

**PEKIN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #108  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
October 18, 2021**

**MINUTES:**

- CALL MEETING TO ORDER** The Board of Education of Pekin Public Schools District 108 held a regular meeting Monday, October 18, 2021 in the District #108 Board of Education Room located within Washington Intermediate School. President Spanos called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.
- ROLL CALL** The following Board members answered roll call: Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Dewitt, Mr. Root, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Spanos, and Mr. Tibbs. Mrs. Frazier was absent.
- VISITORS** No members of the public requested the opportunity to address the Board of Education.
- SUCCESS STORY:  
WASHINGTON AND  
WILSON INNOVATION  
LABS** Over the summer the Tech Center redesigned both of the old computer labs at Wilson and Washington Intermediate buildings into Innovation Labs. These two spaces are the first pilots of this type of unique and innovative space in our district. The goal of the redesigned space is to help educators use technology in impactful ways that develop students' 21st-Century learning skills. Twenty-first-Century learning skills involve students using technology to develop communication, collaboration, creativity/innovation, and critical thinking skills that will help them be successful in today's workforce.
- Each lab has the following items to help reach our goal:
- Two 3D Printers
  - Two Green Screen Video Production areas
  - Ten Soundproof Recording Studio Stations
  - 15 Spheros (Sphero Edu uses app-enabled robots to foster creativity through discovery and play, all while laying the foundation for computer science through learning standards.)
  - 15 iPads
  - Newline Digital Display
  - Seven Dry-Erase Tables for students to brainstorm and collaborate
  - Twenty-eight Makey Makey Inventions Kits
  - Subscription of Cospaces Edu (Virtual and Augmented Reality online creation tool)
  - Subscription to WeVideo (WeVideo is an online, cloud-based video editing platform that produces podcasts, green screen videos, and much more)
- In September, our 4th - 6th-grade teachers received initial professional development on how to use the space with their units of study. Ongoing professional development and support will be provided throughout the school year. Currently, classes are beginning to use these innovative spaces. It is a very exciting time for our district to watch our students show evidence of their learning through innovation that will help develop skills that will prepare them for their future. It is our hope to expand the pilot to the other schools within our district in the near future. Special thanks to Angie Arnold, Joanna Carroll and the team of Tech Center and building staff who have worked diligently on this project.
- APPROVED AGENDA** **MOTION:** by Mr. Root, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the agenda as presented by the Superintendent.  
**Roll Call:** "Yeas"; Mr. Root, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Spanos, Mr. Tibbs, Mrs. Cole, and Mrs. Dewitt. Motion carried 6-0.
- APPROVED  
TREASURER'S REPORTS  
AND WARRANTS FOR  
SEPTEMBER 2021** **MOTION:** by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Tibbs, to approve the treasurer's report and warrants for September 2021 in the amount of \$3,275,585.59 of which \$2,006,791.19 is payroll.  
**Roll Call:** "Yeas"; Mrs. Smith, Mr. Tibbs, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Dewitt, Mr. Root, and Mr. Spanos. Motion carried 6-0.

## REPORTS

The following reports were presented:

- Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report (Mrs. Caty Campbell, Business Manager)

## CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION:** by Mr. Tibbs, seconded by Mrs. Dewitt, to approve Consent Agenda items 1-4 as presented by the Superintendent.

**Roll Call:** “Yeas”; Mr. Tibbs, Mrs. Dewitt, Mr. Root, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Spanos, and Mrs. Cole. Motion carried 6-0.

## 1) Approve Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes of the September 27, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

## 2) Accept Gifts

The Board of Education is pleased to acknowledge receipt of the following gifts:

- L.E. Starke School is pleased to acknowledge receipt of a check in the amount of \$500 from Amanda Seelye at Country Financial. Starke School will use these funds to purchase books for Reading Recovery students.
- The Preschool Family Education Center is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of fruit snacks and Hawaiian Punch for their classrooms. These items were provided by Beverly West a District 108 parent and grandmother.
- The Preschool Family Education Center is pleased to acknowledge receipt of preschool sized cloth face masks for students. These items were provided by Kelly Heflin of Pekin, IL.

## 3) Accept FY2021 Audit as Presented

The Board of Education accepted the FY2021 audit as presented by Phillips, Salmi & Associates.

## 4) Personnel

*Reassign*

- Reassign Christina Curtis, 12 month Central Office Secretary, to the position of Accounts Payable and Payroll Specialist at an annual salary of \$42,335 + IMRF to be pro-rated with an effective start date of December 1, 2021.

*Employ*

- Employ Aileen Kuypers for the position of Strings and Orchestra Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year at an annual salary of \$34,835 + TRS to be pro-rated for an effective start date of October 12, 2021.
- Employ Vanessa Harris for the position of Special Education Paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year at an annual salary of \$20,308 + IMRF to be pro-rated for an effective start date of October 12, 2021.

*Separate*

- Accept the resignation of Teri Carr, Teacher, for retirement purposes, effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year, utilizing the District’s Early Retirement Incentive.

*Approve*

- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Debbie Bassette, Teacher, effective November 5, 2021 through December 17, 2021 for a total of 26.5 days, using 26.5 paid sick leave days.

- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Camillia Hunsley, Speech-Language Pathologist, effective February 24, 2022 through May 16, 2022 for a total of 52 days, using 22 paid sick leave days and 30 unpaid, leave of absence days.
- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for maternity purposes for Stephanie Rindfleisch, Teacher, effective March 18, 2022 through the end of the 2021-2022 school year for a total of 44 days using 30 paid sick leave days, and 14 unpaid leave of absence days.
- Approve Amanda Rockhold as a Substitute Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.

APPROVE COURT STREET TIF DISTRICT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Cole, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve a Court Street TIF District Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Pekin.  
**Roll Call:** “Yeas”; Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Spanos, Mr. Tibbs, Mrs. Dewitt, and Mr. Root.  
Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER/APPROVE THE CITY OF PEKIN’S REQUEST TO EXTEND THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TIF DISTRICT

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Cole, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the City of Pekin’s request to extend the Central Business District TIF District.  
**Roll Call:** “Yeas”; Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Spanos, Mr. Tibbs, Mrs. Dewitt, and Mrs. Root.  
Motion carried 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

**BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATES**  
*October 18, 2021*

**Test to Stay Update**

Director of Human Resources, Joe Franklin will provide a brief update on the “Test to Stay” program recently put in place within our district.

**Tentative November Reports**

- Finance Committee Update: Tentative Levy Scenarios

**Tentative November Items for Action**

- Establish a Hearing date for the 2021 Levy

**BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
***October 18, 2021***

October 18 (Monday)	Board of Education Meeting-6:45 p.m.
November 4 (Thursday)	Parent Conferences
November 5 (Friday)	Parent Conferences
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

MOTION TO ENTER  
INTO CLOSED SESSION

**MOTION:** by Mr. Root, seconded by Mrs. Dewitt to enter into closed session to discuss negotiating matters and to review closed minutes and consider opening them to the public. Closed session commenced at 7:24 p.m.

**Roll Call:** "Yeas"; Mr. Root, Mrs. Dewitt, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Spanos, Mr. Tibbs, and Mrs. Cole. Motion carried 6-0.

OPEN SESSION

The following Board of Education members returned to open session at 7:45 p.m. Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Dewitt, Mr. Root, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Spanos, and Mr. Tibbs.

MOTION TO RETURN  
TO OPEN SESSION

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mrs. Cole, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

**Roll Call:** "Yeas"; Mrs. Dewitt, Mrs. Cole, Mr. Root, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Spanos, and Mr. Tibbs. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION TO DECLARE  
SELECTED CLOSED  
MEETING MINUTES  
OPEN

**MOTION:** by Mr. Tibbs, seconded by Mr. Root, to declare selected closed meeting minutes open to the public.

**Roll Call:** "Yeas"; Mr. Tibbs, Mr. Root, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Spanos, Mrs. Cole, and Mrs. Dewitt. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Cole, seconded by Mrs. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

**Roll Call:** "Yeas"; Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Spanos, Mr. Tibbs, Mrs. Dewitt, and Mr. Root. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria Galvin, Board of Education Secretary

Chris Spanos, Board of Education President