

**PEKIN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #108**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**April 24, 2017**

- CALL MEETING TO ORDER                   The Board of Education of Pekin Public Schools District 108 held a regular meeting Monday, April 24, 2017 in the Board Room of Washington Intermediate School. President Spanos called the regular meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.
- ROLL CALL                   The following Board members answered roll call: Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Ingram, Mr. Knautz, Mr. Mullis, Mr. Root, Mr. Spanos, and Mrs. Vermillion.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE   Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- VISITORS                   No one requested permission to address the Board of Education.
- APPROVE AGENDA           **MOTION:** by Mr. Knautz, seconded by Mrs. Frazier, to approve the agenda as presented by the Superintendent.  
**ROLL CALL:** “Yeas”; Mr. Knautz, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Ingram, Mr. Mullis, Mr. Root, Mr. Spanos, and Mrs. Vermillion.  
Motion carried 7-0.
- APPROVED TREASURER’S REPORT AND WARRANTS FOR MARCH 2017   **MOTION:** by Mrs. Ingram, seconded by Mrs. Frazier, to approve the Treasurer’s Report and the warrants for March 2017 in the amount of \$2,781,981.94 of which \$1,733,445.57 was payroll.  
**ROLL CALL:** “Yeas”; Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Frazier, Mr. Knautz, Mr. Mullis, Mr. Root, Mr. Spanos and Mrs. Vermillion.  
Motion carried 7-0.
- CONSENT AGENDA           **MOTION:** by Mrs. Mullis, seconded by Mrs. Frazier, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by the Superintendent consisting of three items.  
**ROLL CALL:** “Yeas”; Mr. Mullis, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Ingram, Mr. Knautz, Mr. Root, Mr. Spanos, and Mrs. Vermillion.,  
Motion carried 7-0.
- 1-Approve Minutes           Approved the minutes of the March 20, 2017 Board of Education meeting.
- 3-Personnel                   The Board approved the following personnel recommendations:
- Employed:*
- Employ Cody Sheldon for the position of Band Teacher, effective August 17, 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year at an annual salary of \$38,939 + TRS.
  - Employ Renee Vonderheide for the position of Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant (7.5 Hr. COTA), effective August 17, 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year at an annual salary of \$28,788 + IMRF.
- Reassigned:*
- Reassign the following (3) 5.75 Literacy Paraprofessionals as 6.5 hr. Special Education Paraprofessionals for the 2017-2018 school year: Wendy Huff, Katie McCoy, and Jody Hiser.
- Separated:*
- Accept the resignation of Cindy Schindler, Special Education Paraprofessional, for retirement purposes, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year.
  - Accept the resignation of Amanda May, School Psychologist, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year.
  - Accept the resignation of Teri Strauman, Physical Therapist Assistant, for retirement purposes, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

- Accept the resignation of Paulette Weghorst, 5.75 hr. Literacy Paraprofessional, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Morgan Wilson, Teacher, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Kathy Robinson, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

*Approved:*

- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Kaylee Grant, Teacher, effective March 21, 2017 through April 28, 2017 for a total of 23 days, using 23 paid sick leave days.
- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Rachel Haynes, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective April 27, 2017 through May 12, 2017 for a total of 12 days, using 2 sick leave days and 10 unpaid leave of absence days.
- Approve a Revised Family Medical Leave of Absence for maternity purposes for Erin Heilman, Counselor, effective March 30, 2017 through May 30, 2017 for a total of 33.5 days using 30 paid sick leave days and 3.5 unpaid leave of absence days.
- Approve a Revised Family Medical Leave of Absence for maternity purposes for Bridget Heuermann, Special Education Teacher, effective March 16, 2017 through May 12, 2017 for a total of 36 days, using 30 paid sick leave days and 6 unpaid leave of absence days.
- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Judith Brug, Special Education Paraprofessional effective April 18, 2017 through April 26, 2017 for a total of 7 days, using 7 paid sick leave days.
- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Corliss Hansen, Secretary, effective May 8, 2017 through June 8, 2017 for a total of 23 days using 23 paid sick leave days.
- Approve Heather Ledgess and Jonathon Pree as Substitute Teachers for the 2016-2017 school year.

AWARD BID FOR  
CUSTODIAL AND  
CLEANING SERVICES

**MOTION:** by Mr. Knautz, seconded by Mr. Root, to award the district custodial and cleaning service 3 year contract to ABBCO Service Corporation of St. Louis, MO.

**ROLL CALL:** “Yeas”; Mr. Knautz, Mr. Root, Mr. Spanos, Mrs. Vermillion, Mrs. Frazier, and Mrs. Ingram.

Motion carried 7-0.

RENEW DISTRICT  
HEALTH INSURANCE  
CONTRACT

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Frazier, seconded by Mrs. Ingram, to approve the following benefits in regard to employee health and dental insurance benefits:

- PPO1 Health and Dental Insurance contract with United Healthcare Insurance Company of the River Valley and Life/Accidental Death/Dismemberment insurance contract with the Lincoln Financial Group at the combined fixed monthly premium of:
  - o \$783.21 for individual,
  - o \$1,628.92 for employee/spouse,
  - o \$1,510.65 for employee/children, and
  - o \$2,294.58 for family health insurance ...for the policy period 7/1/2017 through 6/30/2018.
- PPO2 Health and Dental Insurance contract with United Healthcare Insurance Company of the River Valley and Life/Accidental Death/ Dismemberment with the Lincoln Financial Group at the combined fixed monthly premium of:
  - o \$747.09 for individual,
  - o \$1,553.08 for employee/spouse,
  - o \$1,442.01 for employee/children, and
  - o \$2,189.82 for family health insurance ...for the policy period 7/1/2017 through 6/30/2018.

**ROLL CALL:** “Yeas”; Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Ingram, Mr. Knautz, Mr. Mullis, Mr. Root, Mr. Spanos, and Mrs. Vermillion.

Motion carried 7-0.

PROCLAIM WINNERS OF  
THE APRIL 4, 2017  
SCHOOL BOARD  
ELECTION

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Vermillion, seconded by Mr. Knautz to proclaim Chris Mullis, Debby Smith, and Chris Spanos as winners of the April 4, 2017 School Board election.

**ROLL CALL:** “Yeas”; Mrs. Vermillion, Mr. Knautz, Mr. Mullis, Mr. Root, Mr. Spanos, Mrs. Frazier, and Mrs. Ingram.

Motion carried 7-0.

ACKNOWLEDGE  
RESIGNING BOARD  
MEMBER SERVICE

Acknowledged service of resigning Board Members Ingram, Knautz, and Vermillion.

SEAT ELECTED BOARD  
MEMBERS AND  
ADMINISTER THE OATH  
OF OFFICE

Seated and administered the Oath of Office to Board Members Mullis, Smith, and Spanos.

HEAR REPORTS

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

OTHER BUSINESS

**Update on 2017-2018 School Year Busing Fee Structure Proposal**

We have received a proposed fee structure from the City of Pekin for our district busing services. To provide a context, it is important to know that our typical increases have averaged around 3 percent to 4 percent over the past five years since the intergovernmental agreement has been in place. The proposal that Mr. Carson (City Manager) provided to us for the 2017-18 school year shows about a 23 percent increase (\$570K). That does not include the significant increase for charters such as for field trips and/or extracurricular activities etc.

## **Update on 2017-2018 School Year Busing Fee Structure Proposal (Continued)**

We project that with three billing cycles left to go this year our cost for district busing including fuel for 2016-17 will be approximately \$2,433,000. The proposed fees for 2017-18 without fuel are \$2,853,787. Estimating on the high end that fuel will cost an additional \$147,000 using the City's figures, this would be a total overall approximate increase of \$567,787 for next year.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATES**

### **Destination Imagination Qualifies for the World Competition**

I am pleased to share that the "Top Secret" team from Wilson Intermediate School will represent the Pekin community at the Destination Imagination Global Finals 2017 competition to be conducted May 24-27. DI is a worldwide problem-solving competition among teams of students in several age divisions working to solve various problems. In DI, the state competition is the qualifying round for world competition. The Global Finals 2017 will be held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN.

### **May Reports**

- Jefferson School Report

### **Tentative Items for Action**

- Contract Renewals:
  - School Health Services
  - Food Service

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNOUCEMENTS**

April 24 (Monday)	Board of Education Meeting-6:45 p.m.
May 5 (Friday)	SIP Early Release Day
May 11 (Thursday)	Communications Committee Meeting-4:00 p.m.
May 15 (Monday)	Board of Education Meeting at Jefferson School-6:45 p.m.
May 25 (Thursday)	8th Grade Recognition Ceremonies (At Pekin Community High School-Hawkins Gym) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Edison-6:00 p.m.</li><li>• Broadmoor-8:00 p.m.</li></ul>
May 26 (Friday)	Half Day In-Service/Report Card Day
May 29 (Monday)	Memorial Day Holiday (No Staff or Student Attendance)
May 30 (Tuesday)	District Institute

CLOSED SESSION

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Frazier, seconded by Mrs. Smith enter into closed session at 7:47 p.m., as allowed by Section 5 ILCS 120/2a of the Illinois School Code to discuss filling a vacancy on the Board of Education. Closed Session commenced at 7:54 p.m.  
**ROLL CALL:** “Yeas”; Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Spanos, Mr. Mullis, and Mr. Root.  
Motion carried 5-0.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The following Board members returned to open session at 8:01 p.m.  
Mrs. Frazier, Mr. Mullis, Mr. Root, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Spanos.

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Frazier, seconded by Mr. Mullis to return to open session at 8:01 p.m.  
**ROLL CALL:** “Yeas”; Mrs. Frazier, Mr. Mullis, Mr. Root, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Spanos.  
Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION TO APPOINT NEW BOARD MEMBER

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Frazier, seconded by Mrs. Smith to appoint Heidi Vermillion to the Board of Education for a 2 year term until the next election in spring of 2019.  
**ROLL CALL:** “Yeas”; Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Spanos, Mr. Mullis, and Mr. Root.  
Motion carried 5-0

MOTION TO ADJOURN

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Frazier, seconded by Mr. Mullis , to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.  
**ROLL CALL:** “Yeas”; Mrs. Frazier, Mr. Mullis, Mr. Root, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Spanos.  
Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARIA GALVIN, Board Secretary

CHRISTOPHER J. SPANOS, PRESIDENT, BOARD OF EDUCATION