

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The following represents the action taken at the September 27, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education.

BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Education conducted a Budget Hearing for public comment prior to the regular meeting regarding the FY22 Budget. There was no comment from the public pertaining to the FY22 budget.

PROVIDE AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

One individual addressed the Board of Education regarding staff exemptions.

SUCCESS STORY-JUNIOR HIGH BAND STUDENTS HAVE GREAT SUCCESS

This Success Story was originally intended to be presented in April of 2020. However, in light of the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic Board meetings were being conducted in a virtual format at that time and this accomplishment of our Band Program was not publically recognized as originally planned.

In early January 2020, District #108 band instructors Mr. Sheldon and Miss Hendrick began work on three pieces for students to take to the I.G.S.M.A (IL Grade School Music Association) Organizational Contest in Germantown Hills. Students who compete in the Organizational Contest are expected to perform a selection of pieces in front of three judges with a high level of discipline, artistry, and musicianship, in hopes of receiving a Division 1 rating (the highest award possible). Students do not actually compete against other schools in this competition, but against themselves. Each participating school is capable of attaining a Division 1 rating if they prepare in the way Pekin District #108 band students prepared.

After Pekin's performance, they received two perfect scores and one almost perfect score from the judges. During Miss Hendrick's tenure in Pekin D108, the band has always shown a high level of excellence, receiving a Division 1 rating almost every year, but the performance in 2020 was exceptional as the Division 1 score was the highest score the band has ever received. Additionally, Pekin was the second largest group in attendance with other notable area directors stating "This was one of the best junior high groups we have heard in a long time."

All students must learn their parts to the best of their ability in order for the group to succeed. Miss Hendrick worked with students during full band rehearsals, brass lessons, and percussion lessons, while Mr. Sheldon worked with students during woodwind lessons. The students also spent a great deal of time at home learning, practicing, and preparing their music for this contest.

While Miss Hendrick and Mr. Sheldon are pleased with the score the students received, they are most excited that the students were able to learn that their success was due to their dedication to band rehearsals and lessons, as well as their discipline, perseverance, and the effort they put forward each time the group rehearsed.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS AND WARRANTS FOR AUGUST 2021

The Board of Education approved the Treasurer's Report and Warrants for August 2021 in the amount of \$3,861,193.62 of which \$1,919,636.18 is payroll.

REPORTS

- Enrollment and Class Size Update-Mr. Leonard Ealey, Assistant Superintendent
- Fiscal Year 2022 Budget-Mrs. Caty Campbell, Business Manager

APPROVED MINUTES

The Board of Education approved the minutes from the August 16, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

ACCEPT GIFTS

The Board of Education accepted the following gifts to District #108.

- Pekin Public Schools District is pleased to acknowledge \$1500 worth of school supplies and \$500 in gift cards from Alto Ingredients of Pekin, IL. The donation will be used by the district's Parent Liaisons to ensure that our students in need will have supplies and materials for the school year.
- The Preschool Family Education Center is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of nine cases and two (32) packs of drinking water. The water was provided by Beverly West of Pekin, IL.

PERSONNEL

EMPLOY

- Employ Susan Fehlhafer -Chase for the position of Special Education Paraprofessional with an effective start date of August 16, 2021 at an annual salary of \$15,111 + IMRF for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Employ Cathy Rigdon for the position of Special Education Paraprofessional with an effective start date of August 30, 2021 at an annual salary of \$19,142 + IMRF to be pro-rated for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Employ Denise Davis for the position of 200 Day Secretary for the 2021-2022 school year at an annual salary of \$31,552 + IMRF, to be pro-rated for an effective start date of September 3, 2021.
- Employ Lori Werner for the position of Part Time Strings and Orchestra Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year at an annual salary of \$26,950 + TRS with an effective start date of September 15, 2021.

SEPARATE

- Accept the resignation of Angie Bollinger, Teacher, for retirement purposes, effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year, utilizing the district's Early Retirement Incentive.
- Accept the resignation of Jane Stropes, Music Teacher, for retirement purposes, effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year, utilizing the District's Early Retirement Incentive.
- Accept the resignation of Tiffany Parrott, Part Time Prevention Initiative Home Visitor, effective September 24, 2021.

APPROVE

- Approve an Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Susan Heffren, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year.

- Approve an Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Rhonda Whitman, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective August 23, 2021.
- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Debra Davis, Instructor of Student Support and Learning, effective November 1, 2021 through December 17th, 2021 for a total of 31 days, using 31 sick leave days.
- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Robin Canada, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective November 30, 2021.
- Approve Terry Garrett, Darien Gordon, Emaeth Isbell, and Peggy Sathoff as Substitute Teachers for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Approve Christina Hill as a Substitute Secretary for the 2021-2022 school year.

ADOPT RESOLUTION 22:906 SETTING FORTH THE FY22 BUDGET

The Board of Education adopted Resolution 22:906 setting forth the FY22 Budget of Pekin Public Schools District 108 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

OTHER BUSINESS

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATES September 27, 2021

Informational Item: Discuss Policy 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure

This is an opportunity to discuss Policy 2:220 *School Board Meeting Procedure* as it pertains to the voting method.

Informational Item: Test to Stay Program

Director of Human Resources Joe Franklin has been working with our Health Care Providers at Unity Point and Shield Illinois since early August to establish a Test to Stay Program. This initiative would establish a parent consent based Covid testing program as allowed by the CDC and IDPH in lieu of excluding non-symptomatic students from school who are confirmed close contacts to a presumed or known positive Covid case.

DHR Franklin will provide a verbal update regarding the progress made on this initiative and related procedures for its implementation.

Tentative October Reports

- Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report

Tentative October Items for Action

- TIF Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Pekin

BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS
September 27, 2021

October 8 (Friday)	SIP Day-Early Release
October 11 (Monday)	Columbus Day-No School
October 14 (Thursday)	Communications Committee Meeting-3:30 p.m.
October 18 (Monday)	Board of Education Meeting-6:45 p.m.
October 22 (Friday)	SIP Day-Early Release
November 4 (Thursday)	Parent Conferences-No Student Attendance
November 5 (Friday)	Parent Conferences-No Student Attendance
November 9 (Tuesday)	Insurance Committee Meeting-3:30 p.m.
November 11 (Thursday)	Veterans' Day-No School
November 15 (Monday)	Board of Education Meeting-6:45 p.m.
November 24 (Wednesday)	Special Holiday-No School
November 25 (Thursday)	Thanksgiving-No School
November 26 (Friday)	Special Holiday-No School