

**PEOTONE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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 (6): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Thatcher and no nays. Mrs. Moe was absent for the September 16, 2019 regular board meeting.

**VISITOR'S LOG:**

No one signed the Visitor's Log.

**SPEAKER'S LOG:**

No one signed the Speaker's Log.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, September 16, 2019. Mr. Uthe made a motion and Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion, and a roll call was taken and the following members answered aye (6): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Thatcher and no nays. Mrs. Moe was absent for the September 16, 2019 regular board meeting.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK:**

Mr. Matthew Lexow, a junior at Peotone High School spoke to the Board and Administration about the completion of his Eagle Scout Project for the Band Room at Peotone high School. Matt stated that he decided to do the cabinetry for the band room, because he noticed that the band instruments were always piled up in a corner and unorganized. So he decided to design and construct a multi-level cabinetry which would solve the problem for the band room and the instruments. The project took about four months to complete. Matt stated that becoming an Eagle Scout is the highest rank you can achieve in Boy Scouts. Matt will go before the Scouts' Board of Review on September 25<sup>th</sup> with his Eagle Scout project.



## GOOD NEWS:

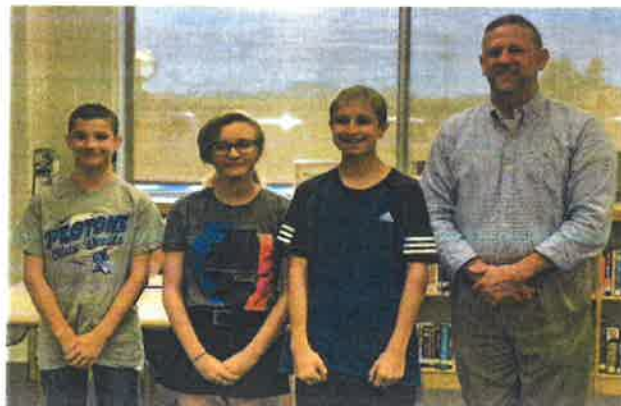
### PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2019 ACADEMIC STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Mr. Stein presented a certificate of commendation to **Courtney Burks**, daughter of Nancy Burks, of Peotone. Courtney is a senior at Peotone High School with a grade point average of 3.9 on a 4.0 grading scale.



### PEOTONE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL - SKILLS USA TEAM SEPTEMBER RESOLUTION

Mr. Stein presented certificates of commendation to the **SkillsUSA Team** members that were present at the September's Board Meeting for the teams' competition in the National SkillsUSA held in Louisville, Kentucky. **Connor McCleverty** and **Reganne Price** placed fifth in the nation for Robotics Urban Search and Rescue; **Colin McCleverty** place fifth in the nation for Job Skills Demonstration, and **McKayla Beierman**, **Natalia Miller**, and **Molly Peters** placed eleventh in the nation in the Team Engineering Challenge. The team members not present will receive their certificates from their coaches, Mr. Price and Mrs. McCleverty.



### **FY20 BUDGET PRESENTATION:**

Mr. Trevor Moore, Chief School Business Official, presented the FY20 Budget to the Board and Administration and the Public.

### **OPENING OF THE FY20 BUDGET HEARING:**

At 6:40 p.m. President Robinson asked for a motion to open the FY20 Budget Hearing, Mr. Uthe made a motion to open the FY20 Budget Hearing and Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion, and on a voice call vote, the following members voted aye (6) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Douglas and no nays. President Robinson asked for comments from the Business Manager, the Board and the Public. No comments from the Mr. Moore, the Board and the Public. Mrs. Moe was absent for the September 16<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting.

### **CLOSING OF THE FY20 BUDGET HEARING:**

At: 6:55 p.m. President Robinson asked for a motion to close the FY20 Budget Hearing, Mr. Uthe made a motion to close the FY20 Budget hearing, and Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion, and on a voice call vote, the following members voted aye (6) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Douglas and no nays. Mrs. Moe was absent for the September 16, 2019 regular board meeting.

## **FOR ACTION:**

### **REPORT NO. 16:**

#### **FOR ACTION:      APPROVAL OF THE FY20 BUDGET.**

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the FY20 Budget for the District. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (6): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Becker and no nays. Mrs. Moe was absent for the September 16, 2019 regular board meeting.

### **REPORT NO. 17:**

#### **FOR ACTION:      APPROVAL OF THE FY20 ADMINISTRATION SALARY COMPENSATION REPORT.**

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the FY20 Administration Salary Compensation Report. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (6): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Becker and no nays. Mrs. Moe was absent for the September 16, 2019 regular board meeting.

**REPORT NO. 18:**

**FOR ACTION:      APPROVAL OF THE FY20 TEACHER SALARY  
COMPENSATION REPORT.**

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the FY20 Teacher Salary Compensation Report. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (6): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Becker and no nays. Mrs. Moe was absent for the September 16, 2019 regular board meeting.

**REPORT NO. 19:**

**FOR ACTION:      APPROVAL OF THE 2014 TAX RATE SETTLEMENT.**

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the 2014 Tax Rate Settlement. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (6): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Becker and no nays. Mrs. Moe was absent for the September 16, 2019 regular board meeting.

**REPORT NO. 20:**

**FOR ACTION:      APPROVAL OF A CHANGE ORDER WITH TENCO  
EXCAVATING, INC.**

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve a Change Order with Tenco Excavating. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (6): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Becker and no nays. Mrs. Moe was absent for the September 16, 2019 regular board meeting.

**REPORT NO. 21:**

**FOR ACTION:      APPROVAL OF AN ARCHITECTURAL AGREEMENT  
WITH HEALY, BENDER AND ASSOCIATES, INC.**

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Architectural Agreement with Healy Bender and Associates, Inc. and Peotone Community Unit School District 207U. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (6): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Becker and no nays. Mrs. Moe was absent for the September 16, 2019 regular board.

**REPORT NO. 22:**

**FOR ACTION:      APPROVAL OF A SPANISH CLUB AT PHS AND STIPEND FOR SPONSOR.**

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Spanish Club at Peotone High School and a stipend of \$963.54 for the Spanish Club Sponsor. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (6): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Becker and no nays. Mrs. Moe was absent for the September 16, 2019 regular board.

**REPORT NO. 23:**

**FOR ACTION:      APPROVAL OF A BELL CHOIR CLUB AT PES AND STIPEND FOR SPONSOR.**

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Bell Choir Club at PES and a stipend of \$1,118.07 for the Bell Choir Sponsor. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (6): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Becker and no nays. Mrs. Moe was absent for the September 16, 2019 regular board.

**REPORT NO. 24:**

**FOR ACTION:      APPROVAL OF INCREASED HOURS FOR THE CROSSING GUARD POSITION AT PES.**

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Increased Hours for the Crossing Guard Position at PES from 1 hour to 1.5 hours per day Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (6): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Becker and no nays. Mrs. Moe was absent for the September 16, 2019 regular board.

**REPORT NO. 25:**

**FOR ACTION:      APPROVAL OF A RELEASE OF A PHS DIPLOMA**

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the approve the Release of a Peotone High School Diploma for Logan Baum (DOB 09-25-2000) who has completed the Peotone High School graduation requirements as of August 2019. Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion, and a voice call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (6): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Becker and no nays. Mrs. Moe was absent for the September 16, 2019 regular board meeting.



**REPORT NO. 26:**

**FOR ACTION:        APPROVAL OF THE HAZARDOUS STOP RESOLUTION.**

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the **Hazardous Stop Resolution**.

Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion, and a voice call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (6): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Becker and no nays.

Mrs. Moe was absent for the September 16, 2019 regular board meeting.

**REPORT NO. 27: \*\*ADDENDUM TO PERSONNEL\*\***

**(Addition in Bold and Underline)**

**FOR ACTION:        PERSONNEL: (\*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.

Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (5): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Thatcher, Mrs. Becker. Mr. Douglas abstained from voting and there was no nays. Mrs. Moe was absent for the September 16, 2019 regular board meeting.

**CERTIFIED STAFF**

**EMPLOYMENT:**

- Keith Coppens - PHS - Head Coach - Baseball (effective date of 08/30/2019).
- Amy Deutsche - PES - Yearbook Sponsor - (effective date of 10/09/2019).
- Krysta Harmon - PIC - Drama Club Sponsor - (effective of 09/02/2019).
- Nancy Murray - PES - Yearbook Sponsor - (effective date of 10/09/2019).
- Christopher Napolitano - PHS - Assistant Boys Basketball (effective date of 09/11/2019).
- Nicole Phelps - PHS - Science Club Sponsor - (effective date of 08/19/2019).
- Greg Schreiber - PES - Physical Education (effective date of 08/21/2019).
- Samantha Sexton - PES - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Airplanes/Drones (effective date of 10/04/2019).
- Michelle Weirich - PES - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Airplanes/Drones (effective date of 10/04/2019).

**RESIGNATION:**

- Brad White - PES - Physical Education Teacher - (effective date of 08/12/2019).

**CLASSIFIED STAFF  
EMPLOYMENT:**

- Lori D'Anna - Transportation - Bus Driver in Training (effective date of 08/13/2019).
- Leah Falaschetti - District Office - On Call Substitute Nurse (effective date of 09/10/2019).
- Jennifer Heneghan - PJHS - Cheerleading Coach (effective date of 10/01/2019).
- Brianne Wilson Ruhbeck - PJHS - Cheerleading Coach (effective date of 10/01/2019).
- Debra Moreno - Transportation - Bus Driver (effective date of 08/20/2019).
- George Macias - PHS - Assistant Coach - Boys Basketball (effective date of 09/03/2019).
- Diana Massat - Transportation - Bus Driver (effective date of 09/09/2019).
- Michelle Matthias - PHS -1:1 Health Aide Substitute (effective date of 08/21/2019).
- Lucas Rumisek - District Office - Floater/Substitute Custodian (effective date of 08/28/2019).
- Sarah Macari - CSC - Preschool Paraprofessional (effective date of 09/23/2019).

**CHANGE IN STATUS:**

- Shawn Picker - Transportation –Secretary (effective date of 09/13/2019).

**RESIGNATION:**

- Julie Busich - PJHS - Custodian - (effective date of 08/15/2019).
- Kathy Stewart - Asst. Bookkeeper/District Registrar (effective date of 09/20/2019).
- Dave Weissbohn - Director of Technology (effective date of 09/13/2019).
- **Barbara Vincent - PES - Paraprofessional (effective date of 9/23/2019).**

**TERMINATION:**

- Jordan Micetich - District Office -Floater/ Substitute Custodian (effective date of 09/03/2019).

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

**Mr. Scott Wenzel, Principal of Peotone Junior High School,** reported to the Board that we have gotten all drills in Fire, Disaster, Active Shooter, Bus Evacuation completed at the Junior High. MAP Systems Day occurred September 12<sup>th</sup>. Our Fundraiser will end on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. First Quarter Mid-term will be on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Our student Pictures will take place on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Our second PMIS Day will be held on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. It will be a Field Day! The Anderson Book Fair will be October 14 through October 18<sup>th</sup>. The Kan-Will Music Festival will be Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at Bradley Central. Our Fall Music Concert is Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at the Peotone High School PHS Auditorium, starting at 7:00 p.m.

**Dr. Charles Vitton, Assistant Superintendent,** reported to the Board that we are:

- Preparing to start a K-8 Science Curriculum Committee in the coming weeks. I have garnered interest from the teaching staff at PES, PIC and PJHS. Will possibly look to bring a new Science curriculum and resource adoption to the BOE in the Spring of 2020;
- Embarking on working with our new Math Interventionists and using our benchmarking data at PES and PIC to determine students in need of additional supports in Math. We will be progress monitoring all students in Math intervention to determine ongoing progress of these students and make adjustments for future programming and services;
- Appreciate the approval of the hire of an additional paraprofessional at the CSC for Preschool. This will truly help with providing our preschool students and their teachers with appropriate supports; and
- CSC - O&M: New doors (west and north), leveling and re-pavement outside Door 6, window shading on basement level (in Art room).

**Mrs. Joanne Obszanski, Principal of Peotone Intermediate Center,** reported to the Board that our Flag Football Season begins today and will end on October 18<sup>th</sup>. There are 45 students participating in flag football and we have five teams in all! Drama Club is presenting “Peter Pan” this year at PIC, we have 59 students participating in Drama! Yearbook Club sign-ups ended September 10<sup>th</sup> and we have broken them into Photography Session & Design & Layout Session. Battle of the Books - our school wide initiative to promote reading is off and running. Thank you to PTO for purchasing our Battle of the Books. On September 20<sup>th</sup>, we have a 11:00 a.m. release - 4<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom pairing up with 5<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom for four 30 minute periods and participating in an activity related to Reading/Writing. We are meeting with students two times per month for our Character Ed program. This month’s character trait is Motivation. Our WIN intervention begins on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dr. Vitton and the PIC staff met on September 11<sup>th</sup> to plan for WIN intervention until our December universal screening. PTO Mums Flower Sale pick-up is Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. The PIC Book Fair is October 9<sup>th</sup> and on October 16<sup>th</sup> is Picture Retake Day.

**Mrs. Carole Zurales, Principal of Peotone Elementary,** reported to the Board highlights of things that have been going on at Peotone Elementary. Last week as we recognized September 11<sup>th</sup>, we talked about heroes at PES. The whole school made cards for our local heroes- Peotone Police and Fire Department. Representatives came from both departments to receive cards in the afternoon. Students participated in a Behavior Boot-Camp during the first full week of school to learn about the behavior expectations around the building. Students earn POP tickets for being safe, respectful, and responsible. We just started our POP star call downs less than 2 weeks ago and already have about 30 students that have already reached the 20 ticket goal. We had our Data Days today and tomorrow to review AIMSWEB data and plan groups for our WIN (What I Need)



time. We are excited to have Amy Deutsche in the new math interventionist role this year to service students in math during throughout the day. Our monthly focus this month is "Be a Friend to Everyone." Students have been doing a great job saying hello, including everyone to play, sharing, and giving compliments as we focus on this. Thank you to the board for approving the Yearbook Club and Airplanes and Drones club last month. The yearbook sponsors sent out the form to sign up last week and the Airplane and Drones sponsors will be attending their training on October 4th. Here are some upcoming events at PES:

- During Homecoming week, we are trying to coordinate with PHS to have football players and cheerleaders come read to the students.
- Grandparents Day will be Friday, October 11th. There will be a morning and an afternoon session. Grandparents and students will get to visit classrooms, attend the book fair, make a craft, take pictures, and eat a snack while doing an interview together.
- Last week our PTO approved to order playground stencils for us to create fun and engaging blacktop games for students during recess. As soon as they arrive in the next few weeks, we hope to create these games for students to enjoy!

**Mr. Jason Spang, Principal of Peotone High School**, reported to the Board that PRADA (Peotone Residents against Drugs and Alcohol) will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday 9/19/19 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the commons of PHS. The PRADA town hall meeting is open to all students, parents, and staff of Peotone School District. The evening will include Illinois Youth Survey information comparing Peotone High School student questionnaire responses regarding drugs and alcohol in comparison to the average state responses of other high school students. The evening will also include several testimonials of how drugs and alcohol has impacted several families of close communities. There will also be a "Hidden in Plain Sight" presentation that educates parents on what to look for that may be a red flag to teenager use of drugs and alcohol. The evening will be full of educational information for parents and students and all Peotone families are encouraged to attend.

We have begun school emergency drills this week with Tornado and Fire Drills. We want to thank Peotone Fire Department as they begin to help us through these. We will also be working with Peotone Police Department as we get closer to starting Crisis Drills and eventually Active Shooter Drills.

For those that did not attend our reception on Friday, we want to again congratulate Abby Jacobs who was selected as the Agricultural Education Teacher Grant Program award recipient through the IAA Foundation worth \$10,000. With this program, individuals who are entering the workforce as new Ag teachers are eligible for grant support to help alleviate financial concerns, encourage them to continue on this chosen career path, and reinforce their decision to enter the noble teaching profession.

We have conducted our first Illinois Central Eight Conference Meeting on Wednesday September 4th. Principals and Athletic Directors met to exchange contact information and also disburse the annual calendar for hosting numerous events throughout this school year.

The September PBC Excellence in Teaching Honor was awarded to Mr. Eric Englert. Mr. Englert will now be responsible for selecting next month's recipient.

**Mrs. Wendy Bean, Assistant Principal of Peotone High School**, reported to the Board that we had a very successful freshman orientation on August 15th. Our attendance was 93% which was even better than last year. We will definitely continue with this program, making a few tweaks for next year. Homecoming is quickly approaching. It is Sept. 30th through October 5th. The Powder Puff game and evening pep assembly are on Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:00pm. The parade will be Friday, October 4th at 4:00 pm and the football games begin at 5:00 pm against Streator. The theme of the dance is "*At the Movies*" and that is 7:00 pm to 10:00pm on Saturday night. The annual Chili Cook-off at Brian's in Monee is October 5th. This is a big fundraiser for Friends of Music. It opens at 10:00 am and is only \$5.00 for all-you-can-eat chili!

President Robinson reported to the Board and Administration that Dave Weissbohn has resigned and has taken another job. It is a big loss to the District. Dave has done so much for the district in bringing the district up to speed with our technology. We wish him all the best, and he will be truly missed!

**Mr. Trevor Moore, Chief School Business Official**, reported to the Board, that each Board member has a copy of the completed Audit to review. Mr. John Michalesko, of Gassensmith and Michalesko, Ltd. will present the District's Audit at the October regular board meeting. Also, Mr. Moore stated that Steve, Chuck and I will be interviewing for Kathy Stewart's position this week.

**Mrs. Amy Loy, Director of Special Services**, reported to the Board that we welcomed district liaisons from the Disability Resource Center from Joliet to the PHS Open House on 8/28/2019 for our Specialized Instruction Program Junior High and Senior High parents. We are partnering with DRC to implement Fast Track curriculum that focusing on independent living and self-advocacy. They also shared great information about their Assistive Tech program and other resources available to transition aged families.

I'm working with Mrs. Karas and Mrs. Crabbe to enhance our Community Based Vocational Training. Mrs. Karas recently visited a host of local businesses to start the process of securing workplace sites for our students and our goal is for students to be placed in pre-voc settings by the end of September.

Many new staff in our Special Services Department and we have hit the ground running. Community Based Outings are in full swing, training on our IEP system and mentoring partnerships with existing staff. I'm very excited to see the growth of our programming this year.

We are working on a parent letter and plan to attend the BBCHS Fall Games on October 10th at BBCHS. We hope to bring over 50 students and Best Buddies to the annual event. This is the first time Peotone has been invited to participate.

Home Language Results of students that are new to our district indicate we will need to complete the WIDA screener on 21 new students to the district. We currently have an existing EL population of existing students at 34 in the district.

**Mr. Dave Osborne, Director of Buildings and Grounds**, reported to the Board that the Peotone Junior High School "U" project has been completed. The final items have all been taken care of.

The North East fence around the football field is getting moved over about 10' and a sidewalk is being installed between there and the pond for pedestrians for the football games which has been started today. We are also getting an plan from John Werner for landscaping near the front doors at PES and the West doors of PHS by the Media Center.

**Ofc. Dan Stankus, School Resource Officer for the District**, reported to the Board that he is back and getting back into the swing of things, and it is going well.

**OTHER:**

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent, reported to the Board that he received two FOIA requests from Mr. John Maxedon, costs incurred from the Peotone Junior High School's "U" project and one regarding the Budget. And another FOIA request from SmartProcure, a Data Acquisition Company, in which we usually receive a FOIA request from them twice a year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:43 p.m. President Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting. President Robinson stated that there will be no Closed Executive Session meeting tonight. Mr. Uthe made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting and Mrs. Thatcher seconded the motion and a voice call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (6) Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Moe was absent for the September 16, 2019 regular board meeting.



Tara Robinson, President



Cathy Cuculich, Reporter