

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL - MEDIA CENTER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018**

ROLL CALL:

At 6:02 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 was taken and the following members answered aye (6): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Thatcher was not present for the August regular board meeting.

VISITOR'S LOG:

No one signed the Visitors' Log.

SPEAKER'S LOG:

No one signed the Speakers' Log.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for the Regular Board meeting of August 2018. Mrs. Moe 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 and no nays. Mrs. Thatcher was not present for the August regular board meeting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK:

Terry's Ford of Peotone, Illinois, (Janet Earley and David Corradino) presented a check to Mr. Steve Stein in the amount of \$5,840.00 for District's participation in the **Drive 4 UR School** campaign, which was held on June 9, 2018 at Peotone Junior High school. This campaign almost reached the maximum amount allotted from Ford Motor Company. A big thank you to all and congratulations to everyone that participated and volunteered for this campaign. Mrs. Earley reported that they are planning another **Drive 4 UR School** campaign sometime in September. More information will be forthcoming.

Mr. Chris Thomsen, of the Meadowcreek Subdivision, introduced himself to the Board, Administration and the community and addressed the Board regarding the annexation of the Meadowcreek subdivision. Homeowners of the subdivision are hopeful that they can detach from the Crete-Monee school district and annex with Peotone School District.

FOR DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Patty Favela, Business Manager, presented to the Board and Administration the District's FY19 Budget. Mrs. Favela reported that the FY19 Budget reflects a budget decrease of \$243,000 over the last year's operating budget. Mrs. Favela discussed with the Board revenues of the District; state aid, local tax, fund balance and federal aid versus expenses of the District; instruction, payroll, benefits and transportation.

FOR ACTION:

REPORT NO. 10:

PTAB AND THE BOARD OF REVIEW RESOLUTION.

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the PTAB and the Board of Review Resolution. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye (6): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Thatcher was absent from the August regular board meeting.

REPORT NO. 11:

APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF DIPLOMAS (PHS).

Mrs. Robinson made a motion to approve the issuance of diplomas to Tyler Sweetie and Alec Biesche. Mr. Bettenhausen seconded the motion, and on a voice call vote, the following members answered aye(6): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe and no nays. Mrs. Thatcher was absent from the August regular board meeting.

REPORT NO. 12:

APPROVAL OF A SOCCER STIPEND.

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the one-time soccer stipend of \$3,000 for Boys and Girls High School Soccer assistant, Nicole Ware. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye (6): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Robinson and no nays. Mrs. Thatcher was absent from the August regular board meeting.

REPORT NO. 13:

APPROVAL OF SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES (JUNE PRESS 2018).

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies (June PRESS 2018). Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and on a voice call vote, the following members answered aye (6): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Thatcher was absent from the August regular board meeting.

REPORT NO. 14:

**RESOLUTION FOR INTENT TO ISSUE \$9,300,000 OF
WORKING CASH BONDS.**

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Resolution for Intent to Issue \$9,300,000 of Working Cash Bonds. Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye(6): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Thatcher was absent for the August regular board meeting.

REPORT NO. 15:

**RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING
CONCERNING THE INTENT TO SELL \$9,300,000
OF WORKING CASH BONDS.**

Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve the Resolution Calling a Public Hearing on Monday, September 17, 2018 concerning the Intent to sell \$9,300,000 of Working Cash Bonds. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye (6): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Thatcher was absent for the August regular board meeting.

REPORT NO. 16:

APPROVAL OF A FMLA REQUEST.

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the FMLA Request for Wendy Vincent. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye (6): Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Robinson and no nays. Mrs. Thatcher was absent for the August regular board meeting.

REPORT NO. 17:

**APPROVAL OF DESTRUCTION OF CLOSED
EXECUTIVE SESSION TAPES (JANUARY - JUNE 2014)**

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the destruction of closed executive session tapes (January - June 2014). Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and on a voice call vote, the following members answered aye (6): Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Thatcher was absent for the August regular board meeting.

REPORT NO. 18:

PERSONNEL:

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

The administration recommends to the Board a motion to approve the following Certified and Classified Staff.

CERTIFIED STAFF

EMPLOYMENT:

- Rhonda Carroll - Long Term Substitute (Tracy Redman) - PES (effective date of 09/09/2018)
- Maureen Gasik - Long Term Substitute (Wendy Vincent) - PJHS (effective date of 08/20/2018)
- Amanda Whiteside - Girls' Soccer Asst. Coach - PHS - (effective date of 02/25/2019)
- Nicole Kreml - 5th Grade Teacher - PIC (effective date of 08/16/2018)
- Jill Scheffers - Kindergarten Teacher- PES (effective date of 08/16/2018)

CLASSIFIED STAFF

EMPLOYMENT:

- Katie Stoltz - Cafeteria - PHS - (effective date of 08/13/2018)
- Dave Osborne - Part-time Maintenance Dept. (07/01/2018)

RETIREMENT:

- Valarie Johnson - Bus Driver - Transportation (effective date of 08/07/2018)
- George Moore - Bus Driver -Transportation (effective date of 07/25/2018)

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Certified and Classified Staff personnel. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye (6): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Thatcher was absent for the August regular board meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent, reported to the Board that he has received three FOIAs; one from Smart Procure, another one from NBC Chicago, regarding Concussion Protocol. Mr. Stein reported that Mr. Fantin provided a Concussion report from the high school trainer from ATI for this FOIA. Also, we received a FOIA from Mr. Bowden regarding the cost of the electronic locks system for the District.

Mr. Stein also discussed at length with the Board and Administration, whether or not to implement, a policy for a delay start of school when there is fog. Mr. Stein did call around to surrounding districts, and some districts do in fact have a delay start of school when there is fog and other districts do not have or have never used a delay start of school because of fog. Mrs. Robinson reported that she personally does not like to drive in fog. Mrs. Robinson ask Mr. Stein to please work with Mrs. Haag to have in place a policy or procedure regarding a delay start when there is fog on a school day.

Dr. Charles Vitton, Assistant Superintendent, reported that the new teacher orientation (POET) will be this Wednesday at the high school. We have 17 new certified staff, along with three other certified staff, 1:1 nurse, OT and COTA. So far we have 23 new students that have enrolled at the District. Preschool has 60 preschoolers enrolled for the new school year.

Mr. Craig Fantin, Principal of Peotone High School, reported to the Board, that the high school has been thoroughly cleaned, walls painted (office area and athletic hallway), and floors waxed and we are ready to go. Thanks to Mike Arnold and his crew for doing a fantastic job.

Many of our teachers have been in the building already getting their classrooms ready for the start of the year. We are fully staffed and ready to go.

The counselors are currently meeting with new students to get their schedules ready to go for the first day of school.

We are going to host another cook out with the football team and their families on Friday, August 17th at 6:00 p.m. This is something that Coach Tolly and I would like to make a tradition and something we do every year to get everyone excited for the upcoming season. The football team will scrimmage for about an hour or so and then we will eat hamburgers and hot dogs. The parents will bring in side items and desserts as well.

Mr. Steeves works for a company that installs synthetic putting greens and has a display that he no longer uses and would like to donate it to the high school. It is 10X5 ft. and can be used by our golf team to practice with. It can also be used by our P.E. classes if they chose to do so.

Mrs. Wendy Bean, Assistant Principal of Peotone High School, reported to the Board that on August 9th, we hosted our first and very successful Freshmen Orientation. Roughly 82% of our incoming freshmen were present. They attended four different informational sessions and learned a lot about Peotone High School. Hopefully they will start school next Monday feeling a little more comfortable and a little less nervous. We had positive feedback from the night and plan to continue it again next year.

Mrs. Joanne Obszanski, Principal of Peotone Intermediate Center, our current enrollment is 4th Grade is 99 and 5th Grade is 94. Our staff

are busy getting ready for the start of the year. We have new staff in both 4th and 5th Grade and we are excited to welcome them and get the new school year started. We are excited for the painting over the summer: front entrance way, various doors, internal walls, bathroom stalls, and our teacher lounge with a new floor. In addition to a new floor, PTO financed the purchase of new chairs for our lounge, and our custodial staff matched up tables to give it a new look and hopefully make it a more pleasant place to enjoy lunch. We also had trees trimmed on the south side of our building and we are still waiting on work on our asphalt around our school driveway and parking lot. And we are looking forward to the PTO sponsored Ice cream social on Thursday, August 16th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Scott Wenzel, Principal of Peotone Junior High School, was absent for the August regular board meeting.

Mrs. Kathy Davis, Principal of Peotone Elementary, reported to the Board that we had 72 students registered for kindergarten and 6 more with packets out. All the teachers have been preparing for the new school year. We will be hosting our open house with the PTO's ice cream social on Thursday, August 16th.

Mr. Dave Osborne, Maintenance Department, reported to the Board, that the painting is almost done at the buildings. Mr. Osborne also reported that the new maintenance request ticket system is working very well. Mr. Stein added that principals will only have access to the maintenance ticket system. Principals will create their tickets for maintenance requests at their buildings. On Mondays, Mr. Stein and the Principals will walk through the buildings regarding their maintenance requests. On Thursdays, Mr. Stein will walk through the buildings with Maintenance department to see if the requests were completed or when they will be completed. Mr. Osborne reported that the football field is looking good.

Mrs. Amy Loy, Director of Special Services, we have had several new students with IEP's move into the district, approximately 15 so far. Currently, only four students with IEP's have moved out. We are busy preparing for the new school year to accommodate our new students, along with preparing for the two new Specialized Instruction (SI) multi-needs classrooms at PES and PIC. I've been busy meeting with new staff members to help them acclimate to the district as well as meeting with parents as well as providing tours of our placements and services. We are very excited to start our new school year!

Mrs. Jennifer Haag, Director of Transportation, reported that all transportation letters (bus schedules for students) have gone out to parents. Mrs. Haag reported that she is losing four bus drivers. She does have an interview tomorrow with a candidate who is already licensed as a bus driver. The transportation department meeting is set for this Wednesday. Mrs. Haag also reported that the transportation department is ready for the first day of school!

Mrs. Terry Wuske, Director of Food Services, reported to the Board that the cafeteria staff started this morning with meetings and then moved to their designated schools to clean and set-up. We are all ready to go! We also received food deliveries today from our new distributor, GFS. The staff also had training on the new POS system working with Push Coin and feel comfortable with the process. Ready to start the new school year!

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:05 p.m. Mrs. Robinson moved that the Board meet in Executive Session for the for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel; collective negotiating matters; presentation of evidence or testimony as authorized by law; purchase, lease, or sale of real or publicly owned property; investment contracts; security procedures which may include personnel; student disciplinary cases; litigation; issues under the Tort Immunity Act; professional ethics or performance; board self-evaluation; selection to fill a public office; and/or the discussion of previously closed minutes. There will be no action after the Executive Session. 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, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Thatcher was absent for the August regular board meeting.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 7:25 p.m. Mr. Uthe made a motion that the Board Return to Open Session. Mrs. Robinson 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, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Thatcher was absent for the August regular board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:25 p.m. Mrs. Robinson moved that the meeting be adjourned. 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, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Thatcher was absent for the August regular board meeting.



Tara Robinson, President



Cathy Cuculich, Reporter