PERRY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – OCTOBER 10, 2011

7:00 PM – BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

ITEM 1 **Call to Order**
Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Charles Scovill.

ITEM 2 **Pledge of Allegiance**

ITEM 3 **Roll Call**
Members present by roll call: Mr. Scovill, Mr. Sego, Mrs. Hammond, Mr. Daenzer, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Ruzinsky

Members absent: Dr. Bishop

ITEM 4 **Approval of Agenda**
Motioned by Mr. Sego, supported by Mr. Daenzer to amend the agenda for October 10, 2011 by adding to the executive session the topic of employee concerns.

Motion carried 6-0.

ITEM 5 **Approval of Minutes**
Motioned by Mr. Ruzinsky, supported by Mr. Daenzer to accept the minutes of the September 26, 2011 Board of Education meeting.

Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 6 No public comments regarding agenda items were made.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

ITEM 7 Mr. Kiesling and FFA members Emily Gruesbeck, Kaitlyn Marra, Casey Metiva and Amber Ash presented information regarding their trip to the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN.

Motioned by Mr. Sego, supported by Mr. Ruzinsky, to approve Perry FFA to attend the 2011 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN in October 2011.

Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Bishop arrived at 7:17 PM.

ITEM 8 Mrs. Hewitt and Ms. Nestell presented information regarding the 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC in May 2012.

Motioned by Mr. Kelly, supported by Mr. Sego, to approve the 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC on May 21-24, 2012.

Motion carried 7-0.

SECTION B - ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Paula Steele – High School Principal – Ms. Steele has met with Mr. Perry and Mr. Kiesling regarding picnic tables for high school students to use during lunch. Together they are working on the cost analysis of the project.
Maureen Stanley – High School Assistant Principal/Director of Special Education – Mrs. Stanley and teaching staff have been completing fall IEP's (Individual Education Program) for students who qualify for those services.
Jon Chapman – Middle School Principal – Mr. Chapman has advertised parent coffee meetings with him. These meetings are currently scheduled for the AM and he hopes to hold meetings in the PM soon.
Mike Judd – Director of Elementary Education – Mr. Judd thanked everyone for their support while he was out of the office. MEAP testing starts this week.
Jesse Hagensen – Technology Director – Mr. Hagensen will be giving reports throughout the evening.
Susan Alleman – Early Childhood Coordinator – Mrs. Alleman announced that they have a teaching position in that program open due to a resignation.
Jen Lantis – Childcare Director – Mrs. Lantis announced that the phone is ringing off the hook regarding infant care. She has four slots reserved for infants for later this year.
Pat Rothney – Perry-Morrice Adult/Alternative Education Director – Mrs. Rothney was unable to attend this meeting.
Greg Hebden – Athletic Director – Mr. Hebden gave an update on the athletic program.
Monica Kaplan – Food Service Director – Mrs. Kaplan was stated that Direct Certification letters have been mailed to qualifying families.
George Gibson – Transportation Supervisor – Mr. Gibson stated that the bus routes have been running smoothly.
Tom Sims – Maintenance/Custodial Supervisor – Mr. Sims had no further report.

SECTION C – SUPERINTENDENT REPORT AND WRITTEN COMMUNCATIONS

Mr. Spicko announced the resignation of GSRP teacher Emily McCall. He also read a statement from Ms. Navarre thanking Mr. Hebden for his donation so that a student could attend the Homecoming game.

SECTION D – OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 9 **Curriculum Council**

A. Schedule of meetings – A meeting schedule will be developed before the next board meeting.

Finance/Personnel

A. Middle School Facilitator – Due to budget constraints, this position will not be filled at this time.

Public Relations/School Improvement

A. Update on Publications Class and the *Headlight* – Mrs. Hammond and

Mr. Kemsley conducted a business meeting with Publications students to work out the details to have the Publications class put together the *Headlight*. The students are very excited about this opportunity. The students will be working with The Independent regarding distribution of the *Headlight* to all taxpayers.

Technology

A. Student Technology Use, Insurance, Repair and Replacement, Lost/Stolen – The District is looking into a board policy change to include all who use technology devices.
B. Open Wireless Network "Splash Page" – The District has contacted the wireless company about the "Splash Page".
C. Answers to technology questions: 6 web pages – The original contract called for six websites. The Technology Department is looking into consolidating down to one page.

SECTION E – NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 10 **Building & Site/Policy**

A. Policy 5430 – Hiring - #3

Motioned by Mr. Sego, supported by Mr. Daenzer, to move Policy 5430 to second reading.

Motion carried 7-0.

B. Motor Home

Motioned by Mr. Kelly, supported by Mr. Ruzinsky, to sell the motor home within 30 days of advertising. If the motor home is not sold within 30 days, the District will offer it to the Shiawassee Regional Education Service District (SRESD).

Motion carried 7-0.

C. Policy 5210-R – Staff Complaints – This item will be on the next agenda
D. Shaftsburg Playground – An update on the playground was provided.

ITEM 11 **Curriculum Council**

No motions were made regarding Curriculum Council.

ITEM 12 **Finance/Personnel**

A. Bus Purchases/Leases – Mr. Lockwood provided documentation regarding purchasing or leasing new buses.
B. Bond Spending Update – Mr. Lockwood provided an update. The update is available on the website under the Budget and Salary/Compensation Transparency Reporting (located on the home page) the link for the 2011 Bond Project Updates is at the bottom of the page.

Motioned by Dr. Bishop, supported by Mr. Ruzinsky, to recess at 10:39 PM.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motioned by Mr. Kelly, supported by Mr. Daenzer, to return to open session at 10:46 PM.

Motion carried 7-0.

C. Board Workshop Facilitator – The Board decided to have this workshop without the help of an outside facilitator due to budget constraints.
D. MASB Fall Conference Representative – The Board decided not to send a representative to this conference due to budget constraints.

E. Four-Hour Custodian

Motioned by Mr. Ruzinsky, supported by Mr. Daenzer, to name Tammy Orweller as a four-hour custodian.

Motion carried 6-1 (Bishop)

F. Playground/Lunchroom Aide

Motioned by Mr. Ruzinsky, supported by Mr. Sego, to name Cathie Sodman as a Playground/Lunchroom Aide.

Motion carried 6-1 (Bishop)

G. Playground Aides

Motioned by Mr. Ruzinsky, supported by Mr. Daenzer, to name Margaret Powell, Michelle Cozart and Tammy Orweller as Playground Aides.

Motion carried 6-1 (Bishop)

H. Lunchroom Aide

Motioned by Mr. Ruzinsky, supported by Mr. Daenzer, to name Dawn Scott as a Lunchroom Aide.

Motion carried 6-1 (Bishop)

ITEM 13 **Legislative**
No report was given and no motions were made regarding Legislative issues.

ITEM 14 **Public Relations/School Improvement**
No motions were made regarding Public Relations/School Improvement.

ITEM 15 **Technology**
No motions were made regarding Technology.

SECTION F – UNSCHEDULED ITEMS
No unscheduled items were presented.

SECTION G – GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shari Judd informed the Board that in the past, the SRESD has provided technology devices to some students who have an IEP. She also urged the Board to look closely at Policy 5410-R.

Misti Leitelt asked about the heating and cooling at Perry East Elementary. She also feels that the lesser paid employees of the district are taking a hit to balance the budget and asked if the Board was looking at cuts to administration.

Dan Kemsley asked about the email regarding the teacher evaluation process. He also stated that some teachers have purchased iPad covers out of their pocket and asked if there are there plans to reimburse teachers for this purchase and have the covers been ordered yet. Mr. Kemsley also stated that the high school is still using APEX classes for students; he was under the impression that that option was no longer cost effective.

Cathy Calkins asked for the budget to be placed on line. She urged the District to be more proactive regarding communication with parents. She also inquired about the lack of heating in the middle school cafeteria; she brought this to the attention of the administration last winter. She asked where the money came from to resurface the high school parking lot.

Ryan Hammond asked if the 126 students who left the district would change the bus routes in any way. He urged the Board to reconsider the air conditioning issue at both elementary buildings. He was under the impression that the bond would keep current students and attract new students to Perry. With the loss of 126 students, that didn't happen.

SECTION H – BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Kelly apologized for not being in attendance at the last meeting. He hopes that the District has learned something from the middle school facilitator issue and that it doesn't happen again. He is very sorry that the budget situation forced the Board to not be able to donate $500 to the FFA for the convention as in the past.

Mr. Sego stated that it is unfortunate that the Board could not give the FFA $500 for the convention as in the past.

MEETING DATES

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, October 24, 2011
7:00 PM – Board Room
Administration Building

Committee of the Whole Board Meeting
Monday, November 14, 2011
7:00 PM – Board Room
Administration Building

Motioned by Mr. Sego, supported by Mr. Ruzinsky, to recess at 11:57 PM before the Executive Session.

Motion carried 7-0.

ITEM 16 **Executive Session for the purpose of superintendent evaluation and employee concerns**

Motioned by Mr. Ruzinsky, supported by Mr. Daenzer to return to open session.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motioned by Mr. Sego, supported by Mrs. Hammond to retain Thrun Law Firm to draft charges for the Board to seek the superintendent's discharge.

Motioned by Mr. Sego, supported by Dr. Bishop, to end discussion regarding the superintendent.

Previous Question (motion to end discussion) passed 5-2. (No – Scovill, Ruzinsky)

Main Motion failed 4-3 (Yes – Sego, Hammond, Kelly)

Motioned by Mr. Daenzer, supported by Dr. Bishop, to investigate allegations by the Perry Education Association regarding the superintendent.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motioned by Mr. Sego, supported by Mrs. Hammond, to adjourn at 1:27 AM on October 11, 2011.

Motion carried 7-0.

_____ Pam Ryan
Tracey C. Hammond, Board Secretary Recording Secretary