

Pioneer Regional School Corporation
School Board Meeting Minutes
Pioneer Regional Administration Building

June 8, 2021

The Pioneer School Board met on June 8, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. at the Pioneer Regional Administration Building. Board members present were Lisa Kesling, Denny Herd, Brad Swartzell, Rachelle Pearson and Chandra Felker. Also present were Charles Grable (Superintendent), Beth Stansbury (ES Principal), Jeff Brooke (HS Principal), Deb Swartzell, Shanna Flora, Carrie Cripe, Diana Adams, Li Cooper, Megan Peppers, Garret Hoover, Doug Cox (Corporation Attorney), and Lori Kimbrell (Business Affairs Manager/Corporation Treasurer).

Lisa Kesling, School Board President, called the Board Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Charles Grable recommended the following additions to the Agenda under Personnel 6.D.1.e. Hiring of Autumn Bundy – ES Teacher, 6.D.1.f. Hiring of Stephanie Hoffman – Jr./Sr. HS Aide, and 6.D.1.g. Hiring of Danielle Swayze – Jr./Sr. HS Teacher. Also, under Personnel 6.D.2.c. Resignation of RayeAnn Stamper – Jr./Sr. HS Teacher and adding under Personnel 6.D.4. Transfers to include a. Rhonda Allen – Jr./Sr. HS Aide and b. Lucy Marshall – Jr./Sr. HS Aide. He recommended adding under Action Items 7.K. Approval of COVID Contact Tracing Stipend for Julie Williams, Beth Stansbury, and Missy Shrontz. The Board approved the Agenda with the recommended changes with a vote of 5-0.

Patron, Diana Adams, commented about athletic program requirements for home school students.

Patron, Li Cooper, commented about PTO.

The Board approved the May 11, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved the May 11, 2021 Executive Session Minutes with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved claims with dates of 5/12/21 to 6/8/21 and voucher numbers of 3928 to 4030 with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved to hire Jennifer Bartling – Jr./Sr. HS Teacher (Special Ed – Life Skills Room) with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved to hire Scott LaVelle – Jr./Sr. HS Teacher (Math) with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved to hire Kaitlyn Reiff – Jr./Sr. HS Teacher (Health/PE) with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved to hire Jessica Zvers – Jr./Sr. HS Teacher (History) with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved to hire Autumn Bundy – ES Teacher (3rd Grade) with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved to hire Stephanie Hoffman – Jr./Sr. HS Aide (Special Ed – Life Skills Room) with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved to hire Danielle Swayze – Jr./Sr. HS Teacher (AG) with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved the resignation of Matt Gates – JH Track & Field Coach with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved the resignation of Adam Berry – JH Track & Field Coach with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved the resignation of RayeAnn Stamper – Jr./Sr. HS Teacher with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved ES Summer School Aide – Stephanie Auker for 2nd Grade with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved the transfer of Rhonda Allen – ES Aide to Jr./Sr. HS Aide (Special Ed – Life Skills Room) with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved the transfer of Lucy Marshall – ES Aide to Jr./Sr. HS Aide (Special Ed – Life Skills Room) with a vote of 5-0.

The Board recognized the retirement of Mary Lou Durkes and Dale Samuels. Punch and cupcakes was served.

IT Director, Garret Hoover, presented to the board on Cyber Security.

The Board approved the SL Procurement for 2021-22 SY with a vote of 5-0. The Dairy Farmers of America, DBA Schenkels Dairy, as the milk and dairy distributor, Aunt Millie's Bakery as the bread and bakery distributor, Piazza for produce distributor, and Gordon Food Service for the cafeteria food, supplies, and commodities distributor.

The USDA has extended free meals for all students. The adult breakfast tray will be increased to \$3.75 and the adult lunch tray to \$4.60. The Board approved the breakfast and lunch prices for the 2021-22 SY with a vote of 5-0.

The school lunch charging policy will remain the same. All accounts must be settled by the end of the school year (5/26/22). All negative balances not paid in full prior to 6/15/22 will force the corporation to take action to collect. The Board approved to include school lunch prices and charging policies in the 2021-22 student handbook with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved the stipend for teachers that taught both in-person and virtual students at the same time during the second semester with a vote of 5-0. At the Jr./Sr. HS, 29 teachers will receive the \$2,000 stipend and at the ES, 11 teachers will receive the \$2,000 stipend. The 4 related arts teachers at the ES will receive a \$1,000 stipend. The total amount for these stipends is \$84,000 and was budgeted out of the original CARES Act I funding.

The Board approved reinstating the Wednesday collaboration time during the 2021-22 SY with a vote of 5-0. Student drop off time will be 8:15 a.m. on these mornings with school starting at 8:25 a.m. The collaboration time will be used by administrators and teachers for faculty meetings, professional development, MTSS meetings, case conferences, and staff collaboration.

The Board approved assigning Charles Grable, Superintendent, as designee authorized to sign agreements for alternative and private residential school placements like TC Harris with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved Pioneer's reopening plan for the 2021-22 SY with possible amendments with a vote of 5-0.

The Board approved the following donations with a vote of 5-0.

1. The Andersons - \$20.00 to FFA
2. National Christian Foundation Indiana - \$25,000.00 to Boys' Basketball Locker Room Project

The Board approved of a \$2,000 stipend for Julie Williams, Beth Stansbury, and Missy Shrontz for their extra work in COVID contact tracing during the first semester, prior to the COVID coordinator with a vote of 5-0. This will be funded through the original Cares Act I funding.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Spa Kpeling

Chandra Fuller

Rachel Pearson

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Dennis Herd