

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The following represents the action taken at the December 19, 2016 meeting of the Board of Education:

## **TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING**

President Spanos called the Truth in Taxation Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. The floor was opened to receive public comments regarding Truth in Taxation. No one signed up to speak to the Board regarding this matter. The hearing was closed at 6:45 p.m.

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

President Spanos called the regular Board Meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

## **SUCCESS STORY-Donation from the Family of Rich Lee**

On Monday, August 8, 2016 the Pekin Community lost Rich Lee, former District 108 principal who retired in 1992. Rich served in the United States Army and received his Bachelor's Degree from Western Illinois University and a Master's Degree from Illinois State University. Rich was a member of First United Presbyterian Church and a member of the Tazewell County Retired Teachers' Association.

Rich touched the lives of many students as an educator and as a coach. He was named Outstanding Educator of the year in 1992, and after his passing, many former students and colleagues took to his online memorial page commenting on the positive influence and lessons he taught over the years.

Rich is survived by his wife of 56 years, Cherie Lee. In honor of her late husband, Cherie established a memorial fund to benefit the less fortunate children of Pekin. Her wish in establishing the fund was to brighten the lives of individuals by letting them know that there was a principal who may no longer be with us, but loved children and dedicated his life to help make the schools in which he served the best they could be.

Approximately \$3,000.00 has been gifted to the memorial fund and deposited with the Pekin Outreach Initiative (POI) and earmarked for use by the principals and staff of our six primary schools. The money will be used to support programs, services, and initiatives benefiting students at-risk and in need.

We want to thank Mrs. Lee and the memorial fund donors for their generosity.

## **APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS & WARRANTS FOR NOVEMBER 2016**

Approved the Treasurer's Report and Warrants for November in the amount of \$3,288,079.30 of which \$1,731,172.49 was payroll.

## **REPORTS**

- 2016 Proposed Levy (Mr. Glayn Worrell, Business Manager)

## **APPROVE MINUTES**

Approved the Minutes from the November 14, 2016 Board of Education meeting.

## **ACCEPT GIFTS**

Accepted the following gifts to:

Altman Primary School:

- A monetary gift in the amount of \$1,000 from community friends. Those donating wish to remain anonymous. The gift will go towards assisting two Altman families in need this holiday season.

Washington Intermediate School:

- A monetary gift of \$200 towards the purchase of second mobile Chromebook lab at Washington from Jay Wendelin on behalf of Owen Gruden. .

Edison Jr. High School

- The donation of a flute, oboe, French horn, trombone, and 2 clarinets from Greg King of Kidder Music to support the Junior High Band program. The total value of the instruments is \$1,400.00

Pekin Public Schools, District 108

- A donation of approximately 3 dozen knitted hats and scarfs from Pekin First Nazarene for students in need during the winter season.

Broadmoor Jr. High School

- A donation of \$465.00 from the Meemic Foundation to support the counseling program at Broadmoor Junior High School.

## **SENIORITY LISTS**

Approved the 2016-2017 Certified Tenured and Non-Tenured Seniority and Support Staff Seniority lists as presented by Director of Human Resources Joe Franklin.

## **PERSONNEL:**

### **APPROVE**

- Approve an Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Debbie Bassette, Teacher, effective November 14, 2016 for the remainder of the 2016 – 2017 school year.
- Approve a Revised Family Medical Leave of Absence for maternity purposes for Brooke Schmidgall, Early Childhood Teacher, effective November 3, 2016 through January 6, 2017 for a total of 34 days, using 16 paid sick leave days, 2 paid personal leave days, and 16 unpaid leave of absence days.
- Approve an Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Julie Maras, School Counselor, effective November 28, 2016 through December 20, 2016.

- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for maternity purposes for Megan Madding, Strings and Orchestra Teacher, effective February 27, 2017 through April 7, 2017 for a total of 30 days, using 5 paid sick leave days and 25 unpaid leave of absence days.
- Approve Stacy Hall as a Substitute Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Approve Jody Weibring as a Substitute Secretary for the 2016-2017 school year.

## **ADOPT RESOLUTION 17:854 ESTABLISHING THE 2016 TAX LEVY**

Adopted Resolution 17:854 establishing the 2016 tax levy.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Updates and Announcements**

#### **Dismiss for Winter Break**

The District will dismiss for the winter break at the end of the school day on Tuesday, December 20 and resume on Wednesday, January 4.

#### **Tentative January Reports**

- Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report
- Other TBD

#### **Tentative January Action Items**

- TBD

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### **BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

December 19 (Monday)	Board of Education Meeting-6:45 p.m.
December 20 (Tuesday)	Dismiss for Winter Break (End of Day)
January 4 (Wednesday)	Classes Resume
January 13 (Friday)	SIP Day-Early Dismissal (No PM PFEC Classes)
January 16 (Monday)	Martin Luther King Holiday – No School
January 19 (Thursday)	Communications Committee Meeting-4:00 p.m.
January 23 (Monday)	Board of Education Meeting-6:45 p.m.