

BOARD OF EDUCATION-REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022 PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL - MEDIA CENTER

CALL TO ORDER:

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 board members answered aye (6), Mrs. Tara Robinson, Mrs. Jennifer Moe, Mrs. Jodi Becker, Mrs. Dawn Love, Mr. Tim Stoub, Mr. Richard Uthe, (1) absent, Mr. Roger Bettenhausen.

CONSENT AGENDA:

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the *Consent Agenda*, *A through E* of the regular board meeting of May 16, 2022. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda *A through E*. Mrs. Love seconded the motion to approve, and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Stoub, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, (1) absent, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays.

GOOD NEWS:

PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL
MAY 2022 RECIPIENT OF THE PEOTONE BOWLING CENTER'S
EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD.

Mr. Jason Spang, Principal of Peotone High School, reported to the Board that it is my honor to introduce our May recipient of the PBC award, Meri Rietman. Meri is a Business Education Teacher at Peotone High School, and was nominated for this award by Kate Herder, who was our April recipient. Kate wrote the following on Meri's behalf:

This month's PBC winner is a teacher who dedicates their time to preparing students for their lives outside the classroom. Not only does this teacher work tirelessly to provide students with innovative curriculum and engaging lessons, they also work with their colleagues to provide a strong learning atmosphere. This teacher also supports the students as a sponsor for the National Honor Society, Student Council, and the Senior Class.

Through the success of these programs you can see this teacher's passion for helping students. It is my pleasure to present this month's PBC award to Meri Rietman!



Congratulations Meri!

PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL

MAY 2022 ACADEMIC STUDENT OF THE MONTH.

President Robinson recognized and introduced **Delaney Balmer** as the May 2022 Board of Education Academic Student of the month. Delaney is currently a senior at Peotone High School with a grade point of 4.26 on a 4.0 grading scale Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent presented Delaney with a certificate of commendation.



Congratulations Delaney!

PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT ARTISTS - COMPETITION AT ART CONFERENCE.

President Robinson recognized and introduced the student artists of Peotone High School who competed in the Wilmington Art Conference and won in five different categories; *Emma Lewis* (Crafts), *Rebecca Regan* (Animation) not present for meeting and photo, *Eris Lanclos* (Digital Media), *Finn Malloy* (Sculpture), and *Janna Stoub* (Photography).



Congratulations Eris, Emma, Janna, Finn, Rebecca!

PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL

ILLINOIS STATE FFA AG MECHANIC CDE

President Robinson recognized and introduced *Daniel Martinez*, a senior at Peotone High School who is as an individual competed at the Illinois State FFA Ag Mechanic Career Development Event and placed second in the state for Welding! To our current knowledge this is the first time we have had an individual highly ranked in a state contest ever for Peotone! Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent presented Daniel with a certificate of commendation.



Congratulations Daniel!

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KANKAKEE AREA CAREER CENTER'S STUDENTS OF THE YEAR:

President Robinson recognized Peotone High School students, *Grace Battiato* (Cosmetology), *Kris Kmetty* (Auto Technology) and *Lucas Raymond* (Law Enforcement) who were chosen as Kankakee Area Career Center's students of the year! Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent presented a certificate of commendation to Grace Battiato who was present at the board meeting. Kris and Lucas were not present at the board meeting to receive their certificates.



Congratulations Grace!

PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL and PEOTONE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

SKILLS USA STUDENT MEMBERS' COMPETITION AT STATE:

President Robinson recognized and introduced SKILLS USA student members who competed at the Illinois State Championships. Peotone High School students, *Reganne Price* took gold for her tee-shirt design. *Heath Devore*, *Connor McCleverty*, took bronze for Robotics, *Andrew Morales* took 5th place in Job/Skill demo, and *Colin McCleverty* took 6th place in Job/Skill demo. Peotone Junior High School students, *Emerson Gall* took gold for prepared speech. *Emerson Gall*, *Peter Widinski*, and *Kaleb Schirmer* took gold for team engineering challenge, *AJ Price, Carter Mather* took gold for Urban search and Rescue Robotics and the students will be competing at Nationals!

Mrs. Jaime McCleverty shared some exciting news with the Board that both our high school and junior high students were quality chapter award winners as well as silver level chapter of distinction award winners for this year. The students presented the plaques they received to Mrs. Wendy Bean and Mr. Jason Spang to be displayed at the high school and junior high school.

Mrs. McCleverty also wanted to add that she is very excited and proud to say that Reganne is our tee-shirt design winner and her design will be on every Illinois shirt that every Illinois Delegate across the state will be given to wear at Nationals!



Congratulations SKILLS USA!

PEOTONE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

MAY 2022 RESOLUTION - WRESTLING:

President Robinson recognized and introduced *Micah Spinazzola*, an eighth grade student and a member of the Peotone Junior High School wrestling team. Micah finished third place at the IESA State wrestling meet held at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent presented Micah with a certificate of accommodation.



Congratulations Micah!

PEOTONE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

APRIL 2022 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH.

President Robinson recognized the April students of the month for Peotone Junior High School, 6th grade student, Jace Sharp, 7th grade student, Nayeli Horta and 8th grade student Isabella Denny.



Congratulations Isabella!



Congratulations Jace!

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent presented certificates of commendation to **6**th **grade student**, **Jace Sharp** and **8**th **grade student**, **Isabella Denny**. 7th grade student, Nayeli Horta was not present to receive her certificate.

OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK.

No visitors signed in to speak.

FY22 BUDGET HEARING:

At 6:21 p.m. President Robinson asked for a motion to open the FY22 Budget Hearing. Mr. Uthe made a motion and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion to open the FY22 Budget Hearing. President Robinson asked for comments from the Superintendent, Board and the Public. There were no comments from the Superintendent, Board or the Public. At 6:21 p.m. President Robinson asked for a motion to close the FY22 Budget Hearing. Mr. Uthe made a motion and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion to close the FY22 Budget Hearing.

REPORT NO. 82:

FOR ACTION: ADOPTION OF THE FY22 AMENDED BUDGET.

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve and adopt the *FY22 Amended Budget*. Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve *Report Action No. 82* and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Uthe, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, (1) absent, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays.

REPORT NO. 83:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION

TO APPOINT TREASURER FOR THE

SCHOOL DISTRICT.

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve and adopt the **Resolution** to **Appoint Treasurer (Trevor Moore) for the School District.** Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve **Report Action No. 83** and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Uthe, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, (1) absent, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays.

REPORT NO. 84:

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

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the appointments of *First Midwest Bank, a Division of Old First National and First Community Bank and Trust* as depositories for the School District. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve *Report Action No. 84* and Mrs. Love seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Uthe, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, (1) absent, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays.

REPORT NO. 85:

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

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the appointment of *Himes, Petrarca and Fester, Chtd,* as the School Districts' Attorneys. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve *Report Action No. 85* and Mrs. Love seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Uthe, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, (1) absent, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays.

REPORT NO. 86:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF AN ART CLUB AT PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL.

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve an *Art Club at Peotone High School.* Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve *Report Action No. 86* and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Uthe, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, (1) absent, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays.

REPORT NO. 87:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE 2022-2023 CLASSIFIED STAFF RAISES.

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the **2022-2023 Classified Staff Raises.** Mr. Stoub made a motion to approve **Report Action No. 87** and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Uthe, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, (1) absent, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays.

REPORT NO. 88:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE 2022-2023

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER STAFF RATES

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the **2022-2023 Substitute Teacher Rates.** Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve **Report Action No. 88** and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Uthe, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, (1) absent, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays.

REPORT NO. 89:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE

BID PROPOSAL FOR THE CSC 2022 PAVING PROJECT.

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the *Bid Proposal for the CSC 2022 Paving Project from Bisping Construction Co., Inc. of New Lenox, Illinois.* Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve *Report Action No. 89* and Mrs. Love seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (5) Mr. Uthe, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, (1) abstain, Mrs. Becker (1) absent, Mr. Bettenhausen, and no nays.

REPORT NO. 90:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL.

(*Contingent upon receipt and evaluation and employment documentation required by the District and the Illinois State Board of Education*).

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the *Personnel of the Certified and Classified Staff.* Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve *Report Action No. 90* and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (5) Mr. Uthe, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, (1) abstain, Mrs. Robinson, (1) absent, Mr. Bettenhausen and no navs.

CERTIFIED EMPLOYMENT:

- Caleb Cork PHS Science Teacher (effective date of 08.15.2022).
- Bill Robinson PHS Student Council Co-Sponsor (effective date of 06.01.2022).
- Amanda Tomaszewski PHS/PJHS Transition Coordinator (effective date of 08.08.2022).
- Heather Krawczyk CSC Preschool Teacher (effective date of 08.10.2022).

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE ANNUAL SALARY INCREASES:

- Wendy Bean PJHS Assistant Principal (effective date of 07.01.2022).
- Brandon Owens District Director of Curriculum and Instruction (effective date of 07.01.2022).
- Amy Loy District Director of Special Services (effective date of 07.01.2022).

<u>APPROVAL OF DIRECTOR'S CONTRACT:</u>

Jennifer Haag - Director of Transportation (effective date of 07.01.2022).

CHANGE IN STATUS:

- Meri Rietman PHS Student Council Co-Sponsor (effective date of 06.01.2022).
- Terri Kauchak PIC SI Special Education Teacher to PJHS 7th Grade Special

Education Teacher (effective date of 08.15.2022).

- Krysta Harmon PJHS Summer Band Teacher (effective date of 04.19.2022).
- Kate Herder PJHS Summer Band Teacher (effective date of 04.19.2022).

CHANGE OF LOCATION ONLY:

 Colleen McIntyre - PIC Social Worker to PJHS Social Worker (effective date of 08.08.2022).

RESIGNATION:

- Amber Tiggelaar PJHS 7th Grade Special Education Teacher (effective date of 06.05.2022).
- Tonya Schlickman PJHS Social Worker (effective date of 06.06.2022).
- Megan MacDougall PJHS 8th Grade Resource Teacher (effective date of 07.08. 2022).
- Megan MacDougall PJHS Unified Bowling Coach (effective date of 07.01.2022).
- Megan MacDougall PJHS Choose to Include Sponsor (effective date of 07.01.2022).
- Melissa Grahonya CSC Preschool/PJHS Speech Language Pathologist (effective date of 06.30.2022).
- Paige Nooner PIC/PJHS Speech Language Pathologist (effective date of 06.06.2022).

RETIREMENT (4 years) 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026):

 PJHS - Kay Bryant - Girls' Physical Education Teacher (retirement letter of 04.26.2022, retirement at the end of the 2025-2026 school year).

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT:

Rhonda Jackson - PES Custodian (effective date of 05.16.2022).

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent, reported to the Board that we are wrapping up the school year and things are progressing along as any of end of the school year goes. Mr. Stein reported that we did have a lovely little hot spell last week so I want to thank Chris for making sure the chiller was ready to rock and roll at the high school particularly for post prom and also making sure it is ready for graduation for high school and the junior high school. The auditorium is also ready to go for graduation.

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

- PHS would like to recognize Meri Rietman, Marlene Murray, Sue Bartels, Kathy Derkacy, David Church, Caley Michalak, Paul Taeuber, and all our presenters who are taking part in helping us to prepare for our Senior Awards Ceremony this Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. It is an honor to recognize all our seniors for all their hard work during their legacy here at Peotone High School!
- 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 met with him and his team 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.

- PHS Prom 2022.
 - On May 14th Peotone High School hosted a very successful and safe Prom at CD & ME and Post Prom here at PHS. There is a multitude of people to thank. We also want to extend several "Thank You's" as Prom and Post Prom would not have been possible without you! Johnson's Greenhouse, Kathy Henke and CD&ME, Mrs. Luisa Suarez, Billy Robinson, PHS Administration and Staff who helped Chaperone, 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, Angela Grzeskowiak 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 May Award Winner (presented by Kate Herder)
 - This month's PBC winner is a teacher who dedicates their time to preparing students for their lives outside the classroom. Not only does this teacher work tirelessly to provide students with innovative curriculum and engaging lessons, but they also work with their colleagues to provide a strong learning atmosphere. This teacher also supports the students as a sponsor for National Honors Society, Student Council, and the Senior Class. Through the success of these programs, you can see this teacher's passion for helping students. It is my pleasure to present this month's PBC award to Meri Rietman.

Mr. Trevor Moore, Business Manager, CSBO, reported to the Board that at the last finance committee meeting there was discussion of holding off on selling working cash bonds for a year or more in order to use up some fund balance and lower our overall debt burden. He plans to follow up with a more detailed Board report that will contain some financial projections. The committee is leaning towards holding off for one more year so the outstanding debt can be lowered to the \$5-7 million range instead of \$7-9 million range where it currently sits. This will not solve the issue of borrowing for current operations with future repayment that the bonds that the 2020 referendum would have solved, but it is a small bit of progress.

Mr. Moore made the Board aware of a new law that prohibits school districts from withholding grades or transcripts for outstanding student fees. This will hopefully be less of an impact in the future as the District implements its new fee policy that excludes participation in extracurricular activities if fees are outstanding. However, there are a small group of seniors who did not have this restriction in place this year and now can get an official transcript without paying off their outstanding fees.

Mrs. Carole Zurales, Principal of Peotone Elementary, reported to the Board that:

- It was so great to have Spring Concerts return. Kindergarten and Second Grade had their concerts last Monday night and First Grade had their concert on Tuesday night.
- May Monthly Focus is "Preparing for the Game of Life" to wrap off our year of Game monthly themes. Each Monday, we have Motivational Monday with a different dress up theme and life focus for the week.
- We had the best time at our Brookfield Zoo field trip as an entire building last Thursday and loved getting to see Cinderella at PHS on Friday 5%.
- We had our third graders visit PIC on Friday for step up day and we welcomed our Peotone Preschool friends for step up day last Wednesday.
- Spring Benchmark Testing for Aimsweb and Fountas and PInnell is complete. Here are some celebrations:
 - Aimsweb ELA School Improvement Plan Goal was 70% by Spring
 - All School from 52% average or above in Fall to 71% average or above in Spring!
 - Aimsweb Math- School Improvement Plan Goal was 70% by Spring
 - All School from 66% average or above in Fall to 82% average or above in Spring!
 - Foutas and Pinnell
 - First Grade
 - Fall- 35% of students are at or above grade level for F&P
 - Spring- 69% of students are at or above grade level for F&P
 - Second Grade
 - Fall- 41% of students are at or above grade level for F&P
 - Spring- 63% of students are at or above grade level for F&P
 - Third Grade
 - Fall- 49% of students are at or above grade level for F&P
 - Spring- 63% of students are at or above grade level for F&P
 - Kindergarten
 - Winter- 27% of students are at or above grade level for F&P
 - Spring- 46% of students are at or above grade level for F&P.

- Upcoming Events:
 - Field Day is next Tuesday 5/24 (pending weather)
 - Last Day of School is Thursday 5/26
 - Summer School begins Monday 6/6

Mrs. Amy Loy, Director of Special Services, reported to the Board that the team is busy preparing for Extended School Year (ESY). Extended School Year will primarily be housed at PHS. Mrs. Loy also reviewed the HS SI program and Best Buddies group participated in the recent BBCHS Boilermaker Spring Games on 4/29/22. Finally, Mrs. Loy shared that the Spring Transition Meetings and step up days are being held and coordinated across the five buildings for students with special needs to prepare for next school year.

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

- Choir performed at their Spring Concert on Thursday, May 12th.
 Congratulations to all performers as well as Band Director, Ms. Herder and Choir Director Ms. McKay.
- The Peotone 5th Graders visited Peotone Junior High on Friday, May 13 for their step-up day. This provided an opportunity for our 5th graders to hear about our school, take a tour of our building, and ask questions about life at the Junior High. Thank you to our 8th graders who answered questions and gave the tours.
- The PJHS Student Council held their yearly Activity Week (May 9-13) with dress up days, pop tab competition, and class pennant competition during the week. The week finished on Friday with games in which our homerooms competed against each other on Friday. The winning homeroom was Mrs. Mrozek. Thanks to Ms. Bryant for helping organize the week.
- PJHS students will be returning chrome books and chargers on Tuesday, May 24 during their PE class. All grades need to be up to date by the end of the day on May 24 and report cards will be sent home with students on Thursday, May 26th.
- Peotone Junior High School Graduation will be held Sunday, May 29 at the PHS Gymnasium with a start time of 12:00 p.m.
- PJHS Soccer wrapped up their 1st season on April 28. A big thank you to Coach Mikalauski, Coach Whalen, and Coach Murray as well as Mr.
 Osborne and maintenance for having the field prepared for our games.
- PJHS track competed in the IESA Sectional Track Meet on Saturday, May
 14 in Watseka. We have one individual who will be running at the IESA 3A
 State Track Meet on Friday, May 20 in East Peoria. Congratulations to

Celeste Richards on finishing in 1st place in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:44.

- The PJHS Math Team had a very successful Kan-Will Math Contest with all three grade levels finishing in 2nd place. Michael Brasel 8th grade student finished in 2nd place as an individual. At the 7th grade level Kayla Bean finished with 3rd place honors as well as Tyler Leitelt finished with 5th place honors.
- Choose to Include will be hosting their final event of the school year with an after school kickball game and popsicles.
- The PJHS Pals will be hosting their end of year picnic on Thursday, May 19th.
- We will celebrate all of our Students of the Month for the whole school year with lunch on Monday, May 23rd.

Mr. Brandon Owens, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reported to the Board that we are winding down the school year for the Peotone Early Education Program. Last Wednesday, May 11th was Preschool Step-Up Day PES. Thank you to Mrs. Zurales for taking the students around for a tour of the building and meeting the staff. Monday, May 16th - Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles - Snakes, Lizards, frogs, turtles, tarantulas.

Wednesday, May 18th Last Day of Preschool (End of Year Celebration). Thursday, May 19th Preschool Graduation for our AM/PM students- 42 students in total New PK/K Registration and Residency Night On Wednesday night (May 18th), from 5:30 - 7:30 p. m., we will be hosting a New Preschool/Kindergarten Registration and Residency Night at Peotone Elementary School. Families who are new to the district -preschool/kindergarten students who have also completed the online registration are encouraged to attend. Parents/Guardians will be required to prove residency and provide state-issued birth certificates. Information regarding the Residency Night and all required forms can be found on our District website by clicking **REGISTRATION** under the **FOR PARENTS** tab.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

THERE MAY BE OR MAY NOT BE ANY ACTION FOLLOWING THE CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.

OTHER:

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:02 p.m. President Robinson asked the Board if they had anything for Closed Executive Session tonight and the Board answered no. President Robinson then asked for a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting of May 16, 2022. Mr. Uthe made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and on a voice call vote, the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Stoub, (1) absent, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays.

Tara Robinson, President

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Cathy Cuculich, Reporter