



**BOARD OF EDUCATION-REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 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 of the board members was taken and the following members answered aye, Mrs. Tara Robinson, Mrs. Jennifer Moe, Mrs. Jodi Becker, Mr. Tim Stoub, Mr. Roger Bettenhausen, Mrs. Dawn Love. Mr. Rick Uthe was absent for the December 19, 2022 regular board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Consent Agenda, A through E*** of the regular board meeting of December 19, 2022. Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda ***A through E***. Mr. Love seconded the motion to approve, and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6), Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Stoub, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Love and (1) absent, Mr. Uthe and no nays.

GOOD NEWS:

**PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL
DECEMBER 2022 BOARD OF EDUCATION
ACADEMIC STUDENT OF THE MONTH:**

President Robinson recognized and introduced ***Autumn Regal***. Autumn is the daughter of Jeff and Dolores Regal of Peotone and is currently a freshman at Peotone High School with a grade point of 4.0 on a 4.0 grading scale

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent presented **Autumn Regal** with a certificate of commendation.



Congratulations Autumn!

PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2022 - WRESTLING RESOLUTION:

President Robinson recognized and introduced **Marco Spinazzola**, a senior at Peotone High School and a member of the Wrestling Team, coached by Phil Thorne recorded his 100th wrestling career victory on December 10, 2022 at the Hoger Invite hosted by Walther Christian Academy. Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent presented **Marco Spinazzola** with a certificate of commendation.



Congratulations Marco!

**PEOTONE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 2022 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH.**

President Robinson recognized the November 2022 students of the month for Peotone Junior High School. 6th Grade student, ***Sophie Novoa***, 7th Grade student, ***Lila Leighton*** and 8th Grade student ***Tyler Leitelt***. Sophie and Tyler were not present to receive their certificates. Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent presented a certificate of commendation 7th grade student, Lila Leighton, who was present at the December 19 regular board meeting.



Congratulations Sophie, Lila and Tyler!

OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK:

No one signed in to Speak.

2022 TAX LEVY HEARING:

At 6:04 p.m., President Robinson asked for a motion to open the 2022 Tax Levy Hearing. Mrs. Moe made a motion and Mrs. Love seconded the motion and on a voice call vote, the following board members answered, (6) aye, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Stoub, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Love and (1) absent, Mr. Uthe and no nays. President Robinson introduced Mr. Adrian Fulgencio.

Mr. Adrian Fulgencio reported to the board, superintendent, and the public that the School Code (105 ILCS 5/17-1.3) has been amended and we will now need to disclose during the actual tax levy hearing itself our cash balances.

President Robinson asked if there are any comments from the Board and there were no comments from the board. President Robinson asked if there are any comments from the public and there were no comments from the public.

At 6:05 p.m. President Robinson asked for a motion to close the 2022 Tax Levy Hearing, and Mrs. Moe made a motion to close the 2022 Tax Levy Hearing and Mrs. Love seconded the motion and on a voice call vote, the following board members answered (6) aye, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Stoub, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Love and (1) absent, Mr. Uthe and no nays.

FOR ACTION:

REPORT NO. 33:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE
2022 TAX LEVY AND RESOLUTION.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve and adopt ***2022 Tax Levy and Resolution***. Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve ***Report No. 33*** and Mrs. Love seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Love and (1) absent, Mr. Uthe and no nays.

REPORT NO. 34:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE PHS COURSE
CHANGES FOR 2023-24.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***PHS Course Changes for 2023-24***. Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve ***Report No. 34*** and Mrs. Love seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Love and (1) absent, Mr. Uthe and no nays.

REPORT NO. 35:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE CSC PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND.

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***CSC Preschool Playground***. Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve ***Report No. 35*** and Mrs. Love seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Love and (1) absent, Mr. Uthe and no nays.

REPORT NO. 36:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF A NEW CLUB AT PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL (CHESS CLUB).

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***New Club at Peotone High School, Chess Club***. The sponsor for Chess Club will be Apostolos Tsiamas. Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve ***Report No. 36*** and Mrs. Love seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Love Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Bettenhausen, and (1) absent, Mr. Uthe and no nays.

REPORT NO. 37:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF SPONSOR AND STIPEND FOR PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL'S E-SPORT TEAM/VIDEO GAMING CLUB.

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve ***the Sponsor and Stipend for Peotone High School's E-Sport Team/Video Gaming Club***. The sponsor for the club will be Steven Malm and the stipend will be \$550.06. Mr. Stoub made a motion to approve ***Report No. 37*** and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, and (1) absent, Mr. Uthe and no nays.

REPORT NO. 38:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF SPONSOR AND STIPEND FOR PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL'S ART CLUB.

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve ***Sponsor and Stipend for Peotone High School's Art Club***. The sponsor for the club will be Ryan Murray with a stipend amount of \$1,128.85. Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve ***Report No. 38*** and Mrs. Love seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, and (1) absent, Mr. Uthe and no nays.

REPORT NO. 39:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF OPENING A
NEW ACTIVITY FUND ACCOUNT.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve ***Opening a New Activity Fund Account for Peotone High School's Art Club.*** Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve ***Report No. 39*** and Mrs. Love seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Love, and (1) absent, Mr. Uthe and no nays.

REPORT NO. 40:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE PJHS GYM FLOOR
REFINISHING PROJECT.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve ***PJHS Gym Floor Refinishing Project.***

Board Trustee, Tim Stoub wanted to know if this project was in the budget, Mr. Fulgencio and Mr. Stein both responded yes, this project is in the budget. Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve ***Report No. 40.*** Mrs. Love seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, and (1) absent, Mr. Uthe and no nays.

REPORT NO. 41:

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 ***Personnel of the Certified and Classified Staff.*** Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve ***Report No. 41.*** Mrs. Love seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, and (1) absent, Mr. Uthe and no nays.

**CERTIFIED
EMPLOYMENT:**

- Cheryl Salaski - PIC Art - Long Term Substitute Teacher (effective date of 01.10.2023).

CHANGE IN STATUS:

- Seth Diaz - PHS Technical Director (spring) (effective date of 02.27.2023).
- Madison Mikalauski - PHS Pom/Pom Dance Performance (Head Coach) (effective date of 11.07.2022).
- Jill Scheffers -PES Additional STEM Club Sponsor (Fall and Winter) (effective date of 10.17.2022).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

- Kim Horn - PJHS Reading Interventionist - Maternity Leave (start date of 03.20.2023 and an end date of 05.31.2023).

RESIGNATION:

- Tyler Pavesich - PES Permanent Substitute Teacher (effective date of 03.24.2023).
- Savannah Straw - PES Long Term Substitute Teacher for PES Permanent Substitute Teacher (effective date of 12.16.2022).

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT:

- Alex Strough - PJHS 6th Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach (effective date of 12.05.2022).
- Diane Klootwyk -PES 1:1 Paraprofessional (effective date of 01.10.2023).

CHANGE IN STATUS:

- Barbara Martin - Transportation - School Bus Driver in Training to School Bus Driver (effective date of 12.19.2022).

RESIGNATION:

- John Gaffney - PJHS Custodian (effective date of 11.28.2022).
- Jennifer Soyer - PES 2nd Grade Inclusion Paraprofessional (effective date of 12.22.2022.)
- Ann Comrie -PES SI 1:1 Paraprofessional (effective date of 02.17.2023).

OTHER:

First Reading of **PRESS 110** Board Policies.

President Robinson asked the board members to review the First Reading of **PRESS 110** Board Policies, and if any of you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mr. Stein or myself.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent, reported to the Board that he received three FOIAs this month - one from Union Bids.com out of Peoria regarding the Fire panel at PHS, another bi-annual FOIA from Smart Procure and the third FOIA from NBC Chicago regarding a former employee, Sam Burks. Mr. Stein responded to all three FOIA requests and provided the information requested.

Mr. Stein also reported that people have been asking about the official graduation dates for PJHS and PHS. The official dates for graduation are: Peotone Junior High School will be on Friday, May 25 and Peotone High School will be on Saturday, May 26. The ceremonies will start at 7:00 p.m. and both graduations will take place at the high school.

Mr. Brandon Owens, Director of Curriculum and Instruction reported to the Board that we are celebrating a Holiday Spirit Week at PEEP this week. We have dress up days for the three days that we are in session this week.

- Today (Monday) was Holiday Week Kick-Off (wear red and green) Day
- Tomorrow (Tuesday) is Come as You Are Day (Pajama Day)
- Wednesday we will have our Get All Decked The Halls Out Day wearing anything and everything Holiday-related

This Wednesday, we are bringing back Cookies with Santa. PEEP students can bring their guardians to have drinks and cookies, make crafts, and meet Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. The AM Session will run from 9:00-10:30 a.m., and the PM Session will be from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

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

- PHS began its annual “12 Days of Christmas” countdown with the staff again this year. This began on Wednesday, December 7 and will culminate this Thursday, December 22.
- Thank you to Roy Erickson who once again donated and planted 4000 bulbs of beautiful flowers set to bloom just in time for Graduation this spring. Roy does this for the graduating seniors every year and it does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Thanks Roy!
- Our Cocoa Cram was today in the Media Center for any interested freshmen in preparation for their first experience with semester exams, it was well attended, we served cookies, hot cocoa, and whipped cream for all who attended as staff helped the students study for their exams that begin tomorrow.
 - Tuesday - 1st/3rd /5th
 - Wednesday- 2nd /4th /6th
 - Thursday 7th
- Special thank you to Amy’s Healing Heart for offering their services tomorrow morning at 7:45 a.m. in the PHS Auxiliary Gym. She will be leading a meditation and yoga relaxation session for any students interested as we begin semester exams.
- A big Thank you to Mr. David Alo, Pastor of My Church, for providing lunch for our staff lunch on Thursday. Mr. Alo is excited to reciprocate the

gesture for all the other buildings in the district during the second semester.

- **SAT and PSAT Update**
 - Cambridge Educational Services SAT Prep
 - March 1st (3 Hour Session)
 - This will be the only learning obligation that day for juniors. The students will be asked to get any missed assignments from their teachers beforehand.
 - 1 Group in PHS Auditorium
 - Junior SAT (State Graduation Requirement)
 - April 12 in PHS classrooms. Grades 12 E-Learning Day
 - PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10
 - April 13 in Classrooms/Auditorium.
- Congrats to Mattea Griffin for her KACC Positive Referral for December.
- PHS Christmas Concert was held last week on Thursday, December 15 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Congrats to our 14 Illinois State Scholars
 - We plan to recognize them at the January Board Meeting since some winners are at athletic events this evening.
- PHS Game On Teacher of the Month is Lori Lonard!
 - This teacher of the month is someone who stepped up in a time of need within our school. She is an active member of the community, a mother, an English teacher (for the last month), sometimes a math teacher; she is our utility player, our jack-of-all-trades. The students often call her “Evan’s Mom”. December’s teacher of the month is Lori Lonard for taking over Mrs. Upton’s English classes for the last month. She does so much for all of us and it is greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Amy Loy, Director of Special Services, thanked the Board for their support of a playground for our preschoolers at our Connor Shaw Center. Mrs. Loy expressed her excitement and wanted to thank the District OT, Tori Coffman, for her efforts in assisting with the design and thanked Adrian Fulgencio, Business Manager for his efforts with the grant applications that will fund the project.

Mrs. Carole Zurales, Principal at Peotone Elementary School, reported to the Board the PTO Pancake Breakfast was a huge hit! Thank you to all the PTO board, parents, and staff that volunteered to make it our most successful one yet!

- The students did a wonderful job at the Kindergarten and Third Grade Christmas Concerts on December 6 .
- The $\frac{2}{3}$ Grade STEM Club wrapped up a few weeks ago with over 40 students, the K/1 will start in January with over 35 students, and we had to start a waiting list! We are so excited about this new club at PES that students are so excited about! Thank you to Mrs. Sexton, Mrs. Norvilas, and Mrs. Scheffers for sponsoring this club.

District Update:

- We are excited to have our first Health and Wellness Challenge for our entire district staff starting when we return from break. We have partnered with local business owners and businesses and have some pretty amazing prizes for our staff! We are excited to get Peotone BETTER as a staff! As of today, we have over 40% of our staff signed up!

Mrs. Jennifer Tekiela, Principal at Peotone Intermediate Center reported to the Board the students completed their mid-year Winter NWEA Map testing in the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics.

Character Trait for the month of December is Compassion. School counselor, Mr. Antley spent time in each classroom presenting to all of the students.

Fourth Grade Winter Concert - The Fourth Grade winter concert was held at PHS on December 7. Mr. Chapman led the fourth graders in a wonderful collaboration of both singing and instrumentals. A wonderful time was had by all!

Game of the Month - A big thank you goes out to our Peotone PTO for their contributions to our Game of the Month initiative at PIC. This month each class received Mancala.

Mr. Scott Wenzel, Principal and Wendy Bean, Assistant Principal of Peotone Junior High School reported to the Board that Student Council ran two events before the Christmas Break. We also did our annual Food Drive, which brought in over 1100 items for the local food pantry. They also had donations made to the Make a Wish Foundation.

- PJHS staff had their annual Staff Christmas Party on Friday, December 2nd. Thank you to Laura Fitzpatrick for organizing the event.
- Choose to Include was part of a Virtual Summit on Thursday, December 8th. We had 34 students participate in the summit. Thank you to Laura Fitzpatrick for organizing the event.
- PBIS held its second event of the year on Friday, December 9. The theme was "Snow Fun Day." Students had a variety of activities to choose from on that day. Thank you to all the staff as it takes everyone to make it work.

A special thank you to Tracy Mrozek, Deanna Staley, Shawn Sobotka, and Rachel Bennett.

Sports Update

- Our 7th and 8th girls basketball teams finished their seasons. We capped off the season by hosting the 8th Grade Girls Basketball IESA Regional. The 7th grade team finished with a record of 16-7; 2nd in the Kan-Will Conference while the 8th grade team finished the season with a record of 16-8. They got 2nd in the conference tournament. Thank you to Coach Jim Wedic and Coach Scott McAllister for a great season.
- The 7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball teams are competing well in their season. The 8th Grade Boys finished 2nd in the regular season Kan-Will Conference and 2nd in the Kan-Will Tournament. The 7th Grade Boys finished 3rd in the Kan-Will Tournament. We will be hosting the 8th Grade Boys Basketball IESA Regional in late January.
- The 6th grade boys' basketball team finished their season. The "A" team finished with a record of 17-1 while the "B" team finished with a record of 13-1. They capped off their season by winning the Peotone 6th grade Basketball Tournament. Thank you to Coach Andrew Butz for a great season.
- Wrestling began after Thanksgiving Break. Our wrestlers have already competed in two meets with the bulk of their season after Christmas Break.
- Volleyball began after Thanksgiving Break. They will not have any games until after Christmas Break.

Mr. Chris Crawford, Director of Buildings and Grounds, reported to the Board that we had 281 work orders for the month of November. Those include work orders created by the maintenance team, administration and the automatic preventative maintenance work orders:

1. Work Orders by school :
 - a. CSC = 36
 - b. PIC = 40
 - c. PHS = 57
 - d. PES = 61
 - e. PJHS = 87
2. Work Orders by Category:
 - a. HVAC = 72
 - b. General Maintenance = 38
 - c. Grounds = 35
 - d. Electrical = 33
 - e. Plumbing = 30
 - f. Preventive Maintenance = 25
 - g. Carpentry = 15
 - h. Moving/Deliveries = 11
 - i. Lock and Key = 6
 - j. Administrative = 5
 - k. Equipment Repair = 5
 - l. Kitchen Equipment = 3
 - m. Athletic Fields = 3

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:39 p.m., President Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting and move into the closed executive session and stated that there will be no action after the Closed Executive Session tonight. Mrs. Moe made a motion and Mrs. Love seconded the motion to move the Board into Closed 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. On a voice call vote, the following board members answered aye (6) Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, and (1) absent, Mr. Uthe and no nays.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:50 p.m., President Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting of December 19, 2022. Mrs. Moe made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion, and on a voice call vote, the following board members answered aye (6) Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub and (1) absent, Mr. Uthe and no nays.



Tara Robinson, President



Cathy Cuculich, Reporter