

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PEOTONE HIGH SCHOOL - MEDIA CENTER  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES -  
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**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 (5): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the regular board meeting.

**VISITOR'S LOG:**

No one signed the Visitors' Log.

**SPEAKER'S LOG:**

No one signed the Speakers' Log.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

President Robinson asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of March 18, 2019. Mr. Uthe made a motion and Mr. Bettenhausen seconded the motion, and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye (5): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Moe and no nays. Mrs. Thatcher and Mrs. Becker were absent for the regular board meeting.

**GOOD NEWS:**

**Peotone High School  
Academic Student of the Month  
March 2019**

Mr. Stein presented a certificate of commendation to **Giselle Calderon**, daughter of Pastor and Bertha Calderon of Monee. Giselle is a sophomore at Peotone High School with a grade point average of 4.0 on a 4.0 grading scale and ranks 10th in her class of 99 students.

**Peotone High School  
Recognition of "Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award From IACTE"**

Mr. Stein presented a certificate of recognition to **Ms. Nicole Majca**, Spanish Teacher at Peotone High School for receiving the 2019 Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award from University of Illinois and the Illinois Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. Nicole was nominated for this award through the Council on Teacher Education on behalf of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Nicole's accomplishments have set her apart from other beginning teachers. Nicole will be recognized at their 2019 Spring Dinner held on Tuesday April 9, 2019 in Springfield.

**Peotone High School**  
**2019-2020 Illinois Scholars**

Mr. Stein presented certificates of commendation to **Maura Daly** and **Andrew Grzeskowiak** as Peotone High School's 2019-2020 Illinois Scholars. Maura and Andrew were unable to attend the February 20, 2019 regular board meeting. Brennan Price was not present tonight to receive his certificate. The State Scholar Program recognizes Illinois high school students for their outstanding academic achievement.

**Peotone High School**  
**Resolution - Wrestling**

Mr. Stein presented certificates of commendation to the Peotone High School Wrestling Team consisting of **Giovanni Gonzalez, Kevin Hogan, Ryan Moe, Ethan Walton, Paul Keane, Brett Knapp, Alex Sunday, Alan Sunday, Seth Lonard, TJ Chenoweth, Kenny Johnson, Jimmy Haag, Tim Bounds, Nolan Bryant, Magnus Marchio, Sam Biedron, Logan Hartnett, Julian Flores, Gary Hedberg** and coached by **Greg Goberville**, competed in the 2019 IHSA Dual Team State Wrestling Meet and finished with an overall record of 15-8.

Mr. Chris Gibson reported to the Board that **Paul Keane**, an 11<sup>th</sup> grade member of the Peotone High School Wrestling Team coached by **Greg Goberville**, competed in and took second place in the 120 pound division at the IHSA State Wrestling Meet while completing his season with a record of 34 wins and 3 losses. Paul was not present to receive his certificate of commendation.

**Peotone Junior High School**  
**Academic Students of the Month**  
**February 2019**

Mr. Stein presented certificates of commendation to **6<sup>th</sup> Grade student, Jacob Carlson** and **7<sup>th</sup> Grade student, Ava Daly**. **8<sup>th</sup> Grade student, Sara Pierson**, was not present to receive her certificate. These students have demonstrated outstanding behavior, good work ethic, and have "gone above and beyond the call of duty" at Peotone Junior High for the month of February 2019.

**Peotone Junior High School**  
**Resolutions - Wrestling**

Mr. Stein presented certificates of commendation to the following Peotone Junior High School wrestlers:

**Corey Grotenhuis**, an eighth grade member of the Peotone Junior High Wrestling Team coached by **Josh Kreske, Billy Izzi, and Craig Grotenhuis**, competed in the 105 pound division at the IESA State Wrestling Meet while completing his season with a record of 28 wins and 9 losses; and

**Ian Kreske**, a seventh grade member of the Peotone Junior High Wrestling Team coached by **Josh Kreske, Craig Grotenhuis, and Billy Izzi**, competed in the 85 pound division at the IESA State Wrestling Meet while completing his season with a record of 30 wins and 10 losses;

**Marco Spinazzola**, an eighth grade member of the Peotone Junior High Wrestling Team coached by **Josh Kreske, Craig Grotenhuis, and Billy Izzi**, competed in the 112 pound division at the IESA State Wrestling Meet and won a third place medal while completing his season with a record of 24 wins and 1 loss; and

**Santino Izzi**, a seventh grade member of the Peotone Junior High Wrestling Team coached by **Josh Kreske, Craig Grotenhuis, and Billy Izzi**, competed in the 95 pound division at the IESA State Wrestling Meet while completing his season with a record of 26 wins and 12 losses.

Alejandro Cardenas and Micah Spinazzola were not present at the March regular board meeting to receive their certificates.

#### **OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK:**

**Mrs. Sheri Schubbe, Media Specialist for the District** along with **Aiden Hamm, an eighth grader at Peotone Junior High School** wanted to share a story with the Board and Administration.



Mrs. Schubbe reported that twenty-eight years ago, I was in my first year of teaching Language Arts at Peotone Junior High School. Two students in my class were Kristin Murray and Kent Hamm. They grew up and got married. They now have two sons, Aiden and Landen, both of whom attend Peotone Junior High School. A few weeks before the winter break, Aiden came to the library to show me some beautiful mementos from his great grandmother's days as a W.A.S.P. (Women Air Force Service Pilot) in WWII. There were pictures, documents, and a Congressional Gold Medal, awarded to her posthumously in 2009. He was very proud to show me the treasured family heirlooms, and I told him that the best part of my day that day was learning about his great grandmother's history.

Aiden then asked if I had any books on the W.A.S.P. women in the junior high library because he wanted to learn more about these amazing people. I

suggested the book *Yankee Doodle Gals: Women Pilots of World War II*. He checked out the book over break.

After break, Aiden came back to the library to return the book. He showed me a bookplate that he discovered inside the front cover of the book as well as a gold "corridor pass" with a hand-written note on the back. He told me that the gold note just fell out of the book when he was reading it. We both wondered who wrote the note, and were amazed that it had been in the book for over 20 years.

The following week in January, I had a table promoting the PHS Media Center program at 8th Grade Orientation Night. Aiden and both of his parents came up to me and told me that that the note was Aiden's grandmother's (Phyllis Hamm) handwriting. It seems obvious that she must have donated and delivered the book to the school in memory of her mother sometime after 1998.

Aiden's grandmother passed away just one year ago. This book and note it secretly contained, after being on the shelf for two decades, ended up in Aiden's hands, right where it belonged. It makes me so happy when I can put just the right book into a student's hands. And, fortunately, it happens in our school libraries all the time.

I had thought about giving this book to Aiden so that it can be added to his family's collection of treasured items from his great grandmother's flying days, but Aiden's mom and dad insist that we keep it in the school library, as that was Aiden's grandmother's intention.

When I told this story to Mr. Wenzel, he encouraged me to share it with you. This is just one example of the very good things that happen in our schools that reach beyond the curriculum when positive relationships are formed with the students we teach. I love the multi-generational component of this story, and I am honored to have taught in this district long enough to work with dozens of "2nd generation" students each day. The absolute best part of my job is encouraging students to be readers and seekers of information. I believe strongly that libraries must be filled with books that serve as "mirrors and windows". In other words, some books are self-affirming in that they provide students with reflections of themselves; whereas other books serve as windows into the worlds and lives of others. I believe this book, for Aiden, served both purposes.

Thank you for your continued support of our school district libraries, and thank you for allowing us time to share this story with you tonight. Aiden has brought a few items from his great grandmother's time as a WASP to show you.

## **FOR ACTION:**

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

**FOR ACTION:      RESOLUTION APPROVING 2019-2024 BUS LEASE WITH  
MIDWEST TRANSIT EQUIPMENT, INC**

Mrs. Moe made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving 2019-2024 Bus Lease with Midwest Transit Equipment. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion, and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye (5): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Moe and no nays. Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the March regular board meeting.

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

**FOR ACTION:      APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF THE  
27 ACRES FARM LEASE**

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Renewal of the 27 Acres Farm Lease. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye (5): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Moe and no nays. Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the March regular board meeting.

### **REPORT NO. 57:**

**FOR ACTION:      APPROVAL OF THE 2019-2020 IHSA MEMBERSHIP**

Mr. Bettenhausen made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 IHSA Membership. Mr. Uthe seconded the motion, and on a voice call vote, the following members answered aye (5): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Moe and no nays. Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the March regular board meeting.

### **REPORT NO. 58:**

**FOR ACTION:      APPROVAL OF HIRING OF TWO MATH  
INTERVENTIONISTS**

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the hiring of two Math Interventionists for PES and PIC. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion, and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye (5): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Moe and no nays. Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the March regular board meeting.

## **REPORT NO. 59:**

### **FOR ACTION: APPROVAL OF PHS SIGNAGE**

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the PHS Signage. Mr. Bettenhausen seconded the motion, and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye (5): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Moe and no nays. Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the March regular board meeting.

## **REPORT NO. 60: ADDENDUM - (Additions in Bold and Underline)**

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

#### **CERTIFIED STAFF**

##### **EMPLOYMENT:**

Amy Deutsche - Math Interventionist - PES (effective date of 08-19-2019)  
Brian Cann - Math Interventionist - PIC (effective date of 08-19-2019)

##### **TENURE:**

- **Keith Coppens - Physical Education - PHS**
- **Luisa Suarez - Spanish Teacher - PHS**

##### **FOURTH YEAR:**

- Justin Meyers - Math Teacher - PHS
- Amanda Whiteside - Physics - PHS

##### **THIRD YEAR:**

- Nicole Majca - Spanish Teacher - PHS
- Nicole Phelps - Science Teacher - PHS
- Christina Christensen - Special Education Teacher - PHS
- Megan MacDougall - Special Education Teacher - PJHS
- Nathan Matthies - Physical Education/Athletic Director - PJHS
- Colin Keppner - Special Education Teacher - PHS
- Susan Blakely - Special Education Teacher - PJHS
- Colleen Crabbe - Special Education Teacher – PHS
- Jenna Hoehn - Special Education Teacher – PIC

## **SECOND YEAR:**

- **David Church - Guidance Counselor - PHS**
- Michelle Dandurand - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher - PJHS
- Steven Malm - School Psychologist - PHS
- Eric Englert- English Language Arts - PHS
- Cameron Thomas- Science Teacher - PHS
- Gerard McManus- Special Education Teacher - PHS
- Jamie Duckwall - Special Education Teacher - PHS
- Emily Johnson- Science Teacher - PHS
- Amy Cameron- Special Education Teacher - PES
- James Nealon - Industrial Arts Teacher - PHS
- Alexandra Martin – Special Education Teacher - PES
- Abby Jacobs – Ag Teacher - PHS
- Kimberly Onsen – Preschool Teacher – CSC
- Robyn Markowicz- Math Teacher - PHS
- Jamie Cuny - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher - PJHS
- Rachel Fassl - School Counselor - PHS
- Nicole Kreml - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher - PIC
- Jill Scheffers - Kindergarten Teacher - PES
- Tara Popovich - Permanent Substitute Teacher - PES
- Michelle Bozarth- Permanent Substitute Teacher - PES

## **RESIGNATION:**

- Jennifer Fogel -SLP- PES (effective date of 06-30-2019)
- Christine Melton - Social Worker – PES (effective date of 06-30-2019)
- Megan Pilbeam - Preschool Teacher -CSC -(effective date of 2-11-2019)
- Emily Kuypers - Special Education – PIC (effective date of 06-30-2019)
- Jordan Hopman - Social Studies Teacher - PHS - (effective date of 06-30-2019)
- Jordan Hopman - Varsity Assistant Football Coach - PHS-(effective date of 06-30-2019)
- Jordan Hopman - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach - PJHS - (effective date of 06-30-2019)
- Jordan Hopman - Head Varsity Softball Coach - PHS - (effective date of 06-05-2019)
- Eric Peppmuller -Head Boys Basketball Coach - PHS - (effective date of 03-01-2019)
- Eric Peppmuller - Head Golf Coach - PHS - (effective date of 03-01-2019)

## **CHANGE OF STATUS:**

- Kathy Davis - Principal to Classroom Teacher

## **CLASSIFIED STAFF**

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

- Connie Chartier - Bus Driver - Transportation - (effective date of 02-25-2019)

- Stanley Jakubowski - Bus Driver - Transportation - (effective date of 02-21-2019)
- Bryan C. Jones - Custodian - PJHS - (effective date of 02-25-2019)

#### **RESIGNATION:**

- John Crawford - Bus Driver -Transportation - (effective date of 02-28-2019)
- Marlene Murray - Student Council Advisor - PHS - (effective date of 6-30-2019)
- **Jennifer Heine – Bus Aide – Transportation – (effective date of 03/11/2019)**

#### **RETIREMENT:**

- Debbie Batterman -Bus Driver -Transportation - (effective date of 05-30-2019)
- Pam Tattersall - Inclusion Aide - PHS - (effective date 6-30-2019)

Mr. Uthe made a motion to approve the Addendum to the Certified and Classified Personnel. Mr. Bettenhausen seconded the motion, and on a roll call vote, the following members answered aye (5): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Moe and no nays. Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the March regular board meeting.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mr. Trevor Moore, Chief School Business Official**, reported to the Board that that the Referendum email address is listed on the District's website as **Referendum2020@peotoneschools.org**. Please send any questions or concerns that you have regarding the Referendum.

**Mr. Dave Osborne, Director of Buildings and Grounds**, reported to the Board, hopefully the snow and boiler season is winding down. It's been a busy winter getting projects done inside in all of the buildings. A plaster ceiling fell in at the Connor Shaw Center after one of the windy/rainy days that we had. We had roofers come out to repair and in the repair they discovered that the CSC roof needs to be replaced. The roof was put on in the early 1980's – thirty five plus years from a shingle roof is pretty good. We are getting an estimate from the roofing company on getting it replaced in 2020.

The boiler at PJHS is leaking and the insulation on it will need to be removed to see where and how bad the leak is. At that time a check of the boiler wall thickness will be made to determine its health.

Also at PJHS, Hygieneering, Inc., came out to do a floor asbestos check. Most of the floors, and they also discovered that the ceiling tile glue, is positive for Asbestos. They are writing an estimate to do the lower East wing floors possibly this summer.



We are also in the process of getting projects lined up for summer break.

**Mrs. Joanne Obszanski, Principal of Peotone Intermediate Center**, reported to the Board that IAR testing is wrapping up with 4<sup>th</sup> grade has finished aside from a few make-ups and 5<sup>th</sup> grade has math to wrap up into Wednesday and a few sections of ELA & make-up tests. Testing is expected to be completed by Thursday.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade has a field trip to the Ag Expo in Joliet on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. Mrs. Lefevers' class has a field trip to visit the Peotone Public Library on Thursday, March 21, 2019.

Mrs. Obszanski wanted to thank the PTO for the purchase of 30 Chromebooks for the 2019-2020 school year.

On March 22, 2019 Peotone Intermediate Center will be hosting D.E.A.R. we will welcome approximately 32 Guest Readers to the building throughout the morning. Our morning is broken into three time slots allowing for three to six readers in each of our homeroom classrooms throughout the morning. Visitors include a host of parents that signed up, along with Neighbors/Community members – Mrs. Christiansen (Helping Hands), Rich Schmidt (Green Garden Country Club), Janet Early (Terry's Ford), Jennifer Swanson (Peotone Park District), Officer Dan Stankus (School Resource Officer for the District), Liz O'Neill (New Lenox Library). Teachers' guests include Jake LaMore from WFAV FM Radio host, Mr. Hopman from PHS, retired teachers Mr. Cann, Mr. Nagra, and Diane Banks. Also, we will have Mrs. Schubbe with Book Club Members, Mr. Fantin with PHS students (siblings of PIC students) Mr. Stein, Mr. Gibson, and Mrs. Davis.

**Character Ed Trait for March-April is COURAGE:**

Two lessons in each homeroom; one time with an activity on courage to define and provide examples of courage and a second lesson involves a read-aloud followed up with guided questions/class discussion. Mrs. Schubbe provides books for read-aloud.

**PIC Spirit Week - March 25, 2019 thru March 29, 2019**

Half-sheet of paper will be distributed with daily themes.

**STEM Friday (April 5, 2019)**

Rotation of STEM activities among 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teachers the morning of April 5<sup>th</sup>. Examples of STEM activities include: marble maze, ocean zones in a jar, bridge building, build a two balloon space rocket, design a cell phone stand, paper cup stand, and marshmallow catapult.

Also, we will have Miles of Smiles on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Barnstormers' Assembly will be on April 11, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.  
Pasta Bingo Night on April 11<sup>th</sup> at PES.

Information to order PIC's yearbook is posted on Facebook and PIC's school website.

**Mr. Dave Weissbohn, Director of Technology**, reported to the Board about the HVAC and lighting system at Peotone High School. The computer interface is approaching twenty years old and is about five years past end-of-life, meaning it is unsupported by vendors and the manufacturer. While it has operated properly thus far, a failure of the system will effectively prevent our maintenance and custodial staff from controlling and managing the HVAC and lighting systems at PHS and any repairs or replacements would, at best, become an 'eBay hunt' for components. Furthermore, the system is incapable of receiving software updates, raising serious concerns about security. In its current state, it would be trivial for a targeted or automated attack to gain access and cause real, physical damage to our equipment. Upgrading the computer system would also bring some additional features and quality-of-life improvements such as the ability to receive email and phone alerts for any equipment problems, allow us greater control of who can access the system, and easily allow our maintenance and custodial staff to manage the system from any computer, phone, or tablet.

The quote obtained by Mr. Osborne includes replacement and configuration of the computer control system, as well as three years of software maintenance (meaning that we would receive any software/security updated for a three year period). Presumably, this could be extended as needed for a nominal fee. The physical equipment carries a one year warranty.

As an aside, leveraging some of the technology infrastructure updates in which we've recently invested have allowed for a reduction of the price of this system by about 10% by reducing the need for extra computer equipment.

**Mrs. Wendy Bean, Assistant Principal**, reported to the Board that our Student Council has several great events coming up. This week, through Thursday, they are collecting hygiene items to "Stuff A Bus." These items will be donated for the Will County Family Support Day which is March 30th. On Saturday March 23, 2019, is the Student Council's Dress Resale event. Dresses can be brought in for the sale on Friday. The Dress sale is from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Peotone High School's Media Center. Finally, Student Council is hosting their annual blood drive on Tuesday, March 26th. Anyone can call or email Mrs. Murray to sign up in advance. And our spring musical is approaching. Peotone High School will be presenting "High School Musical" on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> which will take place in the Auditorium. Tickets are now on sale through Ms. Chelsea McKay's website.

**Mrs. Terry Wuske, Director of Food Services**, reported to the Board that the Food Service Department received their last commodity shipment today for the 2018/2019 SY today. I have also made the final designations for the commodity purchases for the next school year. Looking forward to the Pasta/Bingo night in April and Post Prom in May.

**Mrs. Jennifer Haag, Transportation Director**, reported to the Board that the Bus Drivers and students are ready for Spring Break. Mrs. Haag also reported that Dralle will be repairing the driveway and parking lot of the Bus Barn. Mrs. Haag reported that there was some rerouting of the busses at 128<sup>th</sup> and Offner. Roads are in bad need of repair.

**Mrs. Amy Loy, Director of Special Services**, reported to the Board that we are wrapping up majority of our annual review meetings for all students with IEP's in the district. We are also working on establishing a district wide schedule for our step up transition meetings for students that will happen later this spring. These transition meetings are for students that will moving up to a new building next school year and to help make it a smooth transition process.

Additionally the alternative assessment called the DLM-MAP is currently being administered to students in the district. We have approximately 15 students in need of this assessment.

We continue to work on organizing for our Extended School Year Program. This year, ESY will be held June 11, 2019 through June 28, 2019. The session will run five days a week from 8-12. As a reminder, this provides additional support time for students who exhibit regression issues and that need help maintaining their skills.

**Mrs. Kathy Davis, Principal of Peotone Elementary**, reported to the Board that the last week in February we celebrated Read Across America Week. Each day we had a dress-up theme that went along with the activity and book for the day. The last day was particularly good as the theme was Oh, the Places You Will Go and we invited community leaders and business people to read the book and speak with our students about their line of work. We started IAR last week which is going very well. At the last PTO meeting, they voted to purchase a second set of Chromebooks to be used with the second-grade classes. We will also be hosting a Culvers Night on April 25th from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.. The teachers will be runners for the event. We also have two Child Development classes observing at PES each week. Our SI classroom went on a field trip last week to Berkots and also to Dr. March's office. Our students were complimented on how well they did shopping and checking out at Berkots. They were all invited back to Berkots anytime. They all had a lot of fun!

**Mr. Scott Wenzel, Principal of Peotone Junior High School**, reported to the Board that Peotone Junior High School March Board Report: The 8th grade students will begin the Illinois Assessment of Readiness Testing this week. 7th grade students will take the test next week with the 6th grade students the following week. Also the 8th grade students will take the Illinois Science Assessment on Thursday, April 11, 2019. Ayden Bettenhausen has advanced to the State level of the Geography Bee on Friday, March 29, 2019, at Heartland Community College in Normal, Illinois.

We have two 8th grade trips coming up. We have the Kankakee Area Career Awareness Days on Tuesday, April 9. We have the Holocaust Museum Field Trip

on Friday, April 12. The Spelling Team finished in 4th place in the Kan-Will Spelling Contest. The Math Team will be competing in the Kan-Will Math Contest at KCC on Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

**Mr. Craig Fantin, Principal of Peotone High School,** reported to the Board that The Will County Regional Office of Education Annual Leadership Conference, took place on Friday, February 22, 2019. Rachel Downing took nine girls to the Jacob Henry Mansion in Joliet for the Annual Leadership Conference. Each year they alternate between boys and girls. Speakers for the event include Senator Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, business leader Tricia Simpson from Exxon Mobil, as well as other motivational speakers. The speakers spoke about various ways for girls to leaders within their schools and communities, as well as different careers paths that are available for young ladies.

**Mr. Dan Stankus, School Officer for the District,** reported to the Board that the students and staff are warming up to him being in the buildings. He is now working with the Drivers Education teachers and students regarding traffic stops and how the students should act when you are stopped by a police officer. Mr. Stankus is also working with TAD planning. Mr. Stankus reported that everything is going good!

**Mr. Chris Gibson, Assistant Principal PJHS/Athletic Director PHS,** reported to the Board that our final team record was 15-8. We advanced to Wrestling Dual Team State which was held at Grossinger Motors Arena. We were an Elite-8 team and lost to Aurora Christian in the quarter-finals. We had three individuals qualify for the State Meet in Champaign (Paul Keane at 120; Nolan Bryant at 170 and Logan Hartnett at 195). Bryant and Hartnett lost their first match and then again in the wrestle backs which eliminated them from competition; while Paul Keane advanced to the state final for the third consecutive year but fell in a close match 5-4 to take home 2nd Place. Unified Basketball - The team participated in the IHSA Unified Basketball State Tournament March 15 & 16 and earned 4th place losing two tough very close games to Andrew High School (enrollment 2141) in the semi-finals and Limestone High School (enrollment 1009) in the 3rd Place game. We had a first-class send off from the school on Friday morning and a fantastic crowd for both days of the tournament. The kids competed hard and represented Peotone very well. We will have a Board resolution ready for the April meeting and invite team members to attend to be recognized. Other Athletic News: Recently purchased a new scorer's table for our gym (old table was in very bad condition and is considered somewhat unsafe) as well as new padded chairs that teams will now utilize rather than sitting on the bleachers. Total cost was around: \$7600 and the Peotone Athletic Booster Club picked up about \$5600 of that expense. Peotone High School hosted the IHSA Class 2A Boys Basketball Sectional February 26, 27 and March 1. This will be the first time Peotone has hosted a Sectional Tournament. We received many positive comments from tournament officials and fans of the four schools who

participated. Our tournament staff did a fantastic job of running a first-class event. We hope this will open the door to future hosting opportunities.

**OTHER:**

Mr. Steve Stein, Superintendent, reported to the Board that he has received two FOIA requests; one is from Emeric Services regarding out sourced custodial services and one from Mrs. Renee Feigel requesting the amount paid by Mr. Bettenhausen for the 74.8 acres.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:05 p.m. President Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting and moved for the Board to meet in Executive Session 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 Executive Session. Mr. Uthe made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting and go into closed executive session and Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and on a voice call vote, the following answered aye (5): Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moe, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Uthe, Mr. Bettenhausen and no nays. Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the March regular board meeting.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

At 7:34 p.m. Mr. Uthe made a motion that the Board Return to Open Session. Mrs. Moe seconded the motion and on a voice call vote, the following members answered aye (5): Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Moe, and no nays. Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the March regular board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:34 p.m. President Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting. Mrs. Moe made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting and Mr. Uthe and Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion and on a voice call vote, the following members answered aye (5): Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bettenhausen, Mr. Uthe, Mrs. Moe and no nays. Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Thatcher were absent for the March regular board meeting.



Tara Robinson, President



Cathy Cuculich, Reporter