

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 19, 2014**

ROLL CALL

At 6:00 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: Mrs. Moe, Mr. Skill, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Thatcher, and Mr. Bettenhausen. Mr. Baumgartner arrived at 6:31 p.m.

VISITORS' LOG

The following people signed the Visitor's Log: Trish Brott of Manhattan, Peyton Brott of Manhattan, Brian Biggers of Manhattan, the Harris Family of Manhattan, the Guiazda Family of Frankfort, Jeanne Tewes of Frankfort, and Angie Benninghoff of Frankfort.

SPEAKERS' LOG

The following people signed the Speaker's Log: Peyton Brott of Manhattan, Virginia Hamann of Peotone, and Gynith Borden of Manhattan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:03 p.m., Mr. Uthe moved that the Board meet in Executive Session for Student Disciplinary Cases. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were six (6) ayes and no nays.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 6:27 p.m. Mr. Uthe made a motion that the Board Return to Open Session. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were six (6) ayes and no nays.

EXPULSION OF STUDENT #03-14

President Robinson stated that the Board found Expulsion #03-14 did commit said offense which showed student gross conduct. Mrs. Moe made a motion to recommend expulsion of Expulsion #03-14 which will be held in abeyance if student provides evidence of participation and successful completion of rehabilitation program and enrollment into alternative school for the period of the expulsion. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were six (6) ayes and no nays.

MINUTES

Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of April 14, 2014 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting and Executive Session of April 21, 2014. Mr. Uthe 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 April as presented by the administration. Mr. Skill seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mrs. Moe, Mr. Skill, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Baumgartner and Mr. Bettenhausen.

Mr. Bettenhausen 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: Mrs. Moe, Mr. Skill, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Baumgartner and Mr. Bettenhausen.

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

MAY ACADEMIC STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Steve Stein, Superintendent, presented a certificate of commendation to the May Board of Education Academic Student of the Month, Jacquelyn Delorto, daughter of Carmen and Cheryl Delorto of Monee. Jacquelyn is a senior at Peotone High School with a grade point average of 4.878 and ranks 8th in her class of 167 students. She is on the Dance Team and is a member of the International Culture Club, Science Club, and National Honor Society. Outside of school, Jacquelyn is a Religious Education Aide, a 2-year March for Life Participant and attended Illinois Girls State in 2013. In her spare time, Jacquelyn enjoys traveling, photography, scrapbooking, and spending time with friends and family. Jacquelyn will attend Valparaiso University in the fall and major in International Business and minor in Spanish.

KANKAKEE AREA CAREER CENTER STUDENT OF THE THIRD QUARTER

Steve Stein, Superintendent, presented a certificate and commendation to Thomas (T.J.) McCall, son of Thomas and Joan McCall of Peotone chosen as Kankakee Area Career Center's Student of the Third Quarter in Construction. T.J. 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 his effort as he represents Peotone High School and the Kankakee Area Career Center exceptionally well.

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

President Robinson and the board members recognized the accomplishments of the following Peotone Junior High School April Students of the Month:

**Logan Krska
Student of the Month
Sixth Grade**

**Jacob (Kobe) Baumgartner
Student of the Month
Seventh Grade**

**Payton Thweatt
Student of the Month
Eighth Grade**

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

President Robinson and the board members recognized the accomplishments of the following Peotone Junior High School May Students of the Month:

**Samantha Gwiazda
Student of the Month
Sixth Grade**

**Averi Fier
Student of Month
Seventh Grade**

**Jeremy Harris
Student of the Month
Eighth Grade**

OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Howie Krause, representative of PMA Securities, Inc., addressed the Board with information concerning the refunding of the 2005 Bonds. Mr. Krause discussed the current interest rates and the procedures to refund the 2005 Bonds.

Peyton Brott of Manhattan addressed the Board regarding the reduction of agricultural classes offered for the 2014-2015 school year. Ms. Brott presented her views on the opportunities that are available to students that have participated in high school level agricultural course studies.

Virginia Hamann of Peotone addressed the Board with her concerns that the small business community must again fight to keep the agricultural courses from being removed from the school curriculum.

Gynith Borden of Manhattan addressed the Board with a request to archive the old photography of Wilton Center School and house them in the Wilton Center Community Building located across the street from the school. The photography would be available to any community members or the school district. The board stated that the school district will not be disposing of any artifacts from the school. Mrs. Thatcher stated that the PTO was planning on setting up some rooms in the school as a museum. Mrs. Borden requested that the memorabilia not be destroyed or given away as the community wishes to archive the artifacts.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS INDEPENDENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE

Mr. Hendrick, Business Manager, presented information regarding Northern Illinois Purchasing Cooperative (NIIPC). The NIIPC is a food cooperative that will allow the district to purchase quality foods for the cafeteria at discounted prices. It will provide support to the cafeteria staff. NIIPC will eliminate the bidding process for cafeteria supplies. The district will be charged a sign on fee of \$500.00 for a one year agreement. Mr. Bettenhausen requested more information regarding this issue. Mr. Hendrick stated that he would like to join before the Annual June Conference deadline so the district may take advantage of the wealth of information and contacts that may be gained from this conference. The Board requested that this item be tabled. Mr. Hendrick stated that he would be available to answer any questions from the Board.

NEW LENOX SCHOOL DISTRICT #122 AGREEMENT

Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to approve the New Lenox School District #122 Intergovernmental Agreement. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Skill, Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Baumgartner, Mrs. Moe and Mr. Uthe.

CLOVER LEAF MILK CONTRACT

Mr. Kirt Hendrick, Business Manager, reported Clover Leaf has submitted a competitive bid for providing milk for the district. Mr. Uthe made a motion to accept the milk bid from Clover Leaf. Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Skill, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Baumgartner, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Thatcher.

CONSTELLATION NEW ENERGY AGREEMENT

Mr. Kirt Hendrick, Business Manager, reviewed the Constellation New Energy Agreement which will supply power at a cheaper summer rate. Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to approve the Constellation New Energy Agreement. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mr. Baumgartner, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Skill and Mrs. Robinson.

PREVAILING WAGE RESOLUTION

Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve the Prevailing Wage Resolution as presented by the administration. Mr. Baumgartner seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were seven (7) ayes and no nays.

TECHNOLOGY REVOLVING LOAN

Dr. Charles Vitton, Director of Curriculum & Technology, reported that this loan is offered through the Illinois State Board of Education on a first come/first serve basis. The loan will be used to replace outdated technology for grade 9 -12 for the 2014/2015 school year. The district will reapply next year to replace the technology for grades K-8 for the 2015/2016 school year. Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to approve the application for the Technology Revolving Loan. 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, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Thatcher.

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent, reviewed for the Board the agreement between the Peotone Park District and the Peotone School District. The contract does not require renewal every year and allows the District to incorporate any changes. Mrs. Moe inquired if the Park District is charging the same fees for the Before/After School Program for every student attending the school district. Mr. Stein stated that there are no differential charges in the fee scale. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Before/After School Agreement between Peotone Park District and the Peotone School District. 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, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Thatcher.

PRESCHOOL TUITION SLIDING SCALE

Dr. Charles Vitton, Director of Curriculum & Technology, requested a sliding tuition scale for the preschool program to help increase enrollment. This scale will currently assist forty-six (46) of the attending students. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Preschool Sliding Tuition Scale. Mr. Baumgartner seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mr. Baumgartner, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Skill and Mrs. Robinson.

TRACTOR PURCHASE

Mr. Gary Love, Director of Buildings/Grounds, requested the Board consider the purchase of a reconditioned Mahindra Tractor. with an 8 foot mowing deck and a 4-year warranty. The tractor currently has 220 working hours. Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to approve the purchase of the reconditioned Mahindra Tractor. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mr. Skill, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Baumgartner, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Robinson.

DISPOSAL OF ANTIQUATED TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Charles Vitton, Director of Curriculum/Technology, and Mr. Dave Weissbohn, Network Administrator, requested that the Board approve the proper disposal of antiquated technology owned by the District. Mrs. Robinson made a motion to approve the disposal of antiquated technology owned by the District. Mr. Baumgartner seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were seven (7) ayes and no nays.

RECIPROCAL REPORTING AGREEMENT

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent, reported that the reciprocal reporting agreement between the Will County Sheriff's Office, Peotone Police Department and Peotone School District will need approval due to changes that have occurred in state law. Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to approve the Reciprocal Reporting Agreement between Will County Sheriff's Office, Peotone Police Department and the Peotone School District. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were seven (7) ayes and nays.

SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

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

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent, reported that this is only a title change and not a new position for the district. Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to approve the required changes to the Assistant Superintendent Contract to reflect the title change for the Director of Curriculum/Technology. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following member answered aye: Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Skill, Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Baumgartner, Mrs. Moe and Mr. Uthe.

PERSONNEL

President Robinson requested that Mrs. Gibson's maternity leave be granted with the exception of the five (5) day extension of the hired substitute. The Board suggested that the five (5) day extension for transition with the substitute be the decision and responsibility of the administration.

Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve the following personnel and May personnel addendum with the exception of Mrs. Gibson's request to extend the substitute coverage for five (5) school days:

CERTIFIED:

EMPLOYMENT:

- Eric Peppmuller–Cross Country Coach–Peotone High School
- Matthew Shanahan–Special Education Teacher/Building Coordinator–Peotone High
- Earl Welsh – Yearbook Sponsor – Peotone Junior High

RETIREMENT:

- Nelson Fertig – Art Teacher (K-4) – Peotone Elementary

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

- Michelle Weirich – Teacher (3) – Peotone Elementary
- Jennifer Gibson – Teacher (4) – Peotone Intermediate Center
- Rachel Grancinzy – Teacher (1) – Peotone Elementary

RESIGNATION:

- Chelsea McKay – Play Director – Peotone Junior High
- Drew Tyler – Girls Track Coach – Peotone High School

NON-CERTIFIED:

EMPLOYMENT:

- Nicholas Kovar – Summer Custodian – Peotone Junior High
- Grant Petreikis – Summer Custodian – Peotone Junior High
- Carley Maupin – Summer Custodian – Peotone Junior High
- Eddie Saliba – Summer Custodian – Peotone Junior High
- Suzie Marevka – Summer Custodian – Peotone Junior High
- Sydney Cooper – Summer Custodian – Peotone Junior High
- Shelby Maupin – Summer Custodian – Peotone Junior High
- Matt Riordan – Summer Custodian – Peotone Junior High
- Luke Schubbe – Summer Custodian – Peotone Junior High
- Tyler Paeth - Summer Custodian - Peotone Junior High
- Jennifer Haag – Transportation Secretary – Transportation
- Kayla Paeth – Summer Custodian – Peotone Junior High
- Adam Slager – Summer Custodian – Peotone Junior High
- Zach Panning – Summer Custodian – Peotone Junior High
- Ellie Hagemaster – Summer Custodian – Peotone Junior High

RESIGNATION:

- Elvira Schick – Cafeteria – Peotone Junior High
- Mary Wassner – Bus Driver - Transportation

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

FIRST READING – BOARD POLICIES

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent, requested the Board review the changes to the following board policies: 2:30 School District Elections, 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest, 2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers, 3:60-E Exhibit – Reporting Requirements for Building Principals Concerning School Safety and Security, 4:30 Revenue and Investments, 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment, 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria, 5:30-AP2 Administrative Procedure – Investigations, 5:35 Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, 5:35-AP1 Administrative Procedure – Fair Labor Standards Act Exemptions, 5:35-AP2 Administrative Procedure – Employee Records Required by the Fair Labor Standards Act, 5:35-AP3 Administrative Procedure Compensable Work Time for Non-Exempt Employees Under the FLSA, 5:35-AP4 Administrative Procedure – Fair Labor Standards Act 12-Step compliance Checklist, 5:35-E Exhibit – Volunteer Agreement Executed by a Non-Exempt Employee, and 5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct. This will be considered First Reading. The policies will be presented for approval at the June 16, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting at Peotone High School.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Scott Wenzel, Principal of Peotone Junior High School, reported that eight (8) junior high track participants will advance to the State competition.

Lawrence Piwnicki, Director of Special Services, had nothing further to report.

Deanna Oliver, Principal of Peotone High School, reported that Senior Awards Night went exceptionally well this year. There were over 60 seniors with honorary awards, scholarships and academic awards. The Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition will sponsor an event on Drug and Alcohol Awareness entitled "Not My Kid" on May 21, 2014 at 6:p.m. in the auditorium. Mr. Skill inquired if there was any further progress on offering a summer school program for students at the high school. Mrs. Oliver reported that with the guidance of Dr. Vitton a survey will be created for the student body to decide which enrichment opportunities will be offered in the summer.

Kathy Davis, Principal of Peotone Elementary, reported that May will host a Step-Over Day, field trips and class picnics. Peotone Elementary will host their first Grandparents Day on June 2, 2014.

Jack Thomas, Principal of the Connor Shaw Center, reported that this will be the last Connor Shaw Lock-In. Connor Shaw Center students will be completing their rockets for Rocket Week and Peanut Day.

Tracy Hiller, Principal of Wilton Center Elementary and Green Garden Elementary, reported that Peotone Intermediate Center Step-Over Day was postponed due to the weather. The next rain date is Friday, May 30.

Kirt Hendrick, Business Manager, reported that the bidding process for custodial supplies has been completed. A summary of the custodial bids is being compiled.

The board will need to schedule an amended budget hearing and a Special Meeting for approval of the amended budget within 30 days after the hearing.

Dr. Charles Vitton, Director of Curriculum/Technology has nothing further to report.

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent, reported that the district will be lending a World War Bas Relief Sculpture by Bryant Baker which has been stored in the basement at the Connor Shaw Center to the Peotone Public Library for their World War I display.

OTHER

President Robinson requested that the community members stay for an open meeting forum to discuss their concerns regarding the current Agricultural Program.

The Board reviewed the information presented on the Northern Illinois Independent Purchasing Company. Mr. Baumgartner made a motion to untale Report No. 82 Approval of the Northern Illinois Independent Purchasing Cooperative. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were seven (7) ayes and no nays.

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the joint agreement between the Northern Illinois Independent Purchasing Cooperative and Peotone C.U.S.D. #207-U. Mr. Baumgartner seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye: Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Skill, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Baumgartner, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Thatcher.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:00 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. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were six (6) ayes and no nays.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 11:09 p.m. Mrs. Thatcher made a motion that the Board Return to Open Session. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were six (6) ayes and no nays.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:09 p.m. Mrs. Thatcher moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a voice vote there were six (6) ayes and no nays.

Tara Robinson, President

Cynthia Zeilstra, Reporter