray, Sue Bartels, Kathy Derkacy, David Church, Caley Michalak, Brandon Owens, and all our presenters who are taking part in helping us to prepare our Senior Awards Ceremony this Wednesday, May 19th at 6 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium. It is an honor to recognize all our seniors for all their hard work during their legacy here at Peotone High School! This event will be live-streamed and information on how to tune in was shared with all families and on social media today and will be posted the day of on Facebook.

- Peotone High School would also like to thank everyone who has helped in the planning process for our High School Graduation Ceremony. BOE Members, Mr. Stein, All administrators, and BJ from the Image Group as we meet with him on Thursday this week to finalize Graduation plans. We are all so tremendously helpful for making this special day happen for our graduates and moving back to a Traditional Ceremony.
- Each graduate is now allowed to bring 6 guests with them in attendance as we have entered the Bridge Phase as of May 14. All attendees will be required to wear a mask for the duration of the event. Per ISBE guidance, schools will finish the year under current guidelines. This event will be live-streamed for anyone who is unable to attend. A detailed informational packet was released to all graduates the week of May 3rd. If anyone has questions please contact the high school office.
- Illinois State Scholars
 - Congratulations to Yamilet Farias, Ben Balmer, Isabel Frausto, Nicole Harris, Margaret Kuypers, Alexander Strough, and Rachel Zimmerman for this amazing honor. The State Scholar Program recognizes students attending approved high schools for outstanding academic achievement. Approximately the top ten percent of graduates from approved high schools are announced as State Scholars each year.

- We celebrated with our annual Illinois State Scholar breakfast with all winners and their families on Thursday, May 13th @ 9 am in the commons. All students who attended were recognized and enjoyed breakfast with their families.
- PHS Prom 2021
 - On May 8th Peotone High School hosted a Johnson's Greenhouse, Kathy Henke and CD&ME, Mrs. Luisa Suarez, Billy Robinson, PHS Administration and Staff who helped Chaperone, Robyn Greenfield for organizing our pre-packaged candy, Sue and Kathy in our front office, Peotone Post Prom, Lee's Rentals, Vicki from Game On for being a Fantastic MC at Post Prom, Laura O'Boyle and Jenny Biedron for organizing Post Prom, Terry Wuske and Jen Moe for organizing the food for Post Prom, and all the Parent Volunteers who took out time to volunteer for Post Prom! Our sincere apologies if we left anyone out!
- PBC April Award Winner (presented by Emily Johnson)
 - This educator was unable to attend today, but it is no surprise that she has shown great dedication to teaching and to helping her students be successful. She not only shows her dedication in the classroom, but outside of it as well as the coach of the Peotone volleyball team. She also greatly helped me as my advisor during my first couple of years here at Peotone High School. She made me feel welcome and she was always available when I needed help. She is hardworking, dependable, helpful, and an exceptional teacher. It is my absolute pleasure to present the PBC Excellence in teaching award to Kathy Barger.

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

Summer Sports Update

The "Summer Sports" regular season comes to an end next week. Unlike previous seasons, the majority of the "Summer Sports" will have the opportunity to compete in a State Series (the only exception being wrestling). Members of Girls' Soccer, Baseball, Softball, and Track & Field will each have an opportunity to compete in regionals/sectionals beginning the week of Memorial Day. The Girls' Soccer team is doing well and currently hold a record of 8-2; they have three regular season games remaining with Senior Night scheduled for Wednesday, May 26th. The Boys' Baseball also faces off tonight and currently has a 2-13 record with five games remaining. They will be holding their Senior Night this Thursday against Illiana Christian. The girls' softball team has a record of 3-8 with eight games remaining in their regular season. The softball team will hold their Senior Night on Monday, May 24th. The Track & Field team has three meets to participate in prior to their Sectional competitions; the track & field seniors will be honored during the Softball Senior Night on Monday, May 24th. The PHS Wrestling team continues to improve throughout their season. The team has four meets left before the end of the season. Their Senior Night is

scheduled for this Friday, May 21st. There will be no postseason for wrestling this year.

Uniform Inventory

Over the past few months, I have spent quite a few hours inventorying old athletic uniforms. I plan to provide a list of the inventoried uniforms for approval to have those items officially "retired." With the many uniforms left, I would like to look into the opportunity to sell these items as spirit wear for students and families.

IHSA Student Advisory Committee - Delaney Balmer

This past year, Junior Delaney Balmer has served as a member of the IHSA Student Advisory Committee for District 9. She will continue to serve in this role next year as well. Student-Athletes can be nominated to be members of the Student Advisory Committee by meeting the following criteria:

- The nominee must have a cumulative grade point average comparable to 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- The individual must have participated in at least two IHSA sports or activities.
- The student can never be ejected from a high school contest for unsportsmanlike conduct.

I have invited Delaney to share some of her experiences so far as a member of the Student Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Amy Loy, Director of Special Services, reported to the Board, I have reviewed several staff members and they have been signed up to use the IRIS online referral system for Will County community resources. This will provide our students and families in need a way to be fast tracked for services. Also, I would like to share details regarding the Spring Transition Meetings that are occurring currently for students moving from one building to the next building that have special services. This way we can best prepare for all students needs to be met from Day One next year.

Mrs. Jennifer Haag, Director of Transportation, reported to the Board, I am starting Summer School routes. So far it looks like we are transporting 10 from PES, 21 from PIC, 19 from PJHS and possibly 24 from the High School. This will be about 4 summer school routes going to the High School. We will only be transporting 1 student so far for PK. There are a total of seven routes going to the out of district schools for ESY. Once the ESY routes are complete I will be starting on routes for next school year.

Mrs. Terry Wuske, Director of Food Services, reported to the Board, that the Food Service department celebrated **School Lunch Hero Day on May 7, 2021**. I supplied lunch and gifts for our awesome staff. We continue to put out our **Grab n Go meals** daily, remote lunches on Monday nights, and have made daytime deliveries as needed. Moving forward, making plans for next school year.

Mr. Dave Osborne, Director of Buildings and Grounds, reported to the Board that we will be getting some painting done this summer at PIC, PES, and PJHS. Marquez Painting was the low bidder for the painting.

- Peotone High School and Connor Shaw Center roof projects will be underway soon as well as the high school shop dust collector.
- The boilers have been shut down and the insides will be analyzed to see what changes, if any, will need to be made to the chemicals next season.
- The two maintenance trucks that are to be replaced are parked outside for viewing.

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent, reported to the Board for the last couple of years, I have briefed the Board about the possibility a de-annexation of a subdivision in the Crete school district that wanted to annex into our school district. Mr. Walsh delivered a couple of weeks ago, 1384 pages of the de-annexation paperwork. This process took a little longer because the original paperwork had a clerical error in it and had to start the process all over again, which has added to the length of the annexation process. Meadowcreek is a subdivision with a airstrip located at the corner of Manhattan-Monee Road and Harlem Avenue. This annexation will not be a burden on us as a District, and financially it will be a benefit for the District to have this annexation of the Meadowcreek subdivision. Mr. Walsh indicated that he did not have any indication when this would be finalized.

Mr. Stein also reported that we have a minor date change for the 2021-2022 district calendar, we have a SIP day scheduled for March 18, 2022 and we need to move it to April 8, 2022.

Finally, we did have an installer that Nevco uses come out to look at our anchoring's or supports of our scoreboard. The technician stated that he might have to have additional supports added to the installation of the new scoreboard. We do have another person coming out on Wednesday to give us a quote.

Mrs. Wendy Bean, Assistant Principal of Peotone Junior High School, reported to the Board that we were thankful to enjoy music concerts last week. Our 6th grade Band and Choir performed last Monday night and 7th and 8th grade Band and Choir performed on Wednesday night. Our students and teachers appreciated the opportunity to show off all they have learned this year. Thank you to Ms. McKay and Ms. Herder for making that happen.

Our Scholastic Bowl team finished up a great season by taking 1st place in the Kan-Will tournament on April 20th. They went 3-0 to win the night which took place at home. Congratulations to Mr. Smith and our team!

OTHER:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:10 p.m., President Robinson asked for a motion to move to adjourn the regular Board meeting and move into Executive Session and stated that there will not be any action following the closed executive session tonight. Mr. Uthe made a motion and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and a voice call vote was taken, the following board members answered aye (7): Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Love and no nays. 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.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

At 8:22 p.m. President Robinson asked for a motion to return to open session of the regular board meeting. Mrs. Moe made a motion for the Board to return to open session. Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion and a voice call was taken and the following board members answered aye (7): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub and Mrs. Love.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:22 p.m. President Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting. Mrs. Moe made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a voice call vote, the following members answered aye (7), Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and no nays.



Tara Robinson, President



Cathy Cuculich, Reporter