

Minutes, Regular Meeting, May 18, 2017, 6:30 P.M., Piketon High School

Roll Call: Cutler, Present
 Jenkins, Present
 Smith, Present
 Stockham, Present
 Wooldridge, Present

17-086 ADOPT AGENDA Mr. Stockham motioned to adopt the agenda as presented by the Superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Smith, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

17-087 APPROVE MINUTES Mr. Cutler motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of April 11 and April 25, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Smith, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

Public Concerns

Michelle Burchett addressed the Board regarding harassment from Coach Gene Bumgardner toward her son Che Burchett. Mrs. Burchett said that her son was taunted by Mr. Bumgardner for missing winter workouts because he participated in weightlifting. She also stated that her son was told to quit his job. Mrs. Burchett talked to the Athletic Director Mr. Dettwiller about the situation and he talked to Mr. Bumgardner but the situation got worse, not better. Mrs. Burchett has never let her son quit a sport but she let him quit this year. Her son had catcher's equipment that she planned to return as soon as her work schedule permitted. She did not want Mr. Bumgardner speaking to her son again. On May 1 she received a call from Mr. Owens stating that Mr. Bumgardner sent him a text stating that Mrs. Burchett stole the catcher's equipment and Mr. Bumgardner was planning to press charges. Mrs. Burchett just wants the harassment to stop. She believes that 4 seniors didn't play this year because of Mr. Bumgardner's behavior. Dr. Burkitt told Mrs. Burchett that she should always follow up with Mr. Reuter or himself. She stated that she had talked to Mr. Dettwiller twice. Mrs. Jenkins asked what his response was. Keith said he would talk to Mr. Bumgardner and tell him not to talk to Che anymore. Mrs. Burchett stated that her son is a good kid and that she has had 6 positive referral calls from Mr. Owens in the past. She said that other parents have called her and said that their children don't play because of how Mr. Bumgardner treats them. Dr. Burkitt told Mrs. Burchett that we aren't hiring spring coaches yet and he appreciates the information. She should feel free to call him. It will be addressed.

PSEA

PSEA Vice-president Andrew Williams thanked the Board for their efforts during contract negotiations.

17-088 DONATIONS Mr. Smith motioned to accept the following donations:

- \$1,000 from Piketon Athletic Boosters for HS volleyball camp
- \$1,000 from Fluor-BWXT toward the purchase of a smartboard

Seconded by Mr. Stockham, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

17-089 APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Mrs. Jenkins motioned to approve the financial statements for the period ending April 30, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Stockham, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

17-090 BILLS Mr. Stockham motioned to approve payment of the bills for April. Seconded by Mr. Smith, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

Mrs. Williams discussed the Five Year Forecast. The district is projected to lose over \$600,000 in the next state budget. As a result, the district is projected to overspend by \$686,000 in FY18. The district has a significant carryover balance but cannot sustain multiple years of overspending to that extent. Dr. Burkitt and Mrs. Williams would like some direction from the Board as to a goal for budget reductions. Mrs. Jenkins would like to meet to do a cost analysis of the expenses. Mr. Cutler and Mr. Wooldridge would like to see the projected deficit spending reduced by half. Dr. Burkitt and Mrs. Williams will work with the building principals to come up with a plan.

17-090 EMPLOY SUBSTITUTES Mr. Stockham motioned to employ Courtney Moore as a substitute nurse and Laura Hall as a substitute classified employee. Seconded by Mr. Cutler, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

17-091 EMPLOY SUPPLEMENTALS Mr. Smith motioned to employ the following supplemental contracts:

Elementary Science Fair Coordinator – Lori Burkitt
Elementary Student Council Advisor – Angie Taylor
6th grade Quiz Bowl Coach – Ally Shaw
Elementary Spelling Bee Advisor – Lori Burkitt
Jr. High Spelling Bee Advisor – Stephanie Klinker
Jr. High Quiz Bowl Coach – Val Newman
National Honor Society – Michele Coreno
PHS Student Council Advisor – Megan Williams
PHS Quiz Bowl Coach – Olivia Day
PHS Yearbook Advisor – Kim Shaw
PHS Envirothon Coach – Ally Shaw
Marching Band Director – Todd Peitz
PHS Musical Director – Jessie Hablitzel
Musical Assistant – Chad Hablitzel
Musical Assistant – Mike Moorman
Elementary Musical Director – Jessie Hablitzel
Elem. Musical Assistant – Chad Hablitzel
HS Athletic Director – Keith Dettwiller
Jr. High Athletic Director – Libby Crothers
Jr. High Cheer Advisor – Hope Ebert
HS Cheer Basketball Advisor – Rachel Fuller
HS Cheer Football Advisor – Rachel Fuller
Varsity Volleyball Coach – Allison Robbins
Cross Country Coach – Michele Coreno
Head Football Coach – Tyler Gullion
Boys Golf Coach – Kevin Moore
Girls Soccer Coach – Jared Williams
Assistant Girls Soccer Coach – Ross Wheeler
Varsity Boys Basketball Coach – Evan Legg
Boys Basketball Summer Recreation – Evan Legg
Varsity Girls Basketball Coach – Brett Coreno

Girls Basketball Summer Recreation – Brett Coreno
Girls Assistant Basketball Coach – Ruthie Dorkoff
Girls Strength Coach – Chris Pfeifer
Boys Strength Coach – Tyler Gullion

Seconded by Mr. Cutler, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

Dr. Burkitt informed the Board that Hunger Alliance has selected Zahns Middle School as a summer feeding site. Every child age 0-18 that fills out an application is eligible. Also, there will be rural door to door food delivery for needy families.

Mr. Roberts applied for and was awarded a grant for school zone flashers for Zahns. The grant supplies the flashers and we will need to maintain them.

Dr. Burkitt will be applying for a safety grant through the Attorney General. After completing training, Dr. Burkitt will be able to make recommendations as to what he thinks our district needs through the grant such as cameras or resource officers.

Dr. Burkitt and Mr. Roberts are working on a JAG grant to help with resource officer expenses.

Administrator Reports

Mr. Roberts – State testing has been completed; results should be here in June. The school district report card will be out in September. The final district leadership team meeting will be held tomorrow. The State Personnel Development Grant funds have run out, but Mr. Roberts recommends that we continue to use the framework.

Mrs. Conley – Testing is complete. 19 students still need to pass the 3rd grade reading test. Mrs. Conley is pleased with the math curriculum. Jasper is focused on reading curriculum. Each class took end of year field trips. The PTO held a buy one, get one free book fair. There was record attendance at this year's Redstreak Pride Night. Mrs. Conley has applied for a grant to provide and LPN/Social Worker to do home visits and help our students in any way possible.

Mr. Reuter – The PHS softball team was recognized for having the 3rd highest GPA in the state. They are also playing in the district final on Saturday. This is their best tournament run since 2010. PHS held its 6th annual St. Baldrick's event. Mrs. Bentley does a tremendous job. Over 300 people attended the Honors Banquet; it's so large now that it had to be moved to the gymnasium. A staff member turned in a positive referral for every one of her students. There are 48 members of the Top 20 ACT Club. Mrs. Samantha Walls asked for students to assist with the Zahns Art Show. She praised the volunteers for going above and beyond.

Mrs. Jenkins expressed her gratitude to Mrs. Walls as well. Mrs. Walls came to the Statehouse on a Saturday to support Mrs. Jenkins's daughter while her artwork was on display there.

New Business

Dr. Burkitt discussed the need to sell 3 school buses. Buses 3, 28 and 30 have been tagged by the Ohio State Patrol for having rust spots and will need to be sold. It would cost too much to repair them enough to be cleared as roadworthy. We will still have 6 spare buses.

17-092 SALE OF BUSES Mr. Smith motioned to approve the sale of buses 3, 28 and 30. Seconded by Mr. Cutler, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

Dr. Burkitt discussed the employment of summer workers. Regular employees have first option to work in the summer, then employees from the sub list and then we typically hire college students. The pay is \$10 per hour. Dr. Burkitt would like to know if the Board wants to continue as we have in the past. Kelly Hines stated that last year employees were upset that they were only allowed to work 30 hours per week while the Community Action workers were allowed to work 40 hours. Mrs. Williams explained that due to the budget reductions the district is facing, employees will need to work 30 hours per week. The Community Action workers are provided free of charge to the district and will work whatever hours are required by their program. The Board is fine to continue the employment of summer workers as in the past. Mr. Pritchett will monitor the progress in cleaning the building and he can recommend more hours if necessary. Mr. Wooldridge would like the electric boxes in front of PHS and Jasper painted. Mr. Cutler would like the goalposts painted. Dr. Burkitt encouraged the Board to let him know if there are other projects they would like to have completed this summer. Mrs. Williams asked if the Board minds if the old PHS baseball field is made ready to host Jr. High baseball games. Several parents have offered to donate time and materials. The Board is not opposed to repairing the field.

17-093 EXECUTIVE SESSION Mr. Stockham motioned to enter into executive session to consider the employment of public employees and to prepare for upcoming negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Smith, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

Upon return to open session:

17-094 OPEN SESSION Mr. Cutler motioned to return to open session. Seconded by Mr. Stockham, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

17-095 ADJOURN Mrs. Jenkins moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Smith, and on a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.