

Minutes, Regular Meeting, January 9, 2018, 6:30 P.M., Piketon High School

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

**18-009 ADOPT AGENDA** Mrs. Jenkins motioned to adopt the agenda as presented by the superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Smith, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**18-010 APPROVE MINUTES** Mrs. Jenkins motioned to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 board meeting. Seconded by Mr. Cutler, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller ABSTAIN, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**Public Concerns**

Jill Thomson from Fluor B&W provided an update to the Board. She expressed gratitude for being invited to help Santa give out gifts at Jasper Elementary. She is continuing to work on funding for a smartboard.

Dr. Burkitt asked PSEA if the current school calendar was approved for 2 years. Mr. Williams responded that it was just for 1 year. Dr. Burkitt will be scheduling a meeting to discuss calendar options for next year. Mrs. Jenkins asked if people are happy that graduation has been moved from Memorial Day weekend. So far, the response has been mostly positive.

**18-011 TAX BUDGET** Mr. Smith motioned to approve the FY2019 Tax Budget. Seconded by Mr. Cutler, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**18-012 APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** Mrs. Jenkins motioned to approve the financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Cutler, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**18-013 BILLS** Mr. Smith motioned to approve payment of the bills for December. Seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**18-014 RESIGNATION** Mrs. Jenkins motioned to accept the resignation of Dave Weiss for the purpose of retirement. Seconded by Mr. Fuller, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**18-015 CLASSIFIED SUB** Mrs. Jenkins motioned to employ Tammy Smith as a classified substitute employee. Seconded by Mr. Fuller, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

Dr. Burkitt discussed the Business Advisory Council. Most schools in Ross and Pike counties will be passing a resolution to authorize the Ross-Pike ESD to administer the Business Advisory Council. Mrs. Jenkins asked what it is. Dr. Burkitt responded that the Business Advisory Council was a

recommendation from a budget a few years ago. Mrs. Jenkins asked if there is a cost associated with this for our district. Dr. Burkitt responded that there is no cost.

**18-016 BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL** Mrs. Jenkins motioned to approve a business advisory council representation agreement with the Ross-Pike ESD. Seconded by Mr. Cutler, an upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**18-017 SUB TEACHER LIST** Mr. Smith motioned to approve additions to the substitute teacher list. Seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

### **Administrator Reports**

Mr. Owens reported that Halle Foster won the Red Ribbon Week Essay contest with her essay on staying drug-free. She won a \$100 prize. Jacob Nichols has signed to run cross-country for Shawnee State University. Cameryn Alexander and Edward Setty joined the Top 20 Act Club. Bryce Coreno moved from the Top 20 to the Top 25 Act Club. This year's spelling bee results were 1<sup>st</sup> place - Emma McDowell, 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Shelby Carrico and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Sebastian Edwards. Every year in December, Mr. Reuter hosts a college panel where he invites Piketon graduates that are freshmen in college to come back and talk to the juniors and seniors so they ask questions about what to expect. Also in December was the annual dodgeball tournament. During the tournament, students donated change to the "Iver Bucket" for Iver Setty. Over \$700 was raised to help with his expenses as he battles cancer.

Mr. Wooldridge asked if everything is going well with facilities and transportation. Dr. Burkitt responded that things are going well and continue to improve.

**18-018 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING** Mrs. Jenkins motioned to schedule a special board meeting for January 23, 2018 at 6:30p.m.to discuss the reemployment of Leroy Howard after his retirement. Seconded by Mr. Smith, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

Dr. Burkitt discussed the need to consider purchasing a new maintenance van. The current van was purchased 17 years ago for approximately \$22,000. Glockner is estimating that a similar van will cost \$22,000-\$25,000 with the needed shelving after a government discount is applied. Mrs. Williams believes that the pricing will be similar at every vendor because of the government discount through Chevy. The Board would like to pursue specific pricing before making a decision. Mrs. Williams suggested taking sealed bids on the old maintenance van rather than trading it in.

Mr. Smith asked about hauling the tractor between buildings on our trailer. He saw the tractor on the highway followed by the school truck. Dr. Burkitt explained that the blade and salt spreader had not been put on the truck when the first snow occurred. The tractor was taken to the buildings to clear snow that time only. The trailer needs some repairs before it can be used to haul the tractor again.

Dr. Burkitt provided an update on the negotiations with Pepsi for a new contract. He is still trying to come to terms with them. The Board is willing to consider getting pricing from Coke if necessary. Mr. Cutler asked where Pepsi products are sold in the building besides the teachers' lounges. Mrs. Williams responded that Pepsi provides the sports drinks and flavored water that are sold in the lunchroom. They also provide the coolers that are used in the lunchroom. Mr. Wooldridge asked when the contract ended. The contract ended in October 2017.

Dr. Burkitt has spoken with Mr. Dettwiller about the football field. The field needs to be crowned and the grass needs to be treated. Mrs. Jenkins recalled that we had discussed purchasing a separate mower to be used only on athletic fields. Dr. Burkitt replied that we would consider that once the other issues are corrected. Dr. Burkitt suggested that Mr. Dettwiller contact a vendor to give a price on repairing the field. Drainage on the sidelines will also need to be addressed once the crown is corrected. Mrs. Jenkins asked what the timeline for these repairs would be. Dr. Burkitt will get more information for the next board

meeting. Mr. Smith met with a vendor to obtain pricing for some repairs to the announcer's stand at the football field. If the structure is changed substantially, it will probably require permits and new blueprints. Mrs. Williams asked if it is a big deal to obtain permits. One concern that was raised is that there is not enough space for everyone that needs to be in there. Ohio Valley Bank has authorized us to use the \$50,000 they donated for these repairs. Mr. Smith will get more information before the next meeting.

**18-019 EXECUTIVE SESSION** Mrs. Jenkins motioned to enter into executive session to consider the employment of public employees. Seconded by Mr. Fuller, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

Upon return to open session:

**18-020 OPEN SESSION** Mrs. Jenkins motioned to return to open session. Seconded by Mr. Smith, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**18-021 ADJOURN** Mr. Fuller moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Cutler, and on a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.