



**BOARD OF EDUCATION - REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OF MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023  
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 of the board members present was taken and the following board members answered aye (7) Mrs. Tara Robinson, Mr. Rick Uthe, Mrs. Jennifer Moe, Mrs. Jodi Becker, Mr. Roger Bettenhausen, Mr. Tim Stoub, Mrs. Dawn Love.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Consent Agenda A through E*** of the regular board meeting of Monday, March 13, 2023. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda ***A through E***. Mrs. Moe and Mr. Bettenhausen seconded the motion to approve, and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Love and no nays.

**GOOD NEWS**

**PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL**

**MARCH 2023 BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**ACADEMIC STUDENT OF THE MONTH.**

President Robinson recognized and introduced March's Board of Education Academic Student of the Month of Peotone High School, ***Donavan Esquivel***. Donovan is the son of Gustavo and Lorena Esquivel of Monee and is currently a sophomore at Peotone High School with a grade point average of 4.1 on a 4.0 grading scale.

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent, presented a certificate of commendation to Donavan Esquivel.



***Congratulations Donavan!***

**PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL  
RECOGNITION OF THE KANKAKEE AREA CAREER CENTER'S  
STUDENTS WHO WERE INDUCTED INTO  
THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY.**

President Robinson recognized and honored Peotone High School's KACC students, **Melanie Chaloupka** (C.N.A.) and **Mattea Griffin** (Construction Technology) who were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society through Kankakee Area Career Center. Melanie and Mattea were not present at the board meeting to receive their certificates.

**PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL  
MARCH 2023 RESOLUTION - GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

President Robinson recognized and introduced **Madyson Kibelkis**, a senior at Peotone High School and a member of the girls' basketball team, coached by Steve Strough, Madyson recorded her **1000<sup>th</sup> Career Point** competing against St. Joseph-Ogden High School in the Illinois High School Association Sectional Semi Final on Tuesday, February 21, 2023!

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent presented Madyson Kibelkis with a certificate of commendation.



***Congratulations Madyson!***

## **PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL**

### **MARCH 2023 RESOLUTION - WRESTLING**

President Robinson recognized and introduced ***Kiernan Farmer***, a junior at Peotone High School and a member of the Wrestling Team, coached by Phil Thorne, qualified for the Illinois High School Association State Wrestling Individual Competition held in Bloomington, Illinois, on February 24-25, 2023. Kiernan is our first female wrestler who qualified and placed in the state tournament for the 155 pound weight class. Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent presented Kiernan Farmer a certificate of commendation.



***Congratulations Kiernan!***

## **PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL**

### **MARCH 2023 RESOLUTION - WRESTLING**

President Robinson recognized and introduced **Marco Spinazzola**, a senior at Peotone High School and a member of the Wrestling Team, coached by Phil Thorne, qualified for the Illinois High School Association State Wrestling Individual Competition held in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, on February 17-18, 2023. Marco is the 2023 IHSA Class 1A Wrestling State Champion the 152 pound weight class! Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent presented Marco with a certificate of commendation.



***Congratulations Marco!***

## **PEOTONE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

### **FEBRUARY 2023 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH.**

President Robinson recognized and introduced Peotone Junior High's February Students of Month. There is one student of month from each grade level. These students have demonstrated outstanding behavior, good work ethic, and have "gone above and beyond the call of duty" at Peotone Junior High School!

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent presented certificates of commendation to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade student, **Kayla White**, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade student, **Sydney Borgman** and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student, **Avery Moore**.



***Congratulations Kayla, Sydney and Avery!***

### **OPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK:**

Parents signed in to address the Board with their concerns regarding a staff member.

**REPORT NO. 53:**

**FOR ACTION:        APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF THE  
27 ACRES FARM LEASE.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Renewal of the 27 Acres Farm Lease***. Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve and accept ***Report No. 53*** and Mr. Bettenhausen seconded the motion. 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 and (1) nay, Mr. Stoub.

**REPORT NO. 54:**

**FOR ACTION:        APPROVAL OF THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CLOSED  
EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORDINGS OF  
JULY 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 2017.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Destruction of the Closed Executive Session Recordings of July 2017 through December 2017***. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve and accept ***Report No. 54*** and Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Love seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

**REPORT NO. 55:**

**FOR ACTION:        APPROVAL OF THE DRALLE BUS PARKING AND  
MAINTENANCE FACILITY LEASE AGREEMENT.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Dralle Bus Parking and Maintenance Facility Lease Agreement***. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve and accept ***Report No. 55*** and Mrs. Love seconded the motion. 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, and (1) nay, Mr. Stoub.

**REPORT NO. 56:**

**FOR ACTION:        APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE  
PAINTING PROPOSAL FOR PHS/PJHS.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Painting Proposal For Peotone High School and Peotone Junior High School***. Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve and accept ***Report No. 56*** and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion. 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 and (1) nay, Mr. Stoub.

**REPORT NO. 57:**

**FOR ACTION:        APPROVAL OF THE 2023-2024 DISTRICT  
SCHOOL CALENDAR.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***2023-2024 District School Calendar***. Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve ***Report No. 57*** and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

**REPORT NO. 58:**

**FOR ACTION:        APPROVAL OF OPENING A NEW ACTIVITY FUND  
ACCOUNT (TRI-M) AT PHS.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Opening a New Activity Fund Account (Tri-M) at Peotone High School***. The sponsor of the new TRI-M activity fund account will be Kate Herder. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve ***Report No. 58*** and Mrs. Love seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

**REPORT NO. 59:**

**FOR ACTION:        APPROVAL OF THE 2023-2024 IHSA MEMBERSHIP.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***2023 - 2024 IHSA Membership***. Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve ***Report No. 59*** and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and no nays

**REPORT NO. 60:**

**FOR ACTION:        APPROVAL OF THE PHS/PJHS  
2023-2024 PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOKS.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***PHS/PJHS 2023-2024 Parent-Student Handbooks***. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve ***Report No. 60*** and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

**REPORT NO. 61:**

**FOR ACTION:      APPROVAL OF A NEW SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
TRACK AND FIELD TEAM (SPRING & SUMMER GAMES).  
AND A TEAM SPONSOR STIPEND.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve ***A New Special Olympics Track and Field Team (Spring & Summer Games)*** and a Team Sponsor stipend of \$2,522.63. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve ***Report No. 61*** and Mrs. Love seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

**REPORT NO. 62:**

**FOR ACTION:      APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OR SALE OF  
PERSONAL PROPERTY.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Resolution Authorizing the Disposal or Sale of Personal Property.*** Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve ***Report No. 62*** and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

**REPORT NO. 63:**

**FOR ACTION:      APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL  
OF INSTALLING SECURITY CAMERAS AT PHS.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Proposal of Installing Security Cameras at PHS.*** Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve and accept ***Report No. 63*** and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion. 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, and (1) nay, Mr. Stoub.

**REPORT NO. 64:**

**FOR ACTION:      APPROVAL FOR AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND  
THE FY23 BUDGET AND TO BE PUT ON DISPLAY.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Authorization to Amend the FY23 Budget and to be put on Display.*** Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve ***Report No. 64*** and Mrs. Love seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

**REPORT NO. 65:**

**FOR ACTION:        APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF A  
NEW JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE DISTRICT.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve and accept ***A New Job Description for the District, Human Resources Coordinator.*** Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve ***Report No. 65*** and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

**REPORT NO. 66:**

**FOR ACTION:        APPROVAL OF THE REVISED RATES OF 2023 ESY PAY.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Revised Rates of 2023 ESY Pay.*** ESY 2023 hourly rate for Nurses - \$40.00/Hour, ESY 2023 hourly rate for OT - \$50.00/hour and ESY 2023 hourly rate for COTA - \$40.00/Hour. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve ***Report No. 66*** and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

**REPORT NO. 67:**

**FOR ACTION:        APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION  
FOR DISMISSAL OF PROBATIONARY TEACHERS.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Adoption of the Resolution for Dismissal of Probationary Teachers.*** The following teachers, Kimberly Rittenhouse and Christie Matthews are hereby dismissed effective as of the end of the 2022-2023 school term and will not be re-employed as teachers in this School District for the 2023-2024 school term. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve ***Report No. 67*** and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

### **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 6:20 p.m., President Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting and move the Board into closed executive session and stated that there will be action after our closed executive session tonight. 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. Mr. Uthe made a motion and Mrs. Love seconded the motion to move the Board into closed executive session. On a voice call vote, the following board members answered aye (7) Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Uthe and no nays.

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

At 7:10 p.m. President Robinson asked for a motion to return to the open session of the regular board meeting. Mr. Uthe made a motion to return to open session to vote on Report No. 68 and Report No. 69. Mrs. Love seconded the motion and a voice call vote was taken and the following members answered aye (7): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Uthe and no nays.

### **REPORT NO. 68:**

#### **FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF NOTICE TO REMEDY.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Notice to Remedy*** and Suspension of Carrie Chirico. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve ***Report No. 68*** and Mrs. Love seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

## **REPORT NO. 69:**

### **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***. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve ***Report No. 69*** and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and no nays.

## **CERTIFIED STAFF**

### **CHANGE IN STATUS:**

- Paula Gertler - District Substitute Teacher to PIC Long Term Substitute Teacher (effective date of 02.13.2023).
- Cheryl Salaski - PIC Long Term Substitute (Art) Teacher to PIC Long Term Substitute (effective date of 03.27.2023).

### **DISMISSAL:**

- Kimberly Rittenhouse - PJHS Math Interventionist (effective at end of the 2022-2023 school term).
- Christie Matthews - PHS Math Teacher (effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school term).

### **RESIGNATION:**

- Jason Fischer - PHS Special Education Teacher (effective date of 05.31.2023).
- Gregg Schreiber - PES Physical Education Teacher (effective date of 05.31.2023).
- Shawn Sobotka - PJHS Assistant Baseball Coach (effective date of 08.01.2023).
- Harley Antley - PIC School Counselor (effective date of 06.08.2023).

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

- Mike Heywood - PHS Social Studies Teacher (retirement letter of 01.03.2022, retirement will be at the end of the 2025-2026 school year).

**SECOND YEAR:**

Terina Taylor - Specialized Instruction Teacher - PJHS  
Rachel (Lewandowski) Bennett - 8th Science Teacher - PJHS  
Seth Diaz - Math Teacher - PHS  
Kimberly Horn- Reading Interventionist - PJHS  
Laura Hess - 1st Grade Teacher - PES  
Stephanie Chaplinski - Kindergarten Teacher -PES  
Rachel Graniczny - 3rd Grade Teacher - PES  
Caleb Cork - Science Teacher - PHS  
Amanda Tomaszewski - Transition Coordinator -PHS/PJHS  
Kristine Stukenborg - Permanent Substitute Teacher - PIC  
Staci Wingard - 8th Grade Special Education Teacher - PJHS  
Joel Rodriguez - Spanish Teacher - PHS  
Lori Lonard - Permanent Substitute Teacher PHS/PJHS  
Melissa Schwoebel- SI Special Education Teacher - PIC  
Tracy Toepfer - Chorus Teacher - PHS/PJHS  
Marissa Messex - Social Worker - PHS  
Christina Brown - Permanent Substitute Teacher - PES  
Celia Brunzie - 3rd Grade Teacher - PES  
Jeremy Kenny - Physical Education Teacher - PJHS  
Dakota Cowger - Ag Teacher - PHS  
Laura Shaw - Kindergarten Teacher - PES  
Kristin Greenwell - Special Education Teacher (K) - PES  
Holly Jensen - Speech Language Pathologist - PIC/PJHS  
Heather (Krawczyk) Hoskins - Preschool Teacher - CSC  
Sandra Marcukaitis - Special Education Teacher (1st) - PES

**THIRD YEAR:**

Kasey Spisak -2nd Grade Teacher - PES  
Shawn Price - English Teacher - PHS  
Ryan Murray - Art Teacher - PHS  
Sandra Voss - EL Interventionist (4th - 8th Grade) - PIC/PJHS  
Amanda Bielawski -Special Education Teacher - PHS  
Colleen Grimmett - Math Interventionist - PIC  
Kim Pagliarulo - CTE Business Teacher - PHS  
Madison Mikalauski -Special Education Teacher - PHS  
Natalie Harden - Reading Interventionist - PIC  
Shelli Posey - School Counselor - CSC/PES  
Marnie Davis - 21st Century Skills Teacher -PJHS  
Kelly Leonard - English Teacher - PHS  
William Judge - Industrial Arts Teacher - PHS  
Hannah Sloma - Preschool Teacher - CSC  
Shawn Sobotka - Health Teacher/Athletic Director -PJHS  
Vivian Kilias - English Teacher - PHS

#### **FOURTH YEAR:**

Kerry O'Connell - Physical Education Teacher - PHS  
Andrew Butz - Social Studies Teacher - PHS  
Lisa Schwartz - Special Education Teacher - PES  
Colleen McIntyre - Social Worker - PJHS  
Tracy Mrozek - 6th Grade Math Teacher - PJHS  
Stephanie Wilda - 5th Grade Teacher - PIC  
Nicole Huizenga - Social Worker - PES  
Emma Ahrens - 2nd Grade Teacher - PES  
Erin Blievernicht - Math Teacher - PHS  
Sarah Zarnowski - Science Teacher - PHS  
Caley Michalak - Guidance Counselor - PHS

#### **TENURE:**

Carly Bittner - Math Teacher - PJHS  
Travis Smith - Art Teacher - PJHS

#### **CLASSIFIED STAFF**

##### **EMPLOYMENT:**

- Sandra Evans - PHS Administrative Assistant/AD Assistant (effective date of 04.24.2023).
- Cindy Russo - PJHS Night Custodian (effective date of 03.06.2023).

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent**, reported to the Board that he received a couple of FOIA requests since our last board meeting. One FOIA request was from the Illinois Retired Teachers, which is an annual request that we receive, inquiring about retiring certified teachers of the District. Mr. Stein has complied with this request. The second FOIA request was from Smart Local 265 asking about any potential construction or maintenance projects of the District. Mr. Stein worked with Mr. Crawford to complete this FOIA request. Mr. Stein also wanted to take a moment to read a brief statement from Andrew Pittenger, Principal from Dwight Township High School who asked Mr. Stein if he could please publically thank Mr. Spang and Mrs. Upton for welcoming a Dwight Township high school English teacher into Mrs. Upton's class for two days of observations and collaboration. Mr. Pittenger stated that it was a great experience for the teacher and Mr. Pittenger was very thankful to us for letting one of his teachers have this opportunity at Peotone High School.

**Mr. Brandon Owens, Director of Curriculum and Instruction**, reported to the Board that the Peotone Educational Foundation held its annual Bowlarama at the Peotone Bowling Alley this past Friday, March 10th. It was another well-attended and fun event for all. I'd like to thank the Ed Foundation members for planning and running the event, which included basket raffles and split-the-pot. Thank you to all who attended and supported the Ed Foundation that evening!

The Ed Foundation is also currently accepting Spring Grants for the Peotone staff; Grant applications are due Friday, March 24th, and will be reviewed at the April Meeting.

The Peotone Early Education Program held its first Special Persons' Day since 2019. We were excited to welcome parents, grandparents, and other family members to check out the classrooms, and participate in crafts and other fun.

After Spring Break, our 3rd-8th grade students will be participating in the Illinois Assessment of Readiness. Right now, we are in the process of preparing the sessions and getting tickets ready to print.

Another assessment that our 5th, 8th, 11th grade students will be taking is the Illinois Science Assessment. Our 11th grade students took the 3-unit assessment last week; they are in the process of completing a few remaining makeups. Our 5th and 8th grade will be taking these assessments after completing the IAR in mid-to-late April.

**Mr. Jason Spang, Principal of Peotone High School, and Amy Adamow, Assistant Principal of Peotone High School** reported to the Board about March (*Women's History Month*).

- Seth Diaz (Math)
  - I am going to do a presentation of Women Mathematicians and then some sort of activity with it. Some of these women include Hypatia (first female math teacher), Ada Lovelace (mother of coding, first to ever code), Sofia Kovalecskya (Saturn's Rings - first female professor), Emmy Noether (link of math and physics), Dorothy Vauhn, and Katherine Johnson (NASA).
- Tracy Toepfer (Music)
  - In our choir classes, Mrs. Toepfer is doing a March Madness bracket with Women in Music. She'll play music by women and have students vote on what they like better each day. This will expose students to various genres of music written/performed by women.
- Emily Johnson (Science)
  - I am posting a new important woman in the field of science on my agenda slide for every school day this month.

- Kim Pagliarulo (Intro/Advanced Photoshop)
  - In Intro/Advanced Photoshop, Kim is having her students create posters highlighting women in history. Students had full creative freedom and the parameters were to include a picture, name, and brief description of the woman's accomplishments. Designs included some singular posters and some included a collective group. Names include Cristine Jorgenson, Marsha Johnson, Grace Hopper, Annie Easley, Sojourner Truth, Rosa Parks, and Bessie Coleman just to name a few.
- Thank you to MDI Securities for donating six brand new Yamaha 12 inch speakers of 120 watts in addition to a Pyle amplifier that includes blue tooth streaming and local radio stations for the high school weight room!
- **SAT/PSAT Update**
  - PHS will host the SAT School Day for juniors on April 12 and also the PSAT 8/9 for freshman. Students in grade 10 will be asynchronous and not in attendance this day unless they are 2-day test takers. Students in grade 12 will also be asynchronous.
  - PHS will host the PSAT 10 on April 13. Students in grades 9, 11 and 12 will be asynchronous and not in attendance this day unless they are 2-day test-takers.
  - All PHS students will return to normal in-person attendance on Friday, April 14.
- PHS and Tracy Toepfer are proud to announce that we will host a special show choir invitational for the first time ever next school year 2024. This is an event that Mrs. Toepfer has experience in hosting in her previous district. We already have five schools verbally committed to attend and are in hopes to increase that number to around 15 schools. We have the perfect venue to host this type of event and it will bring schools from all over the state and promote our growing music department here at PHS.
- Congrats to all PJHS and PHS Students on their awesome performances during their Band and Choir Concerts on 3/7/23 and 3/9/23.
- Congrats to our PHS Unified Basketball Team on finishing in 3rd place in the state of Illinois!

- **Game-On Teacher of Month - March 2023**

- Congratulations to Erin Blievernicht for earning our Game-On teacher of the month award. Below are our presenter, Mrs. Luisa Suarez's kind words of Erin's dedication to PHS.
  - I would like to nominate my colleague Ms. Erin Blievernicht as the Game On teacher of the month for March. Erin joined the PHS Math Dept. in 2020. Last summer Erin and Mr. Spang worked together for Summer School and Credit Recovery and she was very helpful to both me and her students. Many of you may not know that Erin has been assisting our students with math support during Zero-Hour-Math each morning at 7:10. Erin, thank you for everything that you do for our students. It is an honor to have you on our staff and call you my friend.

***Mrs. Carole Zurales, Principal at Peotone Elementary School***, reported to the Board that PES had their Magical Math and STEM Night on Wednesday March 1 which was well attended and families enjoyed engaging in Math games and STEM activities throughout the building.

- We have a focus on reading this month called "Tale as Old as Time" where every time a student reads a book at home they fill out a Mickey head with the title of the book. We are trying to fill the hallways with Mickey heads and all the books we have read.

The district staff participated in an eight Week Health and Wellness Challenge from January 9 - March 3. Over 140 staff members participated and we had about 90% participation weekly. There were weekly raffles and amazing grand prizes for the winners in both categories (Healthy Habits and Weight Loss). The staff worked on habit stacking where we added a new habit each week including movement, water intake, self-care, nutrition, and personal habits. The district weight loss total over the 8 weeks was 404.1 pounds. Thank you to Berkots for donating the supplies for the Water Bar and the Celebration Snacks. Thank you to Leah Krause, owner of Fuse Salon and Rare Apparel, for sponsoring the challenge and donating shirts, bags, cups, and stickers to all participants, in addition to donating and securing donations for the weekly raffles and grand prizes.

**Mrs. Jennifer Tekiela, Principal at Peotone Intermediate Center** reported to the Board that The Gaga pit is all set to be built and set up by our maintenance department over Spring Break. Thank you again to our generous PTO for funding this project.

One School, One Book kicks off in early April. Students and staff will all be reading the same book. There are already clues posted around the school and fun activities are being planned by the PIC Numeracy and Literacy Committee.

IAR testing will begin at PIC the last week of March and wrap up the first week of April.

Twelve parents volunteered for a virtual Career Day interview with Principal Tekiela. We can't wait to share these interviews in the lunchroom daily during IAR testing to promote career and college readiness.

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

Congratulations to the cast of "Robin Hood" and director Patty Heron for a wonderful play. Performances were held Saturday, February 25 and Sunday, February 26.

- Friday, March 17 is the end of the 3rd Quarter. Report cards will be going home with students Friday, March 31.
- Kankakee Area Career Center is hosting a Career Awareness Day for area 8th grade students. Some of the career clusters that will be focused on are Architecture & Construction, Education, Information Technology, Marketing, Law, Public Safety, Security, Health Science, and AV Tech Communication. The PJHS 8th grade class will be attending this event on Wednesday, April 12.
- IAR Testing is scheduled at PJHS for April 3-6. All students will be taking the test.
- ISA Testing is scheduled at PJHS for April 20-22. This test is taken only by 8th graders.
- PJHS soccer has begun their season with our first game being played Monday, March 13.
- PJHS track began practice March 13 and will have their first meet Thursday, March 30
- Scholastic Bowl has begun and we will host our first home match Thursday, March 16.
- The PJHS Math team will be competing in the Kan-Will Math Contest on Wednesday, March 29. This event is held at KCC as we will be the host for this year.

- The PJHS Spelling team will participate in the Kan-Will Spelling Contest on Wednesday, March 15 at Beecher.
- PJHS had three wrestlers advance to the IESA State Wrestling Meet on Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11. Congratulations to Charles Canby, Jonah Young, and Jimmy O'Conner for their great season. Charles Canby brought home a 5th place finish in his weight class at the State Meet. Congratulations to our wrestlers as well as our coaches.

**Mrs. Amy Loy, Director of Student Services**, reported to the Board, that Mrs. Loy shared an update regarding the playground at the Peotone Preschool Program at Connor Shaw Center. The playground has been ordered and is scheduled to arrive in mid-June. This should hopefully put us on a timeline of having the playground built and installed by the first day of preschool next year. Mrs. Loy thanked the Board for their commitment to the District's Special Olympics programming as we continue to expand to Track and Field for students aged 8 and up this spring.

Mrs. Loy also shared that Peotone Junior High School students recently attended the Bourbonnais Upper Grade Center Spring Games held on the campus of Olivet Nazarene University on March 9. It was an awesome day of inclusion and fun for students and staff that attended.

**Mr. Chris Crawford, Director of Buildings and Grounds**, reported to the Board that the Maintenance Department reported 297 work orders for the month of February. Those include work orders created by the maintenance team, administration and automatic preventative maintenance work orders:

1. Work Orders by building :
  - a. PJHS = 76
  - b. PHS = 71
  - c. PES = 71
  - d. PIC = 42
  - e. CSC = 37
2. Work Orders by Category:
  - a. HVAC = 79
  - b. Grounds = 38
  - c. Plumbing = 29
  - d. Electrical = 25
  - e. Preventive Maintenance = 24
  - f. Carpentry = 23
  - g. Deliveries = 14
  - h. Athletic Fields = 10
  - i. Equipment Repair = 10
  - j. Custodial = 8
  - k. Moves = 8

- l. Life/Safety = 8
- m. Lock & Key = 6
- n. Vandalism = 5
- o. Administrative = 5
- p. Kitchen Equipment Repair = 3
- q. Roof = 1
- r. Pest Control = 1

Fire Equipment Inspections will be done at all schools March 15 through March 17 after regular school hours. Fire Marshal inspections will be March 20 and 21 at all five buildings. Backflow Preventer inspections will be done next week over Spring Break. Mike is taking applications for summer help and Brandon emailed the staff. The Kubota will be here on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:51 p.m., President Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting of March 13, 2023. Mr. Uthe made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Bettenhausen seconded the motion, and on a voice call vote, the following board members answered aye (7) Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Stoub and no nays.



Tara Robinson, President



Cathy Cuculich, Reporter