

**PEOTONE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019
PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL - MEDIA CENTER**

ROLL CALL:

At 6:00 p.m. President 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 members answered aye (4): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the August 12th regular board meeting.

VISITOR'S LOG:

No one signed the Visitor's Log.

SPEAKER'S LOG:

Mr. David Corradino and Mrs. Janet Earley, of Terry's Ford of Peotone, presented a check for \$8,000 dollars to Mr. Stein from the two Peotone Drive 4 UR Schools events that were held at Peotone Junior High School. The proceeds will be split between the PTO and Booster Club. Mr. Stein wanted to thank the PTO and the Booster Club for all their help in making both of these events successful! Mrs. Julie Widinski, President of the PTO presented a plaque of appreciation to David Corradino and Janet Earley of Terry's Ford for the Peotone Drive 4 UR School events!



Mrs. Julie Widinski, as a parent spoke to the Board about her concerns of the ten hour workdays for the summer crew and maintenance department. She also spoke to the Board about implementing a few strategies to use for the upcoming Referendum along with some parent suggestions she received regarding the upcoming Referendum.

CONSENT AGENDA:

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, August 10, 2019. Mr. Uthe made a motion and Mr. Bettenhausen and Mr. Douglas seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (4): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe and

Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the August 12, 2019 regular board meeting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK:

No Visitors to Speak.

FOR ACTION:

REPORT NO. 11:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE PTAB AND THE BOARD OF REVIEW RESOLUTION.

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve **PTAB and the Board of Review Resolution**. Mr. Douglas seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (4): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Thatcher and Mrs. Moe were absent for the August 12th regular board meeting.

REPORT NO. 12:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE FY20 BUDGET TO BE PUT ON DISPLAY.

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the **Tentative FY20 Budget to be put on Display**. Mr. Douglas seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (4): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Thatcher and Mrs. Moe were absent for the August 12th regular board meeting.

REPORT NO. 13:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE DESTRUCTION OF CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION TAPES (JULY 2014 - DECEMBER 2014).

Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve the **Destruction of Closed Executive Session Tapes from July 2014 through December 2014**. Mr. Douglas seconded the motion, and a voice call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (4): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Thatcher and Mrs. Moe were absent for the August 12th regular board meeting.

REPORT NO. 14:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF A UNIFIED BOWLING TEAM FOR PJHS, AIRPLANE/DRONES CLUB, YEARBOOK CLUB FOR PES AND STIPENDS FOR THE COORDINATORS.

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve a **Unified Bowling Team for PJHS, Airplane/Drones Club, Yearbook Club for PES and Stipends for the Coordinators**. Mr. Douglas seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (4): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Thatcher and

Mrs. Moe were absent for the August 12th regular board meeting. Mr. Stein Reported to the Board that the stipends for the clubs will be as follows: Unified Bowling Team, \$2,394.71, Airplanes/Drones, \$963.54 and Yearbook Club, \$1,118.07.

REPORT NO. 15:

FOR ACTION: ADDENDUM TO PERSONNEL(addition in bold and underline) (*Contingent upon receipt and evaluation of Employment documentation required by the District and the Illinois State Board of Education*)

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the **Certified and Classified Staff Personnel**. Mr. Douglas seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (4): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Thatcher and Mrs. Moe were absent for the August 12th regular board meeting.

**CERTIFIED STAFF
EMPLOYMENT:**

- Aarika Rauwolf - PHS - Math Teacher - Long Term Substitute for Katie Tapak's maternity leave (effective date of 01/06/2020).
- Colleen Crabbe - PHS - Best Buddies Sponsor- (effective date of 08/21/2019).
- Austin Rueth - PJHS - Boys' Baseball Coach (effective date of 08/05/2019).
- **Chris Halweg - PHS - Family & Consumer Science Teacher - Long Term Substitute for Linda Corey (effective date of 08/19/2019).**

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST:

- Katie Tapak - PHS - Math Teacher is requesting a maternity leave of absence (effective date of 01/06/2020 through the end of second semester).

**CLASSIFIED STAFF
EMPLOYMENT:**

- Marion Moore -Transportation - Bus Aide (effective date of 07/29/2019).
- Natalie Clay - PES - Lunch/Recess Supervisor (effective date of 08/21/2019).
- Jennifer Hall - PES - Lunch/Recess Supervisor (effective date of 08/21/2019).
- Ryan Vlk -Transportation - Bus Driver (effective date of 08/05/2019).
- Alexis Bryant - PHS - Softball - Head Coach (effective date of 08/12/2019).

RESIGNATION:

- Jenna Balthazor - PHS - Assistant Softball Coach (effective date of 07/30/2019).
- Carolyn Berkowicz - PES - Lunch/Recess Supervisor (effective date of 07/30/2019).
- Kyle Van Gilder - Transportation - Bus Aide - (effective date of 07/25/2019).
- David Brothers - PES - Custodian - (effective date of 08/08/2019).

Mrs. Moe, Secretary of the Board, arrives at the regular board meeting at 6:14 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Dr. Charles Vitton, Assistant Superintendent, reported to the Board that the We have 96% of returning students registered -building secretaries are calling the parents of those who have not responded to original letters, emails, and the School Messenger notices about registering their students.

POET Days: We have 20 new certified staff (teachers and related service personnel) who will attend our new teacher mentor and induction days this Wednesday and Thursday.

Teacher Institute Days: we have finalized our plans for the Teacher Institute Days on August 19th and 20th.

Preschool Instructional Supports: Currently we have 62 students registered and (3) three preschool screenings scheduled for August 21st (we had 65 at END of last school year).

Current Preschool staff: We have one teacher and one paraprofessional per classroom; and one paraprofessional who floats between the two classes (based on student need).

~Preschool will currently have 36 kids in the gym, art room, and using facilities in the morning upon arrival to school.

~Predict we will be at least 70 Preschool students by Christmas.

~I will keep the Board updated on our Preschool numbers, and may request the addition of another paraprofessional to support students in the program.

Mrs. Joanne Obszanski, Principal of Peotone Intermediate Center, reported to the Board that the building looks great! Thank you to everyone involved in getting our schools ready over the summer for students. We are excited to welcome new staff to PIC for the upcoming school year. I have been meeting with new staff for building walk-throughs and in-depth conversations regarding curriculum, schedules, and answering any questions they might have. We are excited for the positive impact Brian Cann, our math interventionist will have with math growth at PIC. Looking forward to the new ELA program.

Anxious and excited to see it at work in the classroom and how it will better prepare our students for the junior high. Our enrollment at the start of the school year is:

4th grade - "unofficially" 90 with 22 to 23 students in each classroom

5th grade - "unofficially" 105 with 26 to 27 students in each classroom

We are welcoming new students each day. We are close to where we left off last year. Our first three days of school will be devoted to classroom school safety/emergency drills, orientations, Introduction to our Character Ed program. Our Character Ed program is continuously evolving and I am excited to build on our existing program each year as we add additional richer character traits. I am excited to include Melanie Green, School Counselor on diversifying our activities to make them meaningful for our students.

NWEA/MAP testing begins August 26th. With two chrome book carts per grade and one lab of 30 computers, I expect to have that completed in three days. A big thank you to the PTO for the purchase of a Chrome Book cart this summer and to Dr. Vitton and the Technology Department for having it ready to roll at the start of the school year!

Mr. Scott Wenzel, Principal of Peotone Junior High School, reported to the Board that we are excited to start the school year! We welcome new staff, students, and the 6th as a whole.

Peotone Junior High School Enrollment:

6th Grade - 99 students

7th Grade - 115 students

8th Grade - 115 students

We have 15 new students, - a total enrollment of 344 students at PJHS.

On Thursday, August 15th - we will be hosting 7th and 8th Grade Organization Night from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

On Monday, August 19th - we will be hosting 6th Grade Student/Parent Orientation at 6:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, August 27th we will be hosting the 7th and 8th Grade Open House at 6:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, August 28th the 8th Grade ELA Classes will be visiting the Peotone Public Library.

Junior High Softball has started their games, Baseball and Cross Country are now practicing.

Mr. Jason Spang, Principal of Peotone High School, reported to the Board that enrollment at the time the Board report was submitted 08-12-2019. In Grades 9-12, we have 432 students.

Enrollment	Freshmen 99	Sophomores 118	Juniors 95	Seniors 120
Withdrawn	2	4	1	1
Newly Enrolled	11	5	1	1
Not Enrolled	5	2	1	11
KACC			17	19

- Retirees (Congratulations!)
 - Teachers
 - Brenda Gallagher
- New PHS Staff Members
 - Teachers
 - Austin Rueth - Social Studies
 - Christopher Napolitano - Science
 - Katherine Herder - Band Director
 - Joselyn Daher - Special Education
 - Moira Burke – Special Education
 - Paraprofessionals
 - Transfer - Darryl Boehl to PHS from PES
 - Ann Comrie
 - Elisa Carillo

Mrs. Wendy Bean, Assistant Principal of Peotone High School, reported to the Board the upcoming events at Peotone High School:

- Thursday, August 15th 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for students. Parents are welcome to come in for a brief informational session at 8:00 p.m.
- All fall sports started today with tryouts or practices. Our sports teams will again be helping with fairgrounds clean-up.
- PHS Open House is Wednesday, August 28th at 7:00 pm.

We are looking forward to our new teachers joining us on Wednesday and all staff back next Monday!

Mrs. Jennifer Haag, Director of Transportation, reported to the Board that the Transportation letters to parents were mailed out today. The delivery of the new

busses went very smoothly. We will be having a meeting for all bus drivers on Wednesday.

Mrs. Terry Wuske, Director of Food Services, reported to the Board that the food service has been busy getting ready for the first day. We will be receiving government commodity orders this week. The food service staff will start on Monday. We will be cleaning and setting up kitchens to get ready for the Teacher Institute Day to serve them lunch on August 20th.

Mr. Trevor Moore, Chief School Business Official, reported to the Board that finished up the budget late last week and that it will be on display for at least 30 days. At the September board meeting he will present more detail on the budget and will ask the Board to approve the budget.

As part of the Every Student Succeeds Act, all public schools are required to start reporting expenses by school site. Mr. Moore reported that he is finishing up this reporting process which is due 8/15/19. The process is relatively cumbersome, but a lot of the account code work that has been done in the past year has helped make the preparation of the numbers a bit easier. This information will show up on the District's annual report card in October. When the report is finished, the details will be shared with the Board and they will decide if they would like a more formal presentation of the information in preparation for the information being released via the school report card. The annual audit was completed last week and everything went well. Mr. Moore is glad to be on a more traditional schedule having the audit completed in August. It is his hope that the auditor will be able to present the audit at the October board meeting.

Finally, Mr. Moore provided an update on TIF 2 and the hearing that just concluded. It was reported that there were only a handful of community members in attendance and they had just a few clarifying questions about how TIFs work. Mr. Bettenhausen asked several questions to Mr. Moore about the District's stance on the TIF and how he had been involved in the process to this point. Mr. Moore let the Board know that he and Mr. Stein had concerns about the financial projections in the TIF report because they were provided with revised, lower estimates for the truck stop development at the Joint Review Board meeting but these figures were not incorporated into the revised report. Additionally, Mr. Moore feels that using the 2018 tax rate for all 23 years of TIF revenue projections is not ideal because the District's rate, which is more than half of the total rate, will be decreasing in future years as debt is repaid. Mr. Bettenhausen stated that he thinks it will be important for the District to take a position on the TIF. It is currently unclear if the Village will reconvene the JRB in an effort to get a "yes" or "no" vote from the taxing bodies before they proceed with their TIF plans. Mr. Moore also made it clear that the District has no power to stop the formation of the TIF. Any recommendation made at the JRB would be non-binding and the Village Board could still proceed with their plans against the recommendation of any or all taxing bodies.

Mrs. Amy Loy, Director of Special Services, reported to the Board that today the Special Services Department welcomed all of our related service providers back to work for their first official school day of the 2019-2020 school year. We have several new faces on the team, and it's exciting time to help get them acclimated to our District.

We have also been busy facilitating meet and greet opportunities/orientations at the school buildings throughout the district for parents/families of students with unique medical or other special needs.

Tomorrow our Related Services team members will tour Helping Hands Food Pantry to learn about the wonderful support available locally for our students and families that might be in need.

Jen Marcello from Special Olympics will meet with us at PHS tomorrow to talk further with us about Unified Sports Teams and meet our new coaches.

Mrs. Carole Zurales, Principal of Peotone Elementary, reported to the Board that the Teachers and Staff are back in the building getting ready for their students. We had about 30 families come to the Picnic with the Principal. It was a wonderful day and I loved getting to meet families before the start of the year.

Some highlights of things going on during the first few weeks of school:

- Our open house/ice cream social is next Wednesday, August 21 from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Kindergarten families will have an individual meet and greet appointment on August 21th and 22. Our kindergarten students start Friday, August 23.
- We will be having a Behavior Bootcamp the first full week of school where we will focus on a different area of the building each day to teach, model, and practice the behavior expectations with each grade level.
- We will be utilizing POP tickets School wide to reinforce behaviors. POP stands for Pride of Peotone and students will earn POP tickets for demonstrating behavior expectations. When they earn 20, they will receive POP star status and be recognized during our weekly call down.
- As of today, we will be welcoming 68 kindergartners next week!

Ofc. Dan Stankus, School Resource Officer for the District, reported to the board that Jason Spang and I attended the National School Resource Officers Training (NASRO) on July 22 through July 26th at the Plainfield Police Department.

OTHER:

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent, reported to the Board that he received a FOIA request from Mr. James Bowden for District Administrative contracts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:43 p.m. President Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting and moved for the Board to meet in Executive Session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel; collective negotiating matters; presentation of evidence or testimony as authorized by law; purchase, lease, or sale of real or publicly owned property; investment contracts; security procedures which may include personnel; student disciplinary cases; litigation; issues under the Tort Immunity Act; professional ethics or performance; board self-evaluation; selection to fill a public office; and/or the discussion of previously closed minutes. There will be no action after Executive Session. Mr. Uthe made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting and go into closed executive session and Mr. Douglas and Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion and on a voice call vote, the following answered aye (5) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Moe and no nays. Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the August 12, 2019 regular board meeting. Mrs. Moe will be present for the Closed Executive Session meeting.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

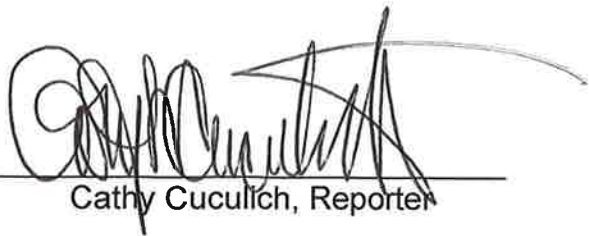
At 7:10 p.m. Mrs. Moe made a motion that the Board Return to Open Session. Mr. Uthe and Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion and a voice call vote was taken, the following members answered aye (5): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Moe and no nays. Mrs. Thatcher and Mrs. Becker were absent for the August 12, 2019 Closed Executive Session Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:10 p.m. President Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting. Mr. Uthe made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting and Mr. Douglas and Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion and on a voice call vote, the following members answered aye (5): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Moe and no nays. Mrs. Thatcher and Mrs. Becker was absent for the August 12, 2019 regular board meeting.



Tara Robinson, President



Cathy Cuculich, Reporter