

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

17-057 ADOPT AGENDA Mr. Cutler motioned to adopt the agenda as presented by the Superintendent. Seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

17-058 APPROVE MINUTES Mr. Stockham motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2017. 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.

Public Concerns

Jill Thomson addressed the Board regarding the plant site tours that were discussed at the previous meeting. She brought the details of how to sign up for a tour. Mrs. Williams said that the details would be posted to the school website. Ms. Thomson also stated that she had a \$1,000 check for the purchase of a smartboard and would like to take a photo with the teacher that will receive it. Mrs. Williams stated that a smartboard will not be purchased until the remainder of the funds is raised for it since a smartboard costs approximately \$5,500.

Karl Kalbacher from The Ferguson Group provided a presentation “Technical Review of Environmental Studies completed by US DOE at Zahns Corner Middle School”. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

17-059 DONATIONS Mr. Smith motioned to accept the following donations to be used by the prom committee:

\$50 Stacy L. Davis DDS, \$50 Sherman Birkhimer, \$20 Dixon Jewelers, \$50 Pike County Pawn Shop, \$50 First National Bank, \$100 Cutler & Pate General Contracting, \$25 OakBridge Financial Partners, \$50 Seif & McNamee, \$50 Atomic Credit Union, \$100 Benson & Sesser LLC, \$150 Massie’s Giovanni’s Pizza Corp., \$100 Boyer Funeral Home, Inc. and \$50 Homeland Credit Union.

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.

17-060 APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Mrs. Jenkins motioned to approve the financial statements for the period ending March 31, 2017. 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.

17-061 BILLS Mr. Smith motioned to approve payment of the bills for March. Seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

17-062 WILKES LEAVE OF ABSENCE Mrs. Jenkins motioned to approve a one year leave of absence for Amber Wilkes. Mrs. Wilkes will be staying home to care for her daughter. 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. Jenkins asked how Mrs. Wilkes vacancy will be filled. Dr. Burkitt responded that it will be filled like any other vacancy but with the understanding to the new teacher that Mrs. Wilkes can decide to return at the end of her leave.

17-063 EMPLOY CREMEANS Mr. Cutler motioned to employ Beverly Cremeans as a bus driver. 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.

17-064 EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERS Mr. Smith motioned to employ Aaron Lightle as a volunteer assistant baseball coach and Matt Minter as a volunteer assistant envirothon coach. 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.

17-065 CONTINUING CONTRACT Mr. Cutler motioned to issue a continuing contract to Tanya McDaniel. 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.

17-066 FOOD SERVICE JOB DESCRIPTION Mr. Cutler motioned to approve a revised job description for the Food Service Supervisor/Accounts Payable position. Dr. Burkitt noted that the supervisor aspect is the only thing new. Seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

17-067 APPROVE REVISED SALARY SCHEDULE Mrs. Jenkins motioned to approve a revised salary schedule for the Food Service Supervisor/Accounts Payable position (\$6,000 increase). 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.

17-068 LEGG 2-YEAR CONTRACT Mrs. Jenkins motioned to issue a 2-year contract to Beverly Legg as Food Service Supervisor/Accounts Payable effective July 1, 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.

The Board expressed its pleasure that Mrs. Legg has decided to postpone her retirement.

17-069 SUB TEACHER LIST Mr. Smith motioned to approve additions to the substitute teacher list. 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.

Student/Staff Recognition

Dr. Burkitt wished to recognize Madison Conley for being the Pike County recipient of the 2017 Franklin B. Walter Award. It is the first time in many years that a Piketon student has been the county winner.

Dr. Burkitt also congratulated the boys' and girls' powerlifting teams on their state championships.

Mr. Wooldridge acknowledged the YLA program at Piketon HS and Miss Cook for her hard work during their recent trip to the statehouse.

The Board also praised the social media posts from Mr. Reuter and Mrs. Conley in displaying many of the positive things happening in our schools every day. Mr. Smith often works out of town and can catch up on school news through these kinds of posts.

Facilities and Transportation Reports

Dr. Burkitt discussed an offer from MidAmerican Conversion Services to donate a repeater for our bus radios. Dr. Burkitt does not want to accept it unless we can actually use it. 3 buses have had their antennae replaced and the tower antenna needs repaired. Once the tower antenna is replaced, the radio coverage will be reevaluated to determine if further equipment or repairs will be required.

Dr. Burkitt and Mrs. Williams discussed an issue with a new floor scrubber that was purchased in February. The scrubber was delivered and did not appear to be new and broke down within a few days of delivery. The salesman was notified that we were not satisfied with the scrubber and requested that he take it back. The salesman refused to take it back and then placed an unauthorized charge on the school credit card for the price of the scrubber (\$8,700). Dr. Burkitt has been in contact with the county prosecutor and Mrs. Williams has disputed the charge to the credit card company.

Mrs. Jenkins asked if there is a method for communicating the approval of absences to avoid mistakes that leave routes without a substitute. Mr. Pritchett had contacted her to let her know that he had made a mistake and did not get a substitute for a route.

New Business

Danielle Cook, Andrea Woodruff and Olivia Day addressed the Board to request permission to offer an optional 10 day trip to Europe for PHS Students in June, 2018. The goal would be to bring to life places in the literature that our students study. Dr. Burkitt has consulted school legal counsel and since the trip is optional and the students are paying their own way, the Board has 2 options. The Board can “own” the trip or simply authorize the trip. The Board declines to provide financial support for the trip.

Mrs. Williams discussed the need for a demand management project to lower electricity costs. Demand that is measured during the summer drives energy costs all year. Implementing this project will save the district approximately \$12,000 per year. Mrs. Jenkins asked about a previous energy project that had been discussed regarding LED lights. Mrs. Williams responded that that project was more expensive and had a longer return on investment than this demand management project.

17-070 DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROJECT Mr. Cutler motioned to approve a demand management project with Dynamix Energy Services for \$35,500. 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.

Dr. Burkitt discussed the audio recording of board meetings. This meeting is being recorded with equipment that we already owned. Mr. Amato tested the range of the microphones and they recorded voices in all areas of the board room. The Board is fine using the existing equipment unless it doesn't work. Mrs. Jenkins asked if the recordings will be able to be posted to the school website like the minutes are. Mr. Amato stated that yes they could be posted. Mr. Cutler asked if the recordings would replace the paper minutes. Mrs. Williams stated that the recording would be used as a reference for the preparation of the paper minutes, not as a replacement.

Dr. Burkitt discussed the information to be included on the agenda for initial employment and/or contract renewals. Mr. Cutler doesn't like putting salary and benefits amounts on the agenda. He was contacted several times after the March meeting about Mr. Pritchett's salary and benefits. There was some confusion as to salary versus total compensation. Mrs. Jenkins believes that it is more transparent to place the information on the agenda or post the salary schedules on the website. Mr. Smith believes that if the public wants to know, they can ask. Mrs. Williams stated that public records requests can be made anonymously and the district does not charge its taxpayers for copies of records. The majority of the Board is not in favor of listing the information on the agenda.

17-071 EXECUTIVE SESSION Mr. Smith motioned to enter into executive session to consider the employment of public employees and to prepare for upcoming negotiations. 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.

Upon return to open session:

17-072 OPEN SESSION Mrs. Jenkins 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.

17-073 ADJOURN Mr. Stockham 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.