

Minutes, Regular Meeting, March 12, 2019, 6:30 P.M., Piketon High School

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

19-051 ADOPT AGENDA Mr. Smith motioned to adopt the agenda as presented by the superintendent with additions. 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.

19-052 DONATIONS Mr. Smith motioned to accept the following donations:

- \$500 donation from Amy McNaughton to be used by the PHS student council
- \$4722.75 donation from the Piketon Athletic Boosters to be used by Jr. High volleyball, PHS soccer, PHS baseball, PHS boys and girls basketball and PHS football teams.

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.

Mrs. Williams thanked the Athletic Boosters for their continued support.

19-053 EMPLOY COACHES Mrs. Jenkins motioned to employ the following:

Alayna Lytle – varsity volleyball coach
Eric Nichols – varsity boys' soccer
Ally Shaw – assistant varsity boys' soccer coach

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.

Administrator Report

Mrs. Conley reported that Jasper reached their 100 days of school February 12th. The Jasper PTO provided students with a glow party in the gymnasium with snacks. The Credit Union provided their cash machine and 2 students had the opportunity to win cash and make a deposit into their savings account. Scioto Valley Mental Health Prevention Program is conducting a 9-10 week program for the first grade. They will learn a variety of topics and are currently discussing eating healthy and active listening. Dr. Crabtree and Mrs. Conley are partaking in a series of trauma informed training provided by Reach for Tomorrow Ohio through a grant. Mrs. Conley is hoping to provide the Jasper staff with the same training next year. The PTO sponsored a book fair. Jasper will be having a Redstreak Pride Night for the students and family members in April.

Mr. Mantell recognized The Principal's choice artist of the month winners for January/February. The six young artist were: Kayla Heffner, Braydon Clay, Rayn Mead, Rilee Stepp, Brevin Wooldridge and Renee Hill. The County Spelling Bee had three young people representing Zahn's with a 4th place finish by Connor McGlone. Mrs. Brust is working with staff on SLO's. The District has provided Jane McGuire, bus #23 and Michelle Voss, bus #17 with the new buses. Drivers have been working together to cover routes. We have a few subs in training. Tammy Brigner, Sony Hays and Clyde Rodgers are employees whom have been helpful with substitute coverage of routes.

Mr. Wooldridge pointed out that Western is also having some issues with the shortage of substitute bus drivers. Mr. Wooldridge mentioned that he was contacted by Bill Martin to purchase one of our buses. He would like the year and mileage to check on insurance rate. Mrs. Williams will provide that information to Mr. Martin.

Mr. Reuter reported that PHS had their second career day with 27 presenters. Sherry Shepherd organizes the event for the English classes and commented how attentive the students were with the presenters. The Blood Drive was held and 68 units were collected. This qualified PHS to receive a \$250 scholarship. Mrs. Williams also mentioned that \$270 was collected from the bake sale and donated to the Zach Farmer scholarship fund. The Accuplacer test was given at Shawnee State and 32 underclassman took part in the testing which allows students to take dual credits. We currently have 16 dual credits with a possibility to get six more in the future. The musical cast and crew were struck by illness and all the kids stepped up and helped each other out. We had 183 students earn Reds tickets because they have a 3.67 or above GPA and/or perfect attendance. RP3 are just under 500 at this point and we had a record of 608 last year.

Mr. Wooldridge questioned why the alumni have not received their band shirts that were purchased for band night during football season. Mrs. Williams checked on the shirts and they are in the spirit shop being printed.

Mr. Wooldridge would like to see all sports/band banners that are purchased for seniors displayed in the gymnasium.

Mrs. Jenkins ask about the CTC students receiving the honor roll shirts. Mr. Reuter informed her that they have indeed been given the shirts.

Dr. Burkitt recognized Layne Moorman for being honored as the Pike County recipient of the Franklin B Walter award. This is the 4th time that a Piketon student has received the award since 1989. The District received the 2019 Champion of Breakfast award along with nine other districts in the state of Ohio. Mrs. Williams mentioned that we have doubled and tripled our breakfast participation.

Mrs. Jenkins questioned why we are not participating in the "Hurt to Hope" program. Dr. Burkitt responded that we have 3 students participating. A meeting was held recently and Scioto Valley was the only district that wasn't present. Mr. Wooldridge spoke to the YMCA and promised that Scioto Valley would have representation at future meetings. Mrs. Jenkins feels this is a population of our students that we can better serve. It is very important that we have better representation as part of our district goals and community involvement. Mr. Wooldridge suggested that each Board Member, Superintendent and Principal all receive the email so someone will be available next time to represent our district.

19-054 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR Mrs. Jenkins motioned to approve the school calendar for the 2019-2020 school year with 176 days for students. Staff will have 2 waiver days and 2 parent/teacher conferences for a total of 180 work days. 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.

19-055 2018-2019 MAKE UP DAYS Mr. Smith motioned to approve the 2018-2019 instructional days for staff and students. Students will have 1,003.5 hours of instruction with a state required minimum of 1,001 hours foreseeing that no additional calamity days are needed. The Board has agreed to forgive makeup days for the staff and students. 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.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL TURF PROPOSALS Mrs. Williams gave quotes for turf on the baseball and softball fields. The cost for baseball is \$229,000 and softball is \$119,000. Upon discussion, the Board decided to table the proposals.

ITC PRICING Mr. Amato presented the Board with ITC comparison pricing for Meta and surrounding areas. Mr. Amato recommends staying with Meta due to reliability, locality and the service we receive during working and nonworking hours. Mr. Amato also stated that the districts E-rate application for

internet and wireless access is due within the next 2 weeks. Bids need to be submitted within a 28 day window and the 471 window will close on March 27th and he will have a recommendation for a contract for the services. Mr. Amato will need approval at the March 26th board meeting in order to get the contract signed and everything uploaded to continue internet/wireless services.

Mrs. Conley presented a new reading series for K-3 for \$75,700. The previous reading series was purchased for K-6 in 2008 for approximately \$100,000. The new series will provide each grade level with 120 hard back books along with digital access for 6 years. The cost provides two professional development training days for staff. The BLT has worked on finding a new reading series for 2 years and would like to purchase the series for the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

19-056 READING SERIES Mr. Smith motioned to approve the purchase of the new reading series for Jasper. 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

DISCUSS HIGH SCHOOL DANCE POLICY Mrs. Jenkins presented the board with an example of a policy that she would like to see implemented by the board. She is concerned with the type of dancing by the student body and feels that “grinding” is not acceptable for a school setting. The policy presented states that the student agrees not to grind at the school dance. If a student appears to be grinding, a warning will be given by a chaperone. The student will be ask to leave the dance on a second warning. This policy is for all PHS students attending the dance and students from other districts. The parent and student will be ask to sign the form and return it with their prom payment. Mrs. Jenkins feels this is a Board decision to protect the kids and chaperones need to enforce the policy. Mr. Wooldridge doesn’t see why a student wouldn’t sign the policy if they are not dancing inappropriately.

Mrs. Williams is concerned about enforcing the policy and what will happen if a student feels falsely accused and their dance is ruined. Dr. Burkitt, Mr. Reuter and Mrs. Williams met with the student council members after the homecoming dance to discuss options. Suggestions were to dictate the type of music the DJ is playing, have line dancing and add extra chaperones. She feels the students took the time to discuss the matter and should be given a chance to implement the changes. Mr. Cutler feels that Mrs. Williams has good points for getting people involved in making changes. He suggested that a committee get involved and discuss it further. Dr. Burkitt recommended the committee to be the prom advisors, Mr. Reuter, Mr. Owens and Mrs. Williams. Mr. Smith would like to let the committee talk and the board talk before any decisions are made. Mr. Fuller contacted the NSBA after concerns from the homecoming dance. They stated that you should go by the student handbook or by how your district chooses to enforce the issue. He suggested that we need to get people involved with their part and help draft up a policy. Mr. Smith feels that we need to give the kids a chance. Mr. Reuter is going to have a committee meeting and report back at the March 26th board meeting.

Mr. Wooldridge stated they will make a decision at the next board meeting to either move on the policy proposed by Mrs. Jenkins or give the kids a chance.

19-057 EXECUTIVE SESSION Mr. Cutler motioned to enter into executive session to discuss the employment of a public employee. 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.

Upon return to open session:

19-058 OPEN SESSION Mr. Smith motioned to return to open session. 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.

19-059 ADJOURN Mr. Fuller moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and on a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.