

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL - MEDIA CENTER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018**

ROLL CALL:

At 6:01 p.m., President Robinson called the regular meeting to order and requested all who are present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was taken and the following members answered aye (6): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen. Mrs. Thatcher was absent for the Regular Board Meeting.

VISITOR'S LOG:

No one signed the Visitors' Log.

SPEAKER'S LOG:

Ms. Kirsten Steeves of Peotone, IL.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for the June 25, 2018 Regular Board meeting. Mr. Bettenhausen seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members answered aye (6): Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen. Mrs. Thatcher was absent for the June Regular Board Meeting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK:

Ms. Kirsten Steeves, of Peotone, Illinois, wanted to thank the Board, Mr. Fantin and Mrs. Bean for addressing parents' concerns at the high school this past school year, herself included. Ms. Steeves reported to the Board, Administration and the Community, her interests to incorporate a not-for-profit corporation called the Peotone Athletic Foundation. This foundation will help raise monies for the development of an all-weather track at Peotone Junior High School, and in the future, possibly an artificial turf football field also at the Peotone Junior High. Ms. Steeves is asking the Board and the Administration for the sum of \$2,500 to allocate to Oliveri Architects of Mokena, to prepare an elevation and drainage drawing and plan for the all-weather track at PJHS. Ms. Steeves said that she will reimburse the District the \$2,500.00 once the Foundation starts receiving donations. The development of the all-weather track will cost roughly \$360,000 through Midwest Track.

***Peotone High School
June 2018 Resolutions***

Superintendent Stein presented certificates to **Micheal Flanagan** and **Bethany Gass** who competed in the State Special Olympics held in Normal, Illinois; and Micheal Flanagan took 1st place in the 1500m and Bethany Gass took 1st place in the balance beam, 2nd place in the vault, and 2nd place in the bars.

Peotone Junior High School

May 2018 Student of the Month

Superintendent Stein presented a certificate to 6th Grade student, **Nazhai Malone** for May 2018 Student of the Month. Nazhai was unable to attend the May Regular Board meeting to receive her certificate.

REPORT NO. 86:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF THE FY18 AMENDED BUDGET.

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the adoption of the FY18 Amended Budget. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye (6) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Uthe and Mrs. Becker. Mrs. Thatcher was absent.

REPORT NO. 87:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF THE PREVAILING WAGE RESOLUTION.

Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Becker made a motion to approve the adoption of the Prevailing Wage Resolution. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye (6) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker and Mr. Uthe. Mrs. Thatcher was absent.

REPORT NO. 88:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S PRICE INCREASE OF THE LUNCH AND MILK FEES FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR.

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the District's lunch fee increase from \$2.70 to \$2.80 and the milk fee increase from \$.30 to \$.35 per carton for the 2018-2019 school year. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and a roll call vote, the following members answered aye (6), Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas and Mrs. Moe. Mrs. Thatcher was absent.

REPORT NO. 89:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE DATE CHANGE FOR THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve the date change for the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting of Monday, August 20, 2018 to Monday, August 13, 2018. On a voice call vote, the following members answered aye (6) Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen and Mrs. Robinson. Mrs. Thatcher

was absent.

REPORT NO. 90:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF SALE TAX ORDINANCE

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Sale Tax Ordinance. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye (6), Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker and Mr. Bettenhausen. Mrs. Thatcher was absent.

REPORT NO. 91:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE ANALYSIS COST OF THE "U" AT PEOTONE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Stein asked the Board to table Report No. 91 for the approval of the analysis cost of the "U" at Peotone Junior High School. Mr. Stein explained to the Board that he met with Mr. Neil Pellmann, Professional Engineer, of the Will/South Cook, Soil and Water Conservation District, to see if Mr. Pellmann can give the District a cost analysis of the "U". This is a state organization, and we may be able to get a more affordable cost analysis, instead of going with a private company, such as Shudt & Associates. Mr. Uthe made a motion to table Report No. 91 and Mr. Bettenhausen seconded the motion, and on a voice call vote, the following members answered aye(6), Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Becker. Mrs. Thatcher was absent.

Mr. Bettenhausen stated that he serves on the Board of the Will/South Cook, Soil and Water Conservation District, and wanted this noted on the record so that there are no transparencies. Mrs. Robinson stated so noted.

REPORT NO. 92:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS SUMMER PAINTING PROJECTS.

Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve the building and grounds summer painting projects. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye(6) Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker. Mrs. Thatcher was absent.

REPORT NO. 93:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF A DATE CHANGE TO THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve a date change to the 2018-2019 school calendar of a School Improvement Day from Friday, May 10, 2019 to Friday, May 3, 2019. Mr. Bettenhausen seconded the motion and on a voice call

vote, the following members answered aye (6), Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker. Mrs. Thatcher was absent.

REPORT NO. 94:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE NEW ELECTRICITY CONTRACT FOR THE DISTRICT.

Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve the 36 month contract with Hudson Electricity. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion, and on a roll call vote, the following Members answered aye (6), Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Douglas. Mrs. Thatcher was absent.

REPORT NO. 95:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE ADMINISTRATION CONTRACTS.

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Administration contracts. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye, (5) Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen. The following member answered nay (1) Mr. Douglas. Mrs. Thatcher was absent.

REPORT NO. 96:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE CLASSIFIED STAFF INCREASES FOR 2018-2019.

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Classified Staff increases for 2018-2019 school year. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye (6) Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe. Mrs. Thatcher was absent.

REPORT NO. 97:

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF A REQUEST OF A RELEASE OF A DIPLOMA.

Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve the request to release a diploma to Tyler B. Podest. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a voice vote, the following members answered aye (6), Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker. Mrs. Thatcher was absent.

REPORT NO. 98:

FOR ACTION: PERSONNEL (*Contingent upon receipt and evaluation of Employment documentation required by the District and the Illinois State Board of Education*)

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve Personnel for the Certified and Classified employees. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye (6), Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Uthe. Mrs. Thatcher was absent.

REPORT NO. 99: ADDENDUM

FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF AN FMLA REQUEST.

Mr. Bettenhausen made the motion to approve the FMLA of Mrs. Tracy Redman. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye (6), Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Douglas and Mr. Uthe. Mrs. Thatcher was absent.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent, reported to the Board that the summer cleaning is going very well. PES is almost complete and then the summer crew will be moving onto PIC. Mr. Stein reported that these two schools are getting clean first to get ready for the new SI classrooms at PES and PIC. After PIC, the summer crew will move onto the junior high school. Mr. Stein reported that Mike Arnold is very pleased with his cleaning system of all the custodians working on one building at a time. The junior high will be next to be cleaned by the summer cleaning crew.

Mr. Stein also reported that he will report back to the Board regarding the cost analysis of the "U" at the junior high from Mr. Pellmann, at the July Board meeting.

Mr. Dave Osborne, Maintenance Department, reported to the Board, that he will be staying on part-time in the Maintenance Department. He also reported about the 5 or 6 points on the fence at the high school that needs to be repaired. He is also getting estimates for flooring for teachers' lounge at PIC and PJHS.

Mrs. Terry Wuske, Director of Food Services, reported to the Board, that the District through the NIIPC was awarded GFS Food Services. Terry reported that she, Kathy Novak and Carrie Mueller are heading down to Springfield for the ILSNA's 2018 annual conference.

Mrs. Amy Loy, Director of Special Services, reported to the Board we have had a successful Extended School Year experience so far. We have had 19

students aged Elem through HS attend as documented need on their Individualized Education Plans. Mrs. Blamble, Ms. MacDougall, Mrs. LeFevers, have done a nice job as the teachers. Mrs. Morales, Mrs. Schuzer, and Mrs. Aguilar have been our paraprofessionals this year, and Mrs. Grahonya has provided Speech. I appreciate their hard work in these early summer months. We have a community outing scheduled for this week as the culminating event at the Peotone Bowling Alley.

OT and COTA

In other news, I recently took our new district wide OT-R, Tori Coffman and district wide Certified OT Assistant (COTA) Kris Septoski. Both woman bring a wealth of experience and are absolutely thrilled to have them join our team. It will also improve the programming for students as they will now be invested Peotone district employees. Just as a reminder, the district previously used a contractual agency EBS Healthcare to provide OT services. In 16-17 school year EBS was paid approximately \$133,000 for in district OT services. The cost to hire our own OT and COTA for the 18-19 school year is approximately: \$110,000.

SI Program

The creation of our Specialized Instruction classrooms is also moving forward nicely. These self-contained special education classrooms already exist at PJHS, and PHS but for next school year we are adding them to PES and PIC. This has been a missing layer of student support in our district. These classrooms will provide an option for students with unique needs that can't tolerate a general education classroom setting for full or partial days. Students in this program will work on traditional and functional academics along with goals for community and personal independence. The average tuition cost alone to have a student out of district to meet their needs can have a price anywhere from roughly \$3,000 per month to \$19,000 per month. That means the annual cost per pupil could range on the low end from \$27,000 a year to more \$170, 000.

LWSRA

I'm meeting with Keith Wallace, Executive Director of Lincoln Way Special Recreation Association (LWSRA) to learn more about the opportunity that may exist for an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lincoln Way Special Recreation. We have many families that live in our school district, but they are considered "out of district" residents with LWSRA. This means that out of district program fees apply to many of families of students with disabilities. We have the opportunity to lower these program fees by signing a cooperative agreement with them that would allow the potential for LWSRA to use our facilities or building(s) to host events if the District isn't utilizing them. I will share more information with the Board after my meeting with Mr. Wallace.

Mr. Craig Fantin, Principal of Peotone High School, reported to the Board, about applying to become a Unified Champion School. There is no cost to participate in unified sports other than uniforms, transportation, and possibly a stipend for the coach who oversees the program itself. Right now our District qualifies for Dance, Basketball and Soccer. Money is available through Special Olympics for the start-up costs through an application process. They

recommend that we start with one or two sports to lay the foundation. Mr. Fantin will be the administrative contact and Mrs. Blamble will be the school personnel contact. And we will need a student leader contact, which several students have shown interest in. Mr. Fantin asked the Board, if the application to become a Unified Champion School can be approved at the July board meeting.

Mrs. Wendy Bean, Assistant Principal of Peotone High School, reported to the Board, that we have freshman orientation night set for Monday, August 13, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Parents are allowed to join their freshman students at the last half-hour of the night, which will be from 8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Open house for the high school for all grades will be Monday, August 27, 2018.

Mrs. Jennifer Haag, Transportation Director, had nothing to report.

Mrs. Patty Favela, Business Manager, reported to the Board, that the 18-19 Budget will be ready by July or August, and will be ready for approval at the September board meeting. Mrs. Favela is also working with a Third Party Administrator for our 403b Plan. This third party administrator will handle all aspects of our 403b plans. PUSHCOIN, along with the new district website will be available sometime after July 1st. Letters regarding PUSHCOIN will be mailed out to all parents. The letters will include a registration code and PUSHCOIN instructions on how to access PUSHCOIN online sometime in July.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:53 p.m. Mrs. Robinson moved that the meeting be adjourned, and stated that there will be no Executive Session following the Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a voice call vote the following members answered aye (6): Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Becker and Mr. Bettenhausen. Mrs. Thatcher was absent.



Tara Robinson, President



Cathy Cuculich, Reporter