



**BOARD OF EDUCATION-REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF MONDAY, APRIL 18, 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. Roger Bettenhausen, Mr. Richard Uthe, (1) absent, Mr. Tim Stoub.

CONSENT AGENDA:

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Consent Agenda, A through F*** of the regular board meeting of April 18, 2022. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda ***A through F***. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion to approve, and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, (1) absent, Mr. Stoub, and no nays.

GOOD NEWS:

PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL

**APRIL 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 recognize our April's PBC recipient, Kate Herder. Kate is the Band Teacher at Peotone High School and Peotone Junior High School. Kate was nominated for the award by Kerry O'Connell, March 2022 recipient of the PBC award. Unfortunately, Kate was unable to attend the board meeting. Kerry wrote the following on Kate's behalf:

"When I think about some of the most involved, kind hearted, and hardworking teachers in our school, Kate Herder comes to mind. Kate has worked tirelessly during her time here at PHS to build and revive the band program. Music is such an important extracurricular for kids to be exposed to and it is clear that Kate is passionate about her job and spreading her knowledge to students. Not only is she a vital part of the PHS music department, but she also coaches softball at the junior high and high school level. Kate is a fan favorite among the kids at both PJHS and PHS and it shows her natural ability to connect with students."

Kate's achievement both in and out of the classroom make her an ideal person to win the PBC award. Congratulations, Kate Herder!



Congratulations, Kate!

PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL

APRIL 2022 ACADEMIC STUDENT OF THE MONTH.

President Robinson recognized ***Aidan Siegel*** as the April 2022 Board of Education Academic Student of the month. Aidan is currently a freshman at Peotone High School with a grade point of 4.14 on a 4.0 grading scale. Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent presented Aidan with a certificate of commendation.



Congratulations Aidan!

PEOTONE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

MARCH 2022 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH.

President Robinson recognized the March students of the month for Peotone Junior High School, 6th grade student, Katelyn Leitelt, 7th grade student, Violet Eglar and 8th grade student Hayden Mueller. Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent presented a certificate of commendation to **Hayden Mueller**. Katelyn and Violet were not present at the board meeting to receive their certificates.



Congratulations Hayden!



Congratulations Katelyn, Violet and Hayden!

OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK.

No visitors signed in to speak.

REPORT NO. 75

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE
THE WILL COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW AND
STATE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve and adopt the ***Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings before the Will County Board of Review and State Property Tax Appeal Board.*** Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve ***Report Action No. 75*** and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, (1) absent, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 76:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE FY23 CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT PLAN.

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***FY23 Consolidated District Plan.*** Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve ***Report Action No. 76*** and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, (1) absent, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 77:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN HEALY, BENDER, PATTON & BEEN, INC.
(ARCHITECT) AND PEOTONE COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT 207U.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve and accept the ***Agreement between Healy, Bender, Patton & Been, Inc. (Architect) and Peotone Community Unit School District 207U.*** Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve ***Report Action No. 77*** and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, (1) absent, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 78:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL
EMPLOYMENT (SUMMER 2022).**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Summer School Employment (Summer 2022)***. Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve ***Report Action No. 78*** and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, (1) absent, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 79:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF A PEOTONE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL'S
SUMMER BAND CLUB.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Peotone Junior High School's Summer Band Club***. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve ***Report Action No. 79*** and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, (1) absent, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 80:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE SOCIAL STUDIES ADOPTION (K-5).

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Social Studies Adoption (K-5)***. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve ***Report Action No. 80*** and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, (1) absent, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 81:

FOR ACTION: ADDENDUM TO THE APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL: ***(are in red and underlined)***

(*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 **Addendum** to Personnel and also the approval of Certified and Classified Personnel.

Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve **Report Action No. 81** and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, (1) absent, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

CERTIFIED EMPLOYMENT:

- **Seth Diaz - PHS Math Teacher (the effective date should be 08.15.2022 and not 04.15.2022 as previously stated in the Board Packet).**
- **Kimberly Horn - PJHS Reading Interventionist (effective date of 08.15.2022).**
- Laura Hess - PES -First Grade Teacher (effective date of 08.15.2022).
- Stephanie Chaplinski - PES -Kindergarten Teacher (effective date of 08.15.2022).
- Rachel Graniczny - PES Third Grade Teacher (effective date of 08.15.2022).
- Kristine M. Stukenborg - PIC Permanent Substitute Teacher (effective date of 08.015.2022).

CHANGE IN STATUS:

- Amanda Bielawski - PHS Special Education Teacher - 1/7th Overload Pay (effective date of 04.11.2022).
- Erin Blievernicht - PHS - Math Teacher - 1/7th Overload Pay (effective date of 04.06.2022).
- Kelly Leonard - PHS English Teacher - 1/7th Overload Pay (effective date of 04.06.2022).
- Kara Lindsay - PHS Department Team Lead - 1/7th Overload Pay (effective date of 03.29.2022).
- Jill Scheffers - PES Kindergarten Teacher to PES First Grade Teacher (effective date of 08.15.2022).
- Laura Shaw - PES K/1st Special Education Long Term Substitute to PES Third Grade Teacher (effective date of 08.15.2022).

CHANGE OF LOCATION ONLY:

- Melissa Grahonya SLP- CSC Preschool/PJHS to CSC Preschool/PHS (effective date of 08.08.2022).
- Paige Nooner SLP - PIC/PHS to PIC/PJHS (effective date of 08.08.2022).

RESIGNATION:

- Shannon McLean - CSC Preschool Teacher (effective date of 05.27.2022).
- Sarah Acevedo - PHS Special Olympics Unified Coach (06.30.2022).
- Colleen Crabbe - PHS Special Olympics Unified Coach (06.30.2022).
- Shawn Sobotoka - PJHS Assistant Baseball Coach (effective date of 04.07.2022).
- Bryan Wells - PHS Assistant Football Coach (effective date of 03.28.2022).
- Hannah Sloma - PJHS Cheerleading Coach (effective date of 04.12.2022).

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

- Belinda Schirmer - PHS Special Education Teacher- (retirement letter dated 04.05.2022 - retirement - end of the 2025-2026 school year).

CLASSIFIED STAFF

EMPLOYMENT:

- Michaella Campbell -Transportation Bus Aide (effective date of 04.18.2022).

RESIGNATION:

- Carter Bettenhausen - PES Custodian (effective date of 03.29.2022).
- Beth Thiesfeld - PHS Cafeteria (effective date of 05-26.2022).
- Sarah Marcari - CSC Paraprofessional (effective date of 05.27.2022).

Board Trustee, Tim Stoub arrived for the regular board meeting at 6:08 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

- PHS administered the SAT to students on Wednesday, April 13-14. Only a small handful of students were unable to complete the test on this date and we have plans for them to take it on April 27th, during the make-up date.
- PHS will administer the PSAT to grades 9 and 10 on Wednesday, April 20th. Juniors will also be taking the Illinois Science Assessment that day with science teachers administering that test. Seniors will be granted a College Visit Day on Wednesday and will have no obligations to log-on virtually.

- NHS students are taking a field trip to “Feed My Starving Children” on Wednesday, April 26th all day to volunteer their time like we have done so many times. Thank you to Mrs. Rietman for keeping this tradition alive despite the challenges through COVID.
- PHS Renaissance will be hosting our first annual Spring Renaissance Rally on Tuesday, May 3rd from 1:30 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. Our Renaissance Club has quite a few fun activities planned for our student body and are excited to roll out this annual event to promote the overall culture and climate experience at PHS.
- PHS will host a Pre-Prom Safety Meeting where we will view that video created and led by the Peotone Class of 2019. Juniors and seniors will watch this video on May 12th from 10:00-11:30 during 3rd period and BDS and will focus on staying safe and making smart decisions through Prom weekend.
- PHS will host Prom on Saturday, May 14th from 7-10 pm at CD & Me in Frankfort. Students in grades 11 and 12 will be able to purchase tickets at PHS during A and B lunch periods from Thursday, April 21st through Friday, April 29th. All students in grades 11 and 12 are welcome to attend and any student in grade 9 or 10 may be asked and accompanied by an upperclassman. Tickets are 80 dollars per student, and we accept cash or check payable to “PHS Junior Class.”
 - Prom will be immediately followed by Post Prom at PHS. All juniors and seniors are welcome to attend whether you attended Prom or not. Students in grades 9 and 10 may only attend Post Prom if they attended Prom with a PHS Upperclassman. All students attending Post Prom must walk in the doors no later than 11:00 pm and Post Prom will conclude between 3-4 am. Post Prom tickets are 20 dollars per person and tickets will be on sale during the same time Prom tickets are sold at PHS.
- PHS Renaissance Student Spirit Week will take place Monday, May 16 - Friday May 20 (Seniors Last Week).
 - Tuesday, May 17th - Pajama Day
 - Wednesday, May 18th - College/Future Occupation Day
 - Thursday, May 19th - Senior Citizen/Parking Space Decoration Day
 - Friday, May 20th - Senior Shirt Day/Graduation Walk during BDS (Destinations will include PJHS and PES).
- PHS Senior Academic Awards are on Wednesday, May 18th in the PHS Auditorium from 6:00 - 8:00 pm., seniors receiving an award will be notified and asked to attend, however will not be told what award they have won.

- PHS will conduct Mandatory Graduation Practice on Friday, May 27th at 10 a.m.
- PHS and PJHS are happy to announce that we are allowing eight tickets per graduate for the PHS and PJHS Graduation Ceremonies. This is an increase from last year's limit of 6 tickets per graduate. Tickets may be picked up and signed for by the PHS/PJHS Graduate or Parent/Guardian in the PHS or PJHS Main Office beginning Monday, May 9th, 2022.
- Journalism Opportunities for the Vedette.
 - We have successfully published our first article in ***The Peotone Vedette***. The article was entitled "The Role Models of Feminism in Peotone" and it was written by Jenna Mustafa, PHS Junior student.
 - Jenna's article is the first in a series of guest student writers from PHS. In a partnership with The Vedette, student writers will be published in efforts to revive The Devil's Advocate student newspaper and teach future writers a sense of involvement in their community.
- Kate Herder April 2022 PBC Excellence Award.
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Mr. Trevor Moore, Business Manager, CSBO, reported to the Board that Mr. Moore was unable to bring the final bid for the Connor Shaw Center parking lot to the Board for approval this evening because the low bidder hasn't provided the necessary paperwork to demonstrate they are a responsible bidder. It seems that the architect will recommend going with the second lowest bidder, but that hasn't been confirmed yet. Unfortunately, this will mean the project will cost more, but the alternative might be awarding it to a contractor who isn't capable of doing the work to expectations. Mr. Moore also reported that it is unlikely that the District can wait until the May meeting to accept the bid for fear this delay would disrupt the summer schedule. The Board assured Mr. Moore that they are willing to hold a special meeting to accept the bid prior to May 16th.

Mr. Chris Crawford, Director of Buildings and Grounds, reported to the Board that he is getting ready for all of the summer projects that will be going on at the buildings.

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent, reported to the Board that he has received two FOIA last month, one from ABC which was a wide FOIA request regarding library book challenges and another very voluminous FOIA request from a staff member, Ms. Moira Burke. Mr. Stein reported that he has complied with both FOIA requests.

Mr. Stein reported to the Board that over the course of the last couple of years, we have talked about having an in-person residency check for returning students. Obviously we always do a residency check for new students coming into the District. But all of this was put on hold because of COVID. But we are now planning to do a couple of in-person residency days this summer. Registration for returning students will open up on July 5th through July 15th. Our in-person residency days are:

Monday, July 18, 2022 A - L 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 19, 2022 M - Z 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

No appointments are necessary, and we have a make-up day for families who cannot attend the dates listed above. It is set for Wednesday, August 3, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Mr. Stein reported to the Board that an email will be sent out to all parents of returning students regarding all the information discussed tonight.

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 6:17 p.m. President Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting of April 18, 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 (7) Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Stoub and no nays.



Tara Robinson, President



Cathy Cuculich, Reporter