

Minutes, Regular Meeting, August 8, 2017, 6:30 P.M., Piketon High School

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

**17-137 EXECUTIVE SESSION** Mr. Smith motioned to enter into executive session to consider the employment and possible discipline of a public 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.

Upon return to open session:

**17-138 OPEN SESSION** Mr. Smith motioned to return to open session. 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.

**17-139 ADOPT AGENDA** Mr. Stockham motioned to adopt the agenda with the change of postponing item b in new business. 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.

**17-140 APPROVE MINUTES** Mr. Smith motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 11, 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**

Julie Galloway addressed the Board regarding the McDonald's High School Grant that will be open again in September. Someone from McDonald's will be contacting the school to set up a pep rally to get started. Julie also stated that Fluor has partnered with Hunger Alliance. Jill Thomson said that Fluor wants to sponsor breakfast in some way, possibly through a grant opportunity. Dr. Burkitt said that Zahns Middle School was certified through the Hunger Alliance late last school year. Food was delivered but no one ever came to eat. Dr. Burkitt stated that he had received a phone call from someone at Fluor and would be returning the call to set up a meeting.

Jill Thomson provided an update to the Board. Joel Bradburne says that funding for work at the plant site looks positive. Jill is also still pursuing funding for a smartboard through her company, CH2M.

**17-141 DONATIONS** Mr. Smith motioned to accept the following donations:

- \$100 from Whit's to be used by the Jasper guidance office
- \$1000 from Piketon Athletic Boosters to be used by Jr. High Volleyball
- \$7317.88 from Piketon Athletic Boosters toward the cost of new football uniforms
- \$2303.62 from Piketon Athletic Boosters to be used by PHS Cheerleaders

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.

Mrs. Williams thanked the Boosters for their support of our athletic program.

Mrs. Williams explained that she had omitted some names of contract recipients from the June minutes, necessitating the approval of corrected minutes.

**17-142 CORRECTED JUNE MINUTES** Mrs. Jenkins motioned to approve the corrected minutes of the June 2017 meeting. 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.

**17-143 APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** Mr. Cutler motioned to approve the financial statements for the period ending July 31, 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.

**17-144 BILLS** Mr. Stockham motioned to approve payment of the bills for July. 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.

**17-145 RESIGNATION DUNN** Mr. Stockham motioned to accept the resignation of Angie Dunn as 9.5 month elementary secretary. 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.

**17-146 EMPLOY SUB NURSES** Mr. Stockham motioned to employ Courtney Moore and Mindy Williamson as substitute nurses. 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.

Dr. Burkitt explained that Amanda Day was given a 2-year contract in June but should have received a 5-year contract.

**17-147 5-YEAR CONTRACT A. DAY** Mrs. Jenkins motioned to issue a 5-year contract to Amanda Day as school nurse. 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.

**17-148 VOLUNTEERS & SUBSTITUTES** Mr. Smith motioned to approve a list of band parent volunteers, approve a list of substitute classified employees and to approve additions to the substitute teacher list. 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.

**17-149 CREATE POSITIONS** Mr. Smith motioned to create a secondary library aide position at Jasper Elementary and a secondary custodial position at Zahns Middle School. 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 explained that it is necessary to create these new positions in order to relocate them. He will be abolishing the former positions at a future meeting.

**17-150 CREATE POSITION** Mr. Stockham motioned create a new secondary position of aide to a handicapped student. The position will be 4 hours per day, 8:30am – 12:30pm. 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.

### **Administrator Reports**

Mr. Roberts – Report card data will be released by September 15. Preliminary results are in. We are at or above state average in some areas and below in some areas. We don't have a grade yet for the progress measure. Our K-3 Literacy grade is a C which is the highest in the county. Our graduation rate grade is also a C.

Mrs. Conley – The K-3 Literacy grade went from F to C. Students in K-2 are given a diagnostic and students that are not on track are put on a reading improvement plan (RIMP). The number of students on a RIMP has been cut in half from 2016 to 2017. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading and math scores are not where we want them to be yet. The scores did increase 11% but are still below state average. Mrs. Conley has a plan in place to improve scores this year. A teacher has been relocated to allow for a new class at the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level for informational text through science and social studies. Mrs. Conley thinks she knows where we went wrong in the reading and we can only go up from here.

Mr. Mantell – Zahns has 9 tested areas. In 5 of the 9 we showed improvement, some significant. 2 of the areas stayed steady and 2 areas declined. Zahns had the highest 4<sup>th</sup> grade social studies score in the county, scoring above state average. 5<sup>th</sup> grade science had the highest scores in the county as well as 6<sup>th</sup> grade math. He is very pleased with those numbers. There are areas for improvement. Zahns will be moving from a reading/writing split to informational/literary split. Each student will have 2 language arts classes every day. New math strategies were implemented in February. That was too late for last year's score, but he hopes to see the effect of those on this year's scores. Full-time person in the library now allows the library to be open all day. Mr. Mantell is working with Mr. Amato on obtaining a Chromebook cart to allow students to have keyboarding, internet safety, etc. in a technology course once a week in the library. The library will be more of a media center with a "maker's space" with the ultimate goal of having a robotics lab. Mr. Mantell has also created a Facebook page for Zahns to improve communications.

Mrs. Jenkins recognized the teachers with the highest county scores for their accomplishment:

Mrs. Tammy Foster – 4<sup>th</sup> grade social studies

Mrs. Sherry Haynes – 5<sup>th</sup> grade science

Mrs. Collena Taylor – 6<sup>th</sup> grade math

Mr. Reuter – PHS has 12 tested areas in grades 7-12. Mr. Reuter likes to compare us to socioeconomically similar districts in our area. Not necessarily based on size. In the last 2 years, we have outscored the districts in Pike Co, Paint Valley, Huntington and Unioto in the majority of the 12 tested areas. Mr. Reuter's goal is to get better every day but our students are so much more than a score. We are strong in arts, academics and athletics. Mr. Reuter listed many areas in which our students are exceling in arts, academics and athletics. Piketon is great now!

Dr. Burkitt said that public education takes a beating but we should always celebrate our successes. We are going to take care of our kids and give them a great year.

Mr. Owens invited everyone to attend parent's night at band camp.

Mrs. Jenkins recognized Olivia Day, Stephanie Klinker, Kristy Moore and Kelley Leist-Moore for their outstanding scores.

Mrs. Jenkins asked if the radio problems that were happening at the end of last school year have been resolved. Dr. Burkitt responded that repairs were made and the signal is much better than it was. We are also purchasing handheld radios for each building.

Mrs. Williams discussed the Appalachian Regional Commission Distressed County grant. Scioto Valley will be applying for approximately \$230,000 to be used for the purchase of smartboards and Chromebook carts to be used district wide. Scioto Valley would be responsible for locally providing 20% of the grant funds. Mrs. Jenkins asked if we can apply for a waiver for the local match and when the funds would be awarded. Mrs. Williams will find out those answers when she applies for the grant.

**17-151 ARC DISTRESSED COUNTY GRANT** Mr. Smith motioned to authorize the superintendent and treasurer to apply for the Appalachian Regional Commission Distressed County Grant. 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.

Mrs. Williams explained that the Board postponed discussion of the free lunch program because we are waiting on simulations from the state on how our foundation payments would be affected by participation in the program. That is important information that will factor into the Board's decision. She hopes to have the information in time for the special board meeting on August 16.

**17-152 ADJOURN** Mr. Stockham moved to adjourn the meeting. 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.