



**BOARD OF EDUCATION-REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021
PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL - MEDIA CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER:

At 6:00 p.m., President Tara 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 (7): Mrs. Tara Robinson, Mr. Roger Bettenhausen, Mrs. Jodi Becker, Mr. Richard Uthe, Mr. Tim Stoub (via telephone), Mrs. Jennifer Moe, and Mrs. Dawn Love.

DISTRICT'S E-LEARNING/REMOTE LEARNING PLAN HEARING:

At 6:01 p.m. President Robinson asked for a motion to open the e-learning/remote learning plan hearing. Mr. Uthe made a motion and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and on a voice call vote, the following board members answered aye (7); Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Moe, and Mrs. Love.

President Robinson introduced Mr. Brandon Owens, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, who reported to the Board that the e-learning/remote learning plan has been on the district's website for a couple of months and has also been published in the newspaper. Essentially the District will need to have an approved e-learning/remote learning plan in place, just in case we have to cancel school. If we do have to cancel school, we would initiate an e-learning/remote learning day, which would work similar to last school year. Not having an approved plan in place for cancellation of a school day - we would have to add the day to the end of the school year.

At 6:05 p.m. President Robinson asked for a motion to close the e-learning/remote learning plan hearing. Mr. Uthe made a motion and Mrs. Love seconded the motion, and on a voice call vote, the following board members answered aye (7); Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Moe, and Mrs. Love.

CONSENT AGENDA:

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items, A through E of the regular board meeting of September 20, 2021. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the ***Consent Agenda A through E*** and Mr. Bettenhausen seconded the motion to approve, and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Love.

Mr. Paul Taueber, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director of Peotone High School, addressed the Board and stated that I am proud and excited to announce and introduce Ron Oloffson as our new head coach for Peotone High School's boys' basketball! Ron comes with a wealth of experience and success at the high school level and looking forward to a great season.

Mr. Ron Oloffson said, I am excited to be a blue devil - and I am looking forward to make a difference with the kids, and it is going to be fun!

OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK:

Debbie Batterman, addressed the Board that she has been with the District for 27 years, driving a bus for 25 years and working in the cafeteria for at least 15 of those years. I am addressing the Board tonight because I am being put on unpaid leave because of my refusal of getting the COVID -19 vaccine or complying with the weekly testing. President Robinson told Debbie that the Board will meet with her in closed executive session after the regular board meeting tonight.

Andrea Arens and Laci Lanclos, of Friends of Music, addressed the Board about their annual event - the Chili Cook-off at Brian's in Monee, on Saturday, October 2, 2021, the doors will open at 10:00 a.m., and the winners announced at 4:00 p.m. Wristbands are \$10.00 for all the chili you can eat! Proceeds will benefit the Fine Arts department. Andrea and Laci invited all to come out for this event! But if you can't make it, donations are always welcome, along with baked goods for the bake sale at the Chili Cook-off. If you are interested in donating for the bake sale, please drop off your homemade goodies or store bought goodies at the high school on October 1st from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Andrea informed the Board that theater is returning - Chelsea McKay is planning a Christmas Story and Cinderella in the spring. Our first concert of the season will be on October 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the high school. The price for admission is \$3.00 - but we are also selling family passes for \$25.00 which allows entry to all concerts for all grade levels. Any questions, please email Andrea Arens, at peotonefom@gmail.com.

Virginia Hamann and Sue Hoffman, addressed the Board with their concerns of mask wearing while driving the bus, the mandate of weekly testing if you are not vaccinated. They also talked about how the bus drivers are being targeted and discriminated against by the District regarding the COVID 19 mandate. We are not treated fairly.

Judy O'Galla, addressed the Board about losing good employees who refuse to get the COVID 19 vaccine or the weekly testing. And that it is not right to let these bus drivers go if they do not get vaccinated or have the weekly testing. Finally, if you are going to test - then you need to test everyone - and if not, it is not right.

Kathy Lyons, addressed the Board with her concerns of mask wearing and the struggles that her daughter, who is a junior at the high school deals with every day wearing a mask. She asked the board to please reconsider this mask mandate.

Steffanie Jennings, addressed the Board and ask the Board if she could read two letters from bus drivers who could not be here tonight. The first letter was from bus driver, Jolene Fritz, who wrote that she extremely uncomfortable about getting the vaccine and will not get it. Most of my reasons are personal – but the biggest reason is that is not the COVID-19 vaccine has not been thoroughly tested. And I am not refusing to be tested weekly, but I will not take part in the nasal swab test, but I am more than willing to take part in the weekly saliva test. I am also upset that only the unvaccinated are required to be tested. The second letter is from Debra Moreno, bus driver, who wrote - I am fervently against this vaccine - it is not anything that I will be putting into my body by choice or by force! The risks are numerous and the benefits are nil, and those who are fully vaccinated- still can get COVID. This is my formal refusal of getting the COVID vaccine and all boosters. And I will not quit my job, resign from my job or take a leave of absence.

Jillian Rojas, addressed the Board with a question - just wondering if all of the board members are also mandated to be vaccinated along with the staff, to keep your positions and if you are not mandated to do so - will you be sharing your vaccine status with us like you. You are here to defend us. We must stand united to stop this madness of the masking of our children, the requirement of vaccinating our employees. What happen to “my body my choice”?

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent, responded to the parents and bus drivers tonight, by saying - I certainly appreciate all the passion that everyone has on this subject, but I think the problem is that people are misconstruing a vaccine mandate for a testing mandate. There is no vaccine mandate. No one is being mandated to have a vaccine. What was clearly stated at the July board meeting was myself and the Board very firmly came down on the side that we believe that masking should be option. We do have the force of the mandate which makes us abide by the rules.

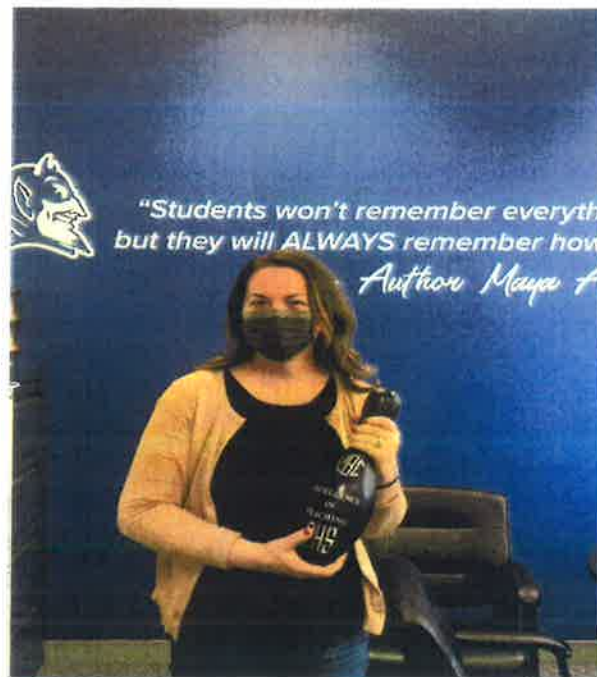
Mr. Stein asked Mr. Adam Dauksas, attorney from the law firm that represents the District, to please explain the rules and regulations from his perspective as an attorney.

GOOD NEWS:

PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNITION OF THE SEPTEMBER 2021 RECIPIENT OF THE PEOTONE BOWLING CENTER'S EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD.

Mr. Jason Spang, Principal of Peotone High School, spoke on behalf of the September recipient of the PBC Excellence in Teaching Award, ***Mrs. Elizabeth Upton***. Mrs. Upton could not be here tonight, but I am happy to announce that Mrs. Upton was nominated by the administration of Peotone High School, and they wrote this on her behalf:

PHS has recently faced several challenges related to COVID. Beth has stepped up to go above and beyond in helping our students at PHS maintain their academic progress by taking on extra responsibilities in the English department and putting students first. Beth models these qualities and characteristics on a daily basis in light of also sponsoring a student teacher in the English department this school year. This is no easy task! Throughout these last 19 months, Beth has selflessly dedicated time to serve on our PHS Leadership Committee, whose sole purpose was to create the most successful environment possible for our students and staff to succeed, despite all the challenges COVID has brought us. This award is just a small way to say that we recognize all of her hard work and appreciate everything she does for the students at Peotone High School. PHS would not be the same without her!



Congratulations Beth!

PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 2021 ACADEMIC STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent presented a certificate of commendation to ***Brock Krska***, as the Board of Education Academic Student of the Month for September 2021. ***Brock Krska***, is the son of Rich and Cathy Krska of Monee, Illinois and is a senior at Peotone High School with a grade point of 4.23 on a 4.0 grading scale.



Congratulations Brock!

FOR DISCUSSION:

Ms. Amy Ingalls, Village Administrator of Peotone, addressed the Board about a grant the Village will be applying which is due on September 30th for installing sidewalks in the Village. The Grant application is due on September 30th. The placement of the sidewalks would benefit the high school and the elementary school. Ms. Ingalls explained that the Grant is an 80/20 split. She asked the Board if they would be interested in splitting the 20 percent match which would be \$50,000 with the Village. President Robinson asked the Board to please review the information that Ms. Ingalls provided to you and if you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Ingalls or Dr. March at the Village.

FY22 BUDGET HEARING:

At 6:54 p.m. President Robinson asked for a motion to open the FY22 Budget Hearing. Mr. Uthe/Mrs. Love made a motion and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and on a voice call vote, the following board members answered aye (7); Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Moe, and Mrs. Love.

President Robinson asked Mr. Stein if he had any comments to add, Mr. Stein answered no. President Robinson asked the Board and the public for comments, no comments from the board or public.

At 6:55 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, and on a voice call vote, the following board members answered aye (7); Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Moe, and Mrs. Love.

FOR ACTION:

REPORT NO. 14:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S E-LEARNING/
REMOTE LEARNING PLAN.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***District's E-Learning/Remote Plan***. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve **Report Action No. 14** and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love and Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 15:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE FY22 BUDGET.

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***FY22 Budget***. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve **Report Action No. 15** and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love and one nay (1) Mr. Stoub.

REPORT NO. 16:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE FY22 ADMINISTRATOR
SALARY COMPENSATION REPORT.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***FY22 Administrator Salary Compensation Report***. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve **Report Action No. 16** and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love and Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 17:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE FY22 TEACHER SALARY
COMPENSATION REPORT.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***FY22 Teacher Salary Compensation Report***. Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve **Report Action No. 17** and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love and Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 18:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION
OF PRESS 107 BOARD POLICIES.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Second Reading and Adoption of PRESS 107 Board Policies***. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve **Report Action No. 18** and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love and Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 19:

**FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF SECOND READING AND
ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICY 4:140.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy 4:140***. Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve **Report Action No. 19** and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love and Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 20:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE HAZARDOUS STOP RESOLUTION.

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Hazardous Stop Resolution***. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve **Report Action No. 20** and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love and Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 21:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF AN ART CLUB AT PEOTONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Art Club at Peotone Elementary School***. The club sponsor will be Mandi Fier, with a stipend amount of \$1,117.00. Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve **Report Action No. 21** and Mr. Uthe/Mrs. Love seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love and Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 22:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF ANNUAL TECTACARE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT PROVIDED BY ANTHONY ROOFING.

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Annual TectaCare Inspections and Maintenance Agreement provided by Anthony Roofing***. President Robinson wanted it noted that we will do a verbal renewal and not an auto-renewal of the TECTACARE agreement. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve **Report Action No. 22** and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love and Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 23:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF AN ASSISTANT TO THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR STIPEND POSITION AT PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL.

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve **An Assistant to the Athletic Director Stipend Position at Peotone High School**. This position will be assigned to Kathy Derkacy, with a stipend amount of \$2,000. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve **Report Action No. 23** and Mrs. Moe/Mrs. Love seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love and Mr. Stoub and no nays.

REPORT NO. 24:

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 ***Certified and Classified Personnel***. Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve **Report Action No. 24** and Mrs. Love/Mr. Uthe seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (7): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love and Mr. Stoub and no nays.

CERTIFIED STAFF EMPLOYMENT:

- Ronald L. Oloffson - PHS - Head Boys' Basketball Coach (effective date of 08.30.2021).
- Nicole Green - PES Long Term Substitute Teacher (effective date of 08.30.2021).
- June McAllister - PES Long Term Substitute Teacher (effective date of 09.20.2021).

CHANGE IN STATUS:

- Krysta Harmon - PIC Band Sponsor (effective date of 08.18.2021).
- Megan MacDougall - PJHS - Choose to Include Sponsor (effective date of 09.01.2021).
- Kelly Mead - PHS - Spanish Club Sponsor (effective date of 08.16.2021).
- Tonya Schlickman - PJHS - Choose to Include Sponsor (effective date of 09.03.2021).
- Eric Peppmuller - PES Permanent Substitute Teacher to PIC Permanent Substitute Teacher (effective date of 09.07.2021).
- Kim Pagliarulo - PHS - Assistant Softball Coach - (effective date of 02.28.2022).

RESIGNATION:

- James Segatto - PHS - English Teacher (effective date of 09.03.2021).
- Madison Mikalauski - PHS - Track and Field Assistant Coach (effective date of 09.13.2021).

CLASSIFIED STAFF EMPLOYMENT:

- Karen Vazquez - Transportation - 1:1 Bus Aide (effective date of 08.23.2021).
- Melody Gass - Transportation - On-Call Substitute Bus Aide (effective date of 08.23.2021).
- Gina Stanley - PES - Lunchroom Supervisor (effective date of 09.03.2021).
- Terri Mephem - District - On-Call Substitute Medical Aide (effective date of 09.20.2021).

CHANGE IN STATUS:

- Barb Rizzo - Transportation - Substitute Bus Driver to On-Call Substitute Bus Aide (effective date of 08.18.2021).
- Jasmine Manitowabi - Transportation - Bus Aide to On-Call Substitute Bus Aide (effective date of 08.18.2021).
- Maria Morales - PES - ESL Paraprofessional to CSC - Preschool Paraprofessional (effective date of 09.20.2021).

RESIGNATION:

- Tara Ipema - PHS - Cafeteria (effective date of 08.16.2021).
- Jennifer Price - PES - Custodian (effective date of 09.08.2021).
- Caley D'Anna - Transportation - Bus Aide (effective date of 09.14.2021).
- Jennifer Holman -Transportation - Bus Driver (effective date of 09.14.2021).

RETIREMENT:

- Janet Riney - Transportation - Bus Driver (effective date of 09.30.2021).

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent, reported to the Board that I received a couple of FOIAs this month. I received two FOIAs from Mr. John Maxedon, one for COVID and masks, which I had to have the attorney look it over, with a cost of \$750.00 and another for July and August emails that had in the title Mrs. Robinson which the attorney had to also look it over for a cost of \$270.00. A FOIA from Mr. James Bowden regarding the scoreboard and finally another FOIA from IDAR Group requesting staff emails and titles.

Mr. Brandon Owens, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reported to the Board that:

Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)/Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)

Peotone High School conducted the Illinois Science Assessment on Tuesday, September 7th. This was a one-day assessment given to PHS students in 9th and 12th grade (last year's 8th grade & 11th grade). The high school also began the IAR assessment today (Monday, September 20th) for 9th grade. This will be the only level testing at the high school. Testing will take place on Wednesday (September 22nd) and Friday (September 24th) of this week.

PIC will be conducting the IAR Assessment beginning next week.

PJHS will be conduct the ISA Assessment next week as well and will begin the IAR the week of October 4th.

Mrs. Carole Zurales, Principal of Peotone Elementary, reported to the Board that we are settling into our routines and schedules at PES.

- We had Data Days last week with every grade level team. We had great discussions regarding data, instructional planning, differentiation and intervention planning. Our reading and math interventions started today. We also started our behavior RTL program at PES and our counselor will start interventions tomorrow.
- We had Grandparents Day last Thursday night. We had about 200 students and 400 grandparents attend the event and it was so wonderful seeing the students and their special guests engage in all the fun activities we had planned in an open house format.
- Popstars called down started three weeks ago and we already have so many Popstars in Candyland to go with our school wide focus of "The Game of Life"
- Upcoming Events:
 - Next week will be a fusion of Start with Hello Week, Bullying Prevention, and Homecoming Week.
 - Picture Day is October 6th.

Mr. Scott Wenzel, Principal of Peotone Junior High School, reported to the Board that the school year is off to great start!

- Drills completed - Fire/Tornado/Lockdown/Bus Evacuation.
- Fall MAP testing is complete as well as the Systems Day to discuss results of students.
- Our interventionists have adjusted schedules and are working with our students that were noted in our Fall Systems Day. They are getting into classrooms to help students as well as students coming to see them at study hall.
- SI Classroom has taken two community outings. They helped purchase supplies for the concession stand and went to the Dollar General for life skills on cooking supplies.
- Thank you to Mrs. Schubbe and the Anderson Book Fair for the great book fair that was held last week.

Coming up -

- Student/Staff Picture Day - Friday, September 24th.

Mrs. Wendy Bean, Assistant Principal of Peotone Junior High School, reported to the Board that we will have our first dance of the year this Friday, hopefully outside, weather permitting. It's from 6:00 pm - 7:30pm.

Girls softball and boys baseball have ended their seasons. Cross country continues for a few more weeks. Girls' basketball started with their first game tonight. Right around the corner, we are making plans for Boys' basketball and cheerleading to begin.

Mrs. Joanne Obszanski, Principal of Peotone Intermediate Center, reported to the Board that PIC's Character Education is off to a great start! Citizenship is PIC's September Character Trait. Students are participating in activities in their homerooms to reinforce the meaning of along w/examples of Citizenship.

- PIC's ROK Star Student Incentive program also reinforces Citizenship throughout the month of September.
- PIC's October Character Trait is Motivation.
- NWEA Map Testing for 4th & 5th much appreciation to Colleen Grimmet/Math Interventionist & Natalie Harden for organizing NWEA data, presenting during PIC Data Day, working with teachers to establish T1, T2 & T3 Interventions.
- Drill Practices: Bus Evacuation Drill complete
- Upcoming - Lockdown Drill, Disaster/Tornado Drill, Fire Drill
- Exciting happenings for PIC students
 - PIC Band begins today - 22 5th Grade students participating
 - Intramural Volleyball begins today - 30 4th & 5th grade students participating
 - We wish our 12 5th grade girls are playing 6th grade basketball for PJHS
 - Book Club sign-up sheets are going home mid-October.
- PIC students are completing 2020-2021 IAR Assessments the week of 9/27.
- Teacher Links to schedule a P/T Conferences on October 28th will be available by the end of September.

Mr. Trevor Moore, Business Manager, CSBO, reported to the Board that I would like to ask the Board and community members in attendance for help spreading the word about the new fee policy that the Board passed. He reminded them that starting with the 2022-2023 school year, all outstanding fee balances would need to be paid in order to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. It is the business office's hope that giving parents nearly a year to plan for the implementation of this new policy will give everyone sufficient time to get outstanding fees paid. Mr. Moore also noted that the policy makes many more fees eligible for a waiver for those who are eligible and he applauded them for being willing to make as many opportunities available to students regardless of ability to pay. Those eligible students are identified by directly qualifying from another government program or by filling out an application that is reviewed by the appropriate administrator.

Mrs. Amy Loy, Director of Special Services, reported to the Board that the Special Services Dept. is busy administering fall assessments. Special educators are administering the alternative assessment (DLM-MAP) to applicable students. Additionally, the EL interventionists in our district, Jackie Clark and Sandy Voss have done a great job getting trained to administer the ACCESS test this fall, and also getting it administered by the deadline last Friday Sept. 17. The EL Interventionists will soon begin the process of completing the WIDA screener for applicable new students to the district that indicated more than English is spoken in their home. Mrs. Loy shared one final note, is that she will soon begin holding 1st quarter Department meetings at each of the district buildings to support teachers and students and make sure all needs are being met.

Mr. Jason Spang, Principal of Peotone High School, reported to the Board that: PHS has exciting new to share about Homecoming 2021. We were able to secure a tent through Kankakee Tent and Awning and move the dance outdoors in the student parking lot on Saturday, October 2nd. We are going to monitor the weather and local donors have reached out willing to help with heating and generators to help power the event. PHS is also pleased to announce that the Homecoming Parade will be at 3:30 pm on Friday, October 1st. We are also pleased to announce that former PHS teacher Diane Ahearn will be the Grand Marshal for the Parade. The PHS Class of 1980 and 1981 will be having their reunion during Homecoming week. We are happy to help them out and will be providing 2 tents for the classes to catch up during the football game. They will also be riding on a float in the parade, receive a guided tour via Mr. Wenzel of the old high school building, and be recognized at the FB halftime as they will be donating a gift to the district. Finally, Junior Olympics will be held outside this year at the PJHS football field. Once again this is an opportunity for our students to have fun, take off their masks, and participate fully in Homecoming events for that day.

Mr. Paul Taueber, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director of Peotone High School, reported to the Board that One Month in and I think students are adjusting to the new expectations of the school environment. It's been great to learn more names of the student body. It's also been great getting into classrooms and seeing the work of our teachers. Despite the hectic days in the office, teachers report to me that everything is going well in the classroom. Looking forward to seeing Homecoming festivities next week.

Sports Updates:

Cross Country:

From Coach Burke: Three of the athletes have ran their personal best at the Dwight Invitational last week The times were as follows: Mia Kuypers-21:57 min, Roman Jelinek-19:01 min, Kalie Pustaseri-42:34 min. Host a cross country meet tomorrow vs Kankakee. Devil Dash on Sunday, September 26, to help kick off homecoming week as a joint cross country/student council fundraiser.

Football:

From Coach Tsiamas:

We started 3-0 for the 4th time in 5 years. We retained the Rumble on Route 50 helmet for the 2nd year in a row and have also won that game 4 out of the last 5 years. Dylan Sroka, Dawson Piper, TJ Chenoweth and Darek Knauer have been early standouts for our team so far this season and we've gotten contributions from several others to help us to our 3-1 start. Boys are working hard and doing everything they can to get a couple more wins and qualify for the state playoffs. The play clock is an unbelievable addition for us as coaches to monitor how much time we can truly waste between plays because as we all know, if we have the ball, they can't score.

New scoreboard looks amazing and we had several players comment that they were proud to be playing at home now with it. The fireworks entrance for our game vs. Manteno is also something we got a lot of praise for from several community members.

Special Thanks to Dave Osborne and Ruben Suarez for helping get it setup.

Golf:

Been shooting great scores as the season has progressed, placing 2nd at Bill Breeden Classic. Overall record of 10-4 (4-2 in conference). Were in contention for conference title, but fell short this past Wednesday and secured 2nd place in conference. Played today at Wolf Creek for the Conference Tournament (update placed third). All Conference honors for the team went to Connor Janik, Miles Heflin and Joe Hasse for their play during conference matches. Additionally, Kylie Spivak placed 3rd at the conference tournament and also earned All-Conference due to her 3rd place finish. Regionals will start next week.

Soccer:

From Coach Meyers:

Record: 4-8 overall, Conference: 2-2

Niko Balaskas leads the way with 9 goals for the team. Wil Graffeo, who has been unbeatable in contested headers, is second on the team with 6. Kyle Coners has been a force for our defense this year and has chipped in on the offensive side of the ball as well. Andy Coulter stepped up to play goalkeeper for us this year with no prior experience. He has continued to improve every day for this team. Beecher Win Rivals Cup (co-host with Manteno) starts this week and runs Tues-Thurs as well as Saturday.

Volleyball:

From Coach Barger:

The varsity team had a slow start to the season but has since bounced back strong. We are on a 7 game winning streak. We are currently 9-5 overall and 4-1 in conference play. (Three of the losses are to 4A schools but 2 wins are against 4A schools in our only tournament so far this season,) This will be a big week for us with games against Manteno and Wilmington. (@ Watseka tournament this Saturday).

We are pleased to announce the PHS Head Boys Basketball Hire:

hiring of Ron Oloffson as our new Head Boys Basketball Coach for this year. Ron comes with a wealth of experience and success at the High School level. We are ecstatic to have Ron working with our student-athletes.

Future Dates:

- Picture Day is September 23
- Homecoming Week begins September 27
- First Quarter ends October 15
- Parent-Teacher Conferences October 28

Mrs. Terry Wuske, Director of Food Services, reported to the Board that the Food Service department business has been increasing. The students are getting comfortable in a routine. Our biggest challenges are still staffing and supply issues. We are unable to get many of our staples. Please be patient with all the menu changes. The staff is dealing with it well.

Mr. Dave Osborne, Director of Buildings and Grounds, reported to the Board that the roof at CSC and HS roof and dust collector projects are all done.

Mrs. Jennifer Haag, Director of Transportation, reported to the Board that I wanted to thank Ruben for getting the Chrome Books to us so the employees who do not have access to a computer can use the chrome books. Also, Thanks for the donuts that came after the rain day. School bus safety week is October 18-22nd. Hoping to plan some fun activities for employees. I will post some safety messages on Facebook as well. We have been having issues with buses and DEF sensors, it is a warranty issue and of course parts are on hold. I reached out to Midwest to find out if we could get loaners. No answer as of that morning.

OTHER:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:23 p.m., President Robinson asked for motion to adjourn the regular board meeting and to go into closed executive session tonight and stated that there will not be any action after the closed executive session. Mrs. Moe made a motion and Mrs. Love seconded the motion and on a voice call vote, the following board members answered aye, (7), Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Stoub (via telephone), Mrs. Love, Mrs. Moe and no nays.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

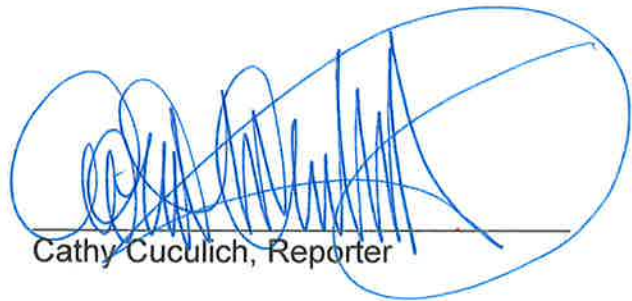
At 9:40 p.m. Mrs. Robinson asked for a motion for the Board to return to open session of the regular board meeting. Mr. Uthe made a motion and Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion and a voice call vote was taken, the following board members answered aye (7): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Moe Mr. Stoub and no nays.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:40 p.m. President Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting. Mrs. Robinson made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a voice call vote, the following board members answered aye (7), Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Moe and no nays.



Tara Robinson, President



Cathy Cuculich, Reporter