

**PERRY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – MAY 16, 2016  
6:30 PM – BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

- ITEM 1     Call to Order  
Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by President John Harris
- ITEM 2     Pledge of Allegiance
- ITEM 3     Roll Call  
Members present at roll call: John Harris, Mark Briggs, Charles Scovill,  
Rick Lamb, Catherine Hahn, Mark Ruzinsky  
  
Members absent at roll call: Matt Winans
- ITEM 4     Approval of Agenda  
Moved by Lamb, supported by Hahn, to approve the agenda.  
Motion carried 6-0.
- ITEM 5     Approval of Minutes  
Moved by Scovill, supported by Hahn, to approve April 18, 2016 regular  
meeting minutes. Motion passed 6-0.
- ITEM 6     Approval of Payment of Bills  
Moved by Ruzinsky, supported by Hahn, to approve payment of bills.  
Motion passed 6-0.
- ITEM 7     Public comments on agenda items  
No public comments were made at this meeting.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- ITEM 8     Argus Press “Best of the Best” awards  
Mr. Foster announced that Perry Elementary School, Perry Middle School and  
Perry High School were named “Best of the Best” schools for 2016. Deborah  
Dutcher was “Best of the Best” teacher and Matt Schmidtfrenz; middle school  
principal, was “Best of the Best” principal. All awards were voted on by Argus  
Press readers.
- ITEM 9     Rambler Roast Café update  
Ellie Beck, Alexa Ross and Claudia Ross updated the Board on the Rambler  
Roast Café. The café is run by students as is the Spirit Shop. The district has not  
spent any monies on either project, and all profits are directed towards school  
improvement projects at the high school.
- ITEM 10    Navy SeaPerch team  
George Legacy, Kalin Layman and Cherish Woodworth showed the Board their  
underwater remote operating vehicle and their poster contest entry, which won  
them first place in the State Navy SeaPerch competition.
- ITEM 11    Middle School Shiawassee Scholars  
Matt Schmidtfrenz, middle school principal, presented the 2016 Shiawassee  
Scholars to the Board. Scholars are Lindsey Bixler, Elijah Delaney, Olivia Lewis,  
Ryan O’Neill, Sydney Reeder, Kyah Ribble and Alex Scovill.

- ITEM 12     Copier update  
Zach Garner, IT Coordinator, updated the Board on the district copiers. Currently the district has 14 copiers. The proposed plan will have one color copier in each office and a black and white copier in workrooms. The district would have six copiers.

Moved by Lamb, supported by Ruzinsky, to approve the proposed copier lease as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

- ITEM 13     Emergency communication system update  
Zach Garner, IT Coordinator, informed the Board that the district has 40 Sprint phones. The phones are programmed with key personnel phone numbers in case of an emergency. Each building office and each bus will have a phone in addition to many departments. The phones are also programmed to contact 911 and the Perry Police Department. The phones are free to the district, but carry a small, per minute fee for any use.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- ITEM 14     Update on expansion of weight room  
Mr. Foster announced that he is in contact with Progressive AE regarding the weight room expansion. Progressive AE, designers of the high school, will work with the state for permits, and safety and fire regulations.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- ITEM 15     Approval for SRES D to rent room at high school  
Moved by Scovill, supported by Hahn, to give the superintendent authority to negotiate a contact with the SRES D if needed. Motion passed 6-0.
- ITEM 16     Approval to renew Chartwells contract  
Moved by Ruzinsky, supported by Lamb, to approve the renewal of Chartwells contact and to have an official from Chartwells to attend the June Board meeting to explain the increase in administrative fees. Motion passed 6-0.
- ITEM 17     Approval of elimination of program/teacher layoff  
Moved by Lamb, supported by Hahn, to eliminate the Construction Trades and Woodshop programs and to authorize the superintendent make the appropriate reduction in staff. Motion passed 5-1 with Ruzinsky voting no.
- ITEM 18     Approval of Michigan Association of School Boards 2016-2017 Membership renewal  
Moved by Scovill, supported by Lamb, to renew membership to Michigan Association of School Boards for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion passed 6-0.
- ITEM 19     Approval or disapproval of SRES D budget  
Moved by Ruzinsky, supported by Briggs to disapprove the 2016-2017 SRES D budget. Motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 20      Discussion of sinking fund

Mr. Foster explained how sinking funds can be used. He discussed the future needs of the black top parking lots, Perry Elementary playground and the current phone system that will all need to be improved or replaced in the near future.

**SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Mr. Foster informed the Board that he received a retirement letter from Shelby Baumgartner. He read a letter from a Durand track parent complementing Perry on how organized track meets were run and about how helpful track coach Steve Bentley was to her child.

**GENERAL PUBLIC AND CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**

Terry Wood, city council representative, commented on how valuable training is for public servants.

Greg Wekwert, city council representative, stated that the area recycling program received a grant for \$8200.00.

**ADJOURN**

Moved by Ruzinsky, seconded by Scovill to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM.  
Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Charles Scovill, Board Secretary

Pam Ryan  
Recording Secretary