



**BOARD OF EDUCATION-REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022  
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. Roll call was taken and the following board members answered aye (6): Mrs. Tara Robinson, Mr. Roger Bettenhausen, Mr. Richard Uthe, Mrs. Jennifer Moe, Mrs. Dawn Love, Mr. Tim Stoub, (1) absent, Mrs. Jodi Becker was absent for the February 23, 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 February 23, 2022. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda ***A through E***. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion to approve, and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (6): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and (1) absent, Mrs. Becker and no nays.

**GOOD NEWS:**

**PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL**

**RECOGNITION OF THE RECIPIENT OF THE FEBRUARY 2022**

**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 February PBC Excellence in Teaching Award recipient, Keith Coppens. Keith was unable to attend the board meeting tonight, Keith was nominated by Andrew Butz, January's recipient of the PBC award. Andrew wrote the following on Keith's behalf:

*The person that is receiving this award has gone above and beyond to demonstrate what it takes to not only be a good teacher but an Excellent teacher. A good teacher will come to work, teach their lessons and go home. An Excellent teacher builds connection with students that improve their lives beyond the classroom. It is not only about the knowledge we teach our students, but the ability to teach them life lessons. Traits like hard work, determination, and respect allow for our students to grow into outstanding members of our community. This teacher has demonstrated the commitment to this goal in a multitude of ways. He is currently the Head Baseball Coach and an assistant football coach. In the past, this person has been a high school basketball coach and a 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball coach. During his time at Peotone he has helped foster leaders and hardworking student athletes. Both things that will allow for our students to succeed outside these school walls. Beyond just helping students grow, this person has been a great mentor and role model for myself. I have had the privilege to have this person as my mentor in an official capacity but is someone I can always count on for any kind of help or advice.*

*This person has truly made my experience a Peotone a better one. If you ask anyone in this building about this person they are going to have nothing but good things to say! With pleasure February's Peotone High School Teaching award goes to Keith Coppens!*



***Congratulations Keith!***

## **PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL**

### **FEBRUARY 2022 ACADEMIC STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent presented a certificate of commendation to Logan Woodcock as the February 2022 Academic Student of the month. Logan is a junior at Peotone High School with a grade point of 4.14 on a 4.0 grading scale.



***Congratulations Logan!***

**PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**RECOGNITION OF KANKAKEE AREA CAREER CENTER'S**  
**STUDENT OF THE SECOND QUARTER.**

Mr. Steve Stein presented a certificate of commendation to Daniel Martinez, as Kankakee Area Career Center's Student of the Second Quarter for Welding Technology. Daniel reported to the Board that he took 80 hours to complete the welding project, and used 1600 horse shoes and the completed project weighs 900 pounds.



***Congratulations Daniel!***

**OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK.**

***Audra Moore*** and ***Katie Erikson***, members of FFA of Peotone High School invited the Board and the Administration to join them for the Fourth Annual Peotone FFA Alumni and Supporters Auction, on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, which will be at the Atrium of the Will County Fairgrounds. The doors will open at 12:00 p.m. and they will be offering a \$10 meal ticket, along with a silent and live auction. Please come out and support the Peotone FFA Alumni on Sunday!

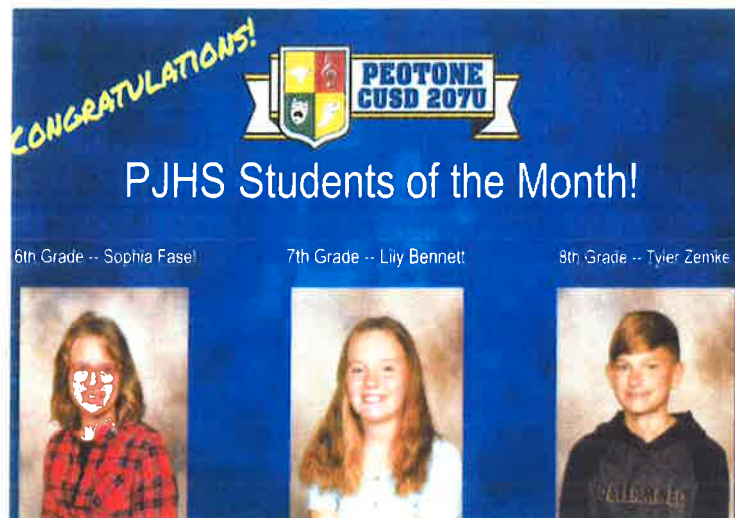
***Jillian Rojas of Peotone, IL***, addressed the Board with questions regarding masking on buses.



## PEOTONE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

### JANUARY 2022 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH.

Mr. Steve Stein presented a certificate of commendation to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade student, Sophia Fasel for being January's student of the month at Peotone Junior High School.



7<sup>th</sup> Grade student, Lily Bennett and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student, Tyler Zemke were not present to receive their certificates of commendation. These students have demonstrated outstanding behavior, good work ethic, and have "gone above and beyond the call of duty" at Peotone Junior High School!

## **FOR ACTION:**

### **REPORT NO. 51:**

#### **FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF THE CLOVERLEAF MILK CONTRACT FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***Renewal of the Cloverleaf Milk Contract for the 2022-2023 school year.*** Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve ***Report Action No. 51*** and Mrs. Love 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. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and (1) absent, Mrs. Becker and no nays.

### **REPORT NO. 52:**

#### **FOR ACTION: APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE ASBESTOS REMEDIATION BID AT PJHS.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve and accept the ***Asbestos Remediation Bid at Peotone Junior High School.*** Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve ***Report Action No. 52*** and Mr. Uthe 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. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and (1) absent, Mrs. Becker and no nays.

### **REPORT NO. 53:**

#### **FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE 2022 LANDSCAPING BID FROM GINO'S L&L SERVICES.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve and accept the ***2022 Landscaping Bid from Gino's L&L Services.*** Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve ***Report Action No. 53*** and Mr. Uthe 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. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and (1) absent, Mrs. Becker and no nays.

### **REPORT NO. 54:**

#### **FOR ACTION: APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL QUOTES FOR THE FLOORING PROJECTS AT PES AND PJHS**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve and accept the ***Final Quotes for the Flooring Projects at Peotone Elementary and Peotone Junior High School***. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve and accept ***Report Action No. 54*** 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. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and (1) absent, Mrs. Becker and no nays. President Robinson asked that the minutes show that added stock of flooring will be added to the flooring contract.

### **REPORT NO. 55:**

#### **FOR ACTION: APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL QUOTE FOR THE REFINISHING OF THE GYM FLOOR AT PHS.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve and accept the ***Final Quote for the Refinishing of Gym Floors at Peotone High School***. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve and accept ***Report Action No. 55*** 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. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and (1) absent, Mrs. Becker and no nays.

### **REPORT NO. 56:**

#### **FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF 2022 SUMMER SCHOOL (K-8) CREDIT RECOVERY (9-12).**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the ***2022 Summer School (K-8) and Credit Recovery (9-12)***. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve ***Report Action No. 56*** 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. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and (1) absent, Mrs. Becker and no nays.

## **REPORT NO. 57:**

### **FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE 2022-2023 DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR.**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the **2022-2023 District School Calendar**. Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve **Report Action No. 57** and Mr. Uthe 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. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and (1) absent, Mrs. Becker and no nays.

## **REPORT NO. 58:**

### **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 PHS Prom**. The Sponsor and Treasurer of the PHS Prom Activity Fund Account will be Luisa Suarez. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve **Report Action No. 58** and Mrs. Love 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. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub and (1) absent, Mrs. Becker and no nays.

## **REPORT NO. 59:**

### **FOR ACTION: ADDENDUM TO THE 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 **Addendum (staff are bold and underlined) to Personnel and the Approval of Personnel**. Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve **Report Action No. 59** and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and the following board members answered aye (5) Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Stoub, (1) abstain, President Robinson reported that she is abstaining from because a family member is on the report tonight and (1) absent, Mrs. Becker and no nays.

### **CERTIFIED EMPLOYMENT:**

- Jennifer Tekiela - PIC Principal (effective date of 07.01.2022).
- Tyler Pavesich - PJHS ELA Long-Term Substitute for Maternity Leave of Laura Fitzpatrick (effective date of 02.22.2022).

### **CHANGE IN STATUS:**

- Sandra Marcukaitis - PES Paraprofessional to PIC 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Special Education Teacher (effective date of 08.15.2022).
- **Luisa Suarez - PHS Junior Class Sponsor to PHS Junior Class Co-Sponsor (effective date of 08.16.2021).**

### **CLASSIFIED STAFF**

#### **EMPLOYMENT:**

- Chris Crawford - District - Director of Buildings and Grounds (effective date of 02.28.2022).
- Emily Shanahan - PES SI Program Paraprofessional (effective date of 02.14.2022).
- Malia Griffin - Transportation - Bus Aide (effective date of 01.31.2022).
- Melody Gass - Transportation - On-Call Medical Bus Aide- to Medical Bus Aide (effective date of 02.01.2022).
- Carter Bettenhausen - PES Custodian (effective date of 02.24.2022).
- Alyssa Siegel - PHS Custodian (effective date of 02.24.2022).
- **Billy Robinson - PHS Junior Class Co-Sponsor (effective date of 02.17.2022).**

### **CHANGE IN STATUS:**

- Natalie Clay - PES Crossing Guard/Lunch/Recess Supervisor to PES Administrative Assistant (effective date of 01.20.2022).
- Gina Stanley - PES Lunch/Recess Supervisor/Dismissal Support to PES Crossing Guard/Nurse Clerk/Lunch-Recess Supervisor (effective date of 01.27.2022).
- Nicole Graniczny - Transportation - Medical Bus Aide to On-Call Bus Aide (effective date of 02.01.2022).

### **RESIGNATION:**

- Amber Croxen - PES Custodian (effective date of 01.29.2022).

Mrs. Joanne Obszanski introduced to the Board and Administration, Jennifer Tekiela who will be the new principal at PIC after Mrs. Obszanski retires at the end of June. Jennifer is currently the assistant principal in Shorewood and she is very excited to begin her role as principal at PIC!

Mr. Dave Osborne introduced Chris Crawford, the new Director of Buildings and Grounds who will be replacing Dave Osborne. Mr. Crawford is excited to start on Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, and is currently the associate director of the physical plant at Olivet Nazarene University. Mr. Crawford went on to say that he has ten years of director maintenance and seventeen years of construction experience.

The Board and the Administration welcomed both Jennifer and Chris to the District!



## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent**, reported to the Board that he has received several FOIAs this month, one from Christy Miller regarding COVID numbers in January. Mr. Stein received three FOIAs from John Maxedon, one for enrollment from FY16 to the present, emails between Mr. Stein and Mrs. Robinson from November, and utility costs from FY16 to the present. Mr. Stein also received another unique FOIA from three individuals who each submitted a request that was identical - and is a FOIA that school districts throughout the state have received - regarding multiple bonding requests. It was a very intricate FOIA and a lot of it did not pertain, and it was submitted by Daryl Boehl, Tiffany Voss and Jillian Rojas. So we responded to those FOIAs as best as we could.

Mr. Stein also reported that there has been questions circulating around the community in regards to masking on buses. It is my purview at this point in time that since we are mask optional in the buildings, it is my recommendation that we move forward and be mask optional on the buses.

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

### **E-Learning Day - Update**

At the beginning of this school year, Peotone CUSD 207U created an e-Learning Day/Remote Learning Plan, which was approved by the Illinois State Board of Education. Illinois schools with an approved e-Learning Plan have the ability to utilize e-Learning Days in lieu of emergency days; however, ISBE states that "the number of e-Learning Days may not exceed the number of emergency days in the approved school calendar. ISBE's statement means that approved Illinois Schools are only granted up to five (5) e-Learning Days per school year. On Friday, February 18th, Peotone CUSD 207U utilized its fifth and final e-Learning Day for the 2021-22 school year. If any additional school closures are required due to weather conditions or other emergencies, we will utilize a traditional snow/emergency day and make those days up by adding them to the end of the school calendar.

### **Textbook/Curriculum Committee Update**

We are still continuing our textbook committee meetings with various companies. On Wednesday (February 23), the PHS ELA Department met virtually with MHM today to review their updated version of Study Sync and learn about their offerings.

### **Dr. March Visit**

Yesterday, the Preschool students had a special visit from Dr. March's office. Students learned the importance of eating healthy foods for your teeth, and how to brush and care for your teeth.

**Mr. Paul Taeuber, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director of Peotone High School,** reported to the board:

- **Sports Updates**

- Wrapped up our last Winter sports last week.
- Boys Basketball:
  - Lost last Saturday in the Regional Quarter-Finals to Herscher 38-26.
  - Ended their season 13-17 (4-10), a marked improvement from the past three years.
  - Mason Kibelkis scored his 1,000th point and will be recognized at the board meeting in March.
  - All Conference selection
- Girls Basketball:
  - Lost last Friday in the Regional Final to Prairie Central 49-43.
  - Ended their season 26-5 (14-0), recording the most wins in school history and winning an undefeated conference championship.
  - All Conference selections were Mady Kibelkis, Jenna Hunter, and Madi Schroeder.
- Wrestling:
  - Wrestling finished with the Individual State Series that took place last week.
  - Three wrestlers advanced to state along with one alternate.
    - Marco Spinazzola was the Sectional Champ and finished 6th in State;
    - Kevin Hogan was also a Sectional Champ;
    - Oscar Villalobos qualified for state with his 3rd place finish; and
    - Ian Kreske was an alternate.
  - We plan to recognize Kevin Hogan for his 100th career victory at the board meeting in March.
- Spring Sports are in the conditioning phase right now and officially start practice next Monday, February 28th.

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

- **PJHS/PHS Student Handbook**
  - Scott Wenzel, Wendy Bean, Paul Taeuber, and I have now met and collaborated with district parents and staff to provide you all our proposed changes for the 2022-2023 PJHS/PHS Student Handbook. We highlighted new or adjusted policies for your convenience. As soon as this is approved, we will be sending to School Datebooks to be printed for a projected arrival time of early August prior to the start of the 2022-2023 school year.
- **Journalism Opportunities for The Vedette**
  - Mr. Price has met and will be collaborating with Andrea Arens of The Vedette is sharing ideas with his English students regarding opportunities to get articles of interest published in The Vedette.
  - The goal is to create a PHS Journalism Activity Account that will be connected to his Journalism class next year and for every article published, the school would make 50 dollars. We could run up to 4 articles per week! The money made for these publications will fund bringing back our school newspaper, The Devil's Advocate, which will run a monthly publication.
- **Cambridge Educational Services**
  - Junior SAT Prep through Cambridge will be on March 9th in the auditorium. We offer this annually for our junior students and is the culmination of practice that includes the PSAT 8/9, the PSAT10, and the PSAT/NMSQT that our juniors took in the fall. This education will include strategies to help the students understand and navigate what the test is asking of the students and how to strategically approach answering those questions. The SAT is currently scheduled for April 13, while the PSAT 8/9 and the PSAT 10 are scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **February Black History Month**
  - PHS English, Social Studies, CTE, and Foreign Language departments have all shared their curriculum for Black History Month this year.
    - **English**
      - Ms. Kiliyas decorated her white board with some black poets and authors to read. She also incorporated a lesson on those black poets and their famous poetry. Ms. Kiliyas' focused on the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Langston Hughes, Maya Angelou, and Gwendolyn Brooks.
    - **Social Studies**
      - In Mr. Butz's AP government as part of their conversations about Civil Rights, they focused on a primary source reading of Martin Luther King Jr's

Birmingham Jail Letter which describes the long road and different adversities that African Americans had to face during the Civil Rights Movement.

- **CTE**
  - In our CTE department, Mrs. Pagliarulo and her Photoshop class incorporated a lesson where they will be creating Black History Month Posters using layers masks. The assignment is not only based on implementing Photoshop skills but also to bring awareness to the less marketed heroes in the Black Community.
- **February 2022 PBC Excellence Award.**

The person that is receiving this award has gone above and beyond to demonstrate what it takes to not only be a good teacher but an Excellent teacher. A good teacher will come to work, teach their lessons, and go home. An Excellent teacher builds connections with students that improve their lives beyond the classroom. It is not only about the knowledge we teach our students, but the ability to teach them life lessons. Traits like hard work, determination, and respect allow for our students to grow into outstanding members of our community. This teacher has demonstrated the commitment to this goal in a multitude of ways. He is currently the Head Baseball Coach and an assistant football coach. In the past this person has been a high school basketball coach and a 7th grade basketball coach. During his time at Peotone he has helped foster leaders and hardworking student athletes. Both things that will allow for our students to succeed outside these school walls. Beyond just helping students grow, this person has been a great mentor and role model for myself. I have had the privilege to have this person as my mentor in an official capacity but is someone I can always count on for any kind of help or advice. This person has truly made my experience at Peotone a better one. If you ask anyone in this building about this educator, they are going to have nothing but good things to say. With pleasure February's Peotone High School Teaching in Excellence award goes to Keith Coppens.

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

- Our Valentine's Day Parties were last Monday. The theme was "Choose Love GNOME Matter What" and all the games and activities were Gnome theme and then students enjoyed the movie Gnomeo and Juliet. It was great having our parent volunteers in the building to help at parties!
- Our February Monthly Focus is "Play Your Cards Straight from the Heart" continuing with our year long theme of games. Last week, we had a spirit week to tie into the focus and the students and staff enjoyed dressing up in different themes each day!

- We completed our Fountas and Pinnell testing for our Winter Benchmark in grades K-3 during the month of January. This data provides teachers the instructional reading level to use for planning and instructing their guided reading groups. Teachers meet with groups daily during Daily 5 and WIN. Our 1-3 graders were also tested in the fall and we saw a 19% increase of students that are reading at grade level or above.
- We enjoyed our TWOS-day 2-22-22 yesterday with grade level activities and we had March Family Dental come today for our Dental Talks.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - Yearbook Club is busy taking pictures of our special events and meeting with Miss Deutsche and Mrs. Murray to work on our yearbook design.
  - Mr. Schrieber is starting his third grade floor hockey club next week. He had so much interest that he is going to be doing two sessions.
  - PTO Meeting is March 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

- PJHS MAP Team conducted their Winter MAP Systems/Data Day on February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The Illinois 5Essentials Survey will conclude on March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- PJHS 8th graders took the Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) on February 8<sup>th</sup>. This survey asks questions about alcohol, tobacco, and drugs with safety in mind. By completing this survey it does help the village and community in terms of receiving possible grants.
- Choose to Include held an Open Gym Event on February 8<sup>th</sup> for any student who wanted to attend. We had around 60 students participate. Students played board games, basketball, volleyball, karaoke, as well as others.
- Image Group Photography was at PJHS on February 15<sup>th</sup> will be taking pictures of all clubs, volleyball, and wrestling.
- The PJHS Choir will be performing Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at the PHS Auditorium 7:00 PM.
- Coach Laura Fitzpatrick conducted a school wide written spelling test. The top 21 spellers will compete in a Spelling Bee held at PJHS on February 25<sup>th</sup>.



- The PJHS play "Schoolhouse Rock" will be this weekend. Saturday night at 7:00pm and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
- The 7th and 8th grade Volleyball teams wrap up their regular season this week.
  - PJHS held the 8th Grade Kan-Will Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, February 8. Our 8th graders finished in 2nd place.
  - The 7th Grade Volleyball Regional will begin Saturday, February 26. It is being held at Watseka. Our girls will play at 9:00 a.m. on that day against Watseka.
  - The 8th Grade Volleyball Regional will begin Saturday, March 5th.
- The PJHS wrestling team has wrapped up their regular season. They will be competing in the IESA Regional being held at Gibson City.
- The PJHS Soccer team begins tryouts tonight.
- The PJHS Track team will begin practice March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Scholastic Bowl and the Math team have begun practice and will be competing in a couple of weeks.

***Mrs. Amy Loy, Director of Special Services***, reported to the Board that Loy that the Monica Genta district-wide Professional Development on 2/11/22 was well received by staff members. Ms. Genta brought her positive humorous message to staff to help us find the "awesome" in each school day.

Mrs. Loy and Mr. Stein will complete the annual Needs Assessment with our special education cooperative, SOWIC on Monday. Mrs. Loy is also working for the "in-district" needs assessment to prepare for staffing needs and caseloads for the Special Services Dept. for the 2022-2023 school year.

Mrs. Loy will attend an upcoming webinar from ISBE that will provide more detail in regards to updates to the Fee for Service program. Recent changes in the law will soon allow districts to claim for reimbursement for health services delivered in the school setting to both general education and special education students. Previously only services to special education students could be claimed.

**Mrs. Joanne Obszanski, Principal of Peotone Intermediate Center,** reported to the Board:

Congratulations to PIC's January Students of the Month. We congratulate the following students for demonstrating **COURAGE** throughout the month of January while interacting with their teachers and their classmates. Congratulations in 4th grade to Alannah Martz & Alcott Langenberg and in 5th grade to Peyton Swanson & Daniel Rembert.

**WE ARE VERY PROUD** of all of our 4th and 5th grade role models!

**PIC's February Character Trait is Perseverance/Grit**

We teach our students that **PERSEVERANCE/GRIT** is the ability to continue working on something even if it becomes challenging or takes a long time to complete. A person demonstrating **PERSEVERANCE/GRIT** has stamina and handles a challenge like it's a marathon, not a sprint.

- E-Learning days went smoothly thanks to PIC teachers for preparing students. Also, thanks to families for supporting E-Learning from home.
- Thanks to Mrs. Flanagan for hosting PIC's Intramural Floor Hockey season, which ends this week. Students had fun and it was a great season.
- Mark Anderson is presenting a Cartooning Assembly via ZOOM on Friday, 2/25/22 for a student ROK Star Reward.
- PIC's Book Club began this week and ends March 28. Book Club is reading "Wishtree" by Katherine Applegate.
- PIC's Drama Club presents "The Jungle Book", permission slips go out February 28th.
- Mrs. Schubbe has arranged for a school-wide author visit on Monday, February 28, 2022. The author is Judd Winick and the featured book is Hilo & the Big Secret.
- Thank you to Mrs. Harmon for the beautiful artwork our PIC students created. Over the past several years, student artwork is now framed and displayed throughout our school lunchroom and hallways.

**Mr. Ruben Suarez, Director of Technology,** reported to the Board:

We installed a video doorbell system at PIC to improve security. We also installed an additional video panel for the doorbell at PES. We are in the process of installing a key FOB reader at door 6 on the south side of CSC.

**Mrs. Terry Wuske, Director of Food Services,** reported to the Board:

The Food Service Department will be preparing for the next few weeks for our Administrative Review from ISBE at the end of March.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:05 p.m., Mrs. Robinson asked for a motion to move to adjourn the regular Board meeting and move into Closed Executive Session and President Robinson stated that there **will not** be any action following the closed executive session tonight. Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion and Mrs. Love seconded the motion to move the Board to meet in 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. Uthe, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Stoub, Mrs. Love and (1) absent, Mrs. Becker and no nays.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:51 p.m., President Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting of February 23, 2022. Mr. Uthe made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and on a voice call vote, the following board members answered aye (6) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Love, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Stoub and (1) absent, Mrs. Becker and no nays.



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Tara Robinson, President



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Cathy Cuculich, Reporter