

**PEKIN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #108**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**January 25, 2016**

**MINUTES:**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Spanos called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members answered roll call: Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Ingram, Mr. Mullis, Mr. Root, Mr. Spanos, and Mrs. Vermillion. Mr. Knautz was absent.

PLEDGE

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUCCESS STORY  
WILSON RED CORNER  
CAFÉ

The Red Corner Café was started this year at Wilson Intermediate School by teachers Jackie Gray and Nicole Richards. They teach the Community Based Instruction (CBI) program and wanted to start providing real life, hands on learning for their students. The Red Corner Café provides students with the opportunity to thrive academically and socially in a real world setting. It promotes a sense of ownership, responsibility, independence, and purpose in students' education. All staff at Wilson School, and some outside of the school, are able to order from the café menu. The café runs Monday and Wednesday each week.

Students take orders over the phone, prepare grocery lists, shop for ingredients at the grocery store, make coffee, and deliver coffee. The students are learning valuable skills that will help them become as independent as possible when they reach adulthood. There are a variety of skills taught through this process, such as: money skills, reading, language/social skills, and vocational skills. Jackie and Nicole have created a real world job setting for students within Wilson School! The students are thoroughly enjoying their learning and the coffee and treats are delicious!!

APPROVED AGENDA

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Mullis, to approve the agenda as presented by the Superintendent.

**Roll Call:** "Yeas"; Mrs. Ingram, Mr. Mullis, Mr. Root, Mr. Spanos, Mrs. Vermillion, and Mrs. Frazier.

Motion carried 6-0.

APPROVED  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
AND WARRANTS FOR  
DECEMBER 2015

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Frazier, seconded by Mrs. Vermillion, to approve the Treasurer's Report and the warrants for December 2015 in the amount of \$3,330,820.02 of which \$1,691,822.87 was payroll.

**Roll Call:** "Yeas"; Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Vermillion, Mrs. Ingram, Mr. Mullis, Mr. Root, and Mr. Spanos.

Motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

The following reports were presented:

- Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report and State Payments Update Report (Mr. Glayn Worrell, Business Manager)

## CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Frazier, seconded by Mr. Mullis, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of three items, as presented by the Superintendent.

**Roll Call:** “Yeas”; Mrs. Frazier, Mr. Mullis, Mr. Root, Mr. Spanos, Mrs. Vermillion, and Mrs. Ingram.

Motion carried 6-0.

## 1. Approved Minutes

Approved minutes from the December 14, 2015 Board of Education meeting.

## 2. Gifts

The following “gifts to the district” are submitted for your review and consideration for official Board of Education acceptance on January 25, 2016:

- L.E. Starke Primary School is pleased to acknowledge an anonymous donation of \$2,000 to use for purchasing IPADs for student/classroom use.
- L.E. Starke Primary School is pleased to acknowledge a donation of \$250 from Richard and Georgina Cecil to support transportation costs for a field trip in April.

## 3. Personnel

Approved the following personnel recommendations:

***Employed:***

- Employ Candy Robosky for the position of TEMPORARY Early Childhood Teacher effective February 1, 2016 for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year at a pro-rated salary of \$19,282.49 + TRS.
- Employ Gina Hayden for the position of TEMPORARY Teacher effective January 19, 2016 for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year at a pro-rated salary of \$18,288.26 + TRS.

***Separated:***

- Accept the resignation of Meredith Caudill, Teacher, effective January 3, 2016.
- Accept the resignation of Abbey Mattson, Teacher, effective April 4, 2016.
- Accept the resignation of Ryan Scoles, Special Education Teacher, effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Mary Jane Thompson, Special Education Teacher, for retirement purposes effective the end of the 2018-2019 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Denise Peters, Instructor of Student Support and Learning, for retirement purposes effective the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

***Approved:***

- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Julie Martin, Teacher, effective January 4, 2016 through January 15, 2016 for a total of 10 days, using 10 paid sick leave days.

- Approve an unpaid leave of absence for Molly Brian, Early Childhood Teacher, effective December 1, 2015 for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.
- Approve an intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Sarah Hiles, Special Education Teacher, effective February 4, 2016 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
- Approve Megan McCabe, Charles Galvin, Amy Mefford and Rachel Morgan as Substitute Teachers for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Approve Kevin Stephenson as a Technology Intern for the 2015-2016 school year.

AUTHORIZE THE  
PREPARATION AND  
SOLICITATION OF BIDS  
FOR DISTRICT  
AUDITING SERVICES

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Frazier, seconded by Mrs. Vermillion, to authorize the preparation and solicitation of bids for district auditing services.

**Roll Call:** “Yeas”; Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Vermillion, Mrs. Ingram, Mr. Mullis, Mr. Root, and Mr. Spanos.

Motion carried 6-0

OTHER BUSINESS

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATES**

#### Young Authors Conference

The 2016 Young Authors Conference will take place Monday, March 14 at Wilson Intermediate School. The activities will begin at 7:00 p.m. The student books will be on display in the commons area prior to the event.

#### School Calendar Development

The development of the school calendar for the 2016-2017 school year is underway. A draft of the proposed calendar will be reviewed at the February BOE meeting and considered for approval at the March BOE meeting. The local area districts continue to be committed to aligning school holidays and breaks as much as possible.

#### Tentative February Reports

- Projected Staffing Needs for 2016-2017
- Forecast for Summer Professional Development and Curriculum Work

#### Tentative February Action Items

- To Be Determined

**BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

January 27 (Wednesday)	PERA Committee Meeting
February 9 (Tuesday)	Insurance Committee Meeting
February 12 (Friday)	SIP Early Release Day
February 15 (Monday)	Presidents' Day (No School)
February 22 (Monday)	Board of Education Meeting-6:45 p.m.
March 3 (Thursday)	SIP Early Release Day
March 4 (Friday)	Parent Conferences/Institute
March 14 (Monday)	Young Authors Conference-7:00 p.m.
March 21 (Monday)	Board of Education Meeting-6:45 p.m.
March 24 (Thursday)	Dismiss for Spring Break (End of Day)
April 4 (Monday)	Classes Resume

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Frazier, seconded by Mrs. Vermillion, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
**Roll Call:** "Yeas"; Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Vermillion, Mrs. Ingram, Mr. Mullis, Mr. Root, and Mr. Spanos.  
Motion carried 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

MARIA GALVIN, Board Secretary

CHRISTOPHER J. SPANOS, President, Board of Education