

PERRY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 13, 2012

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 Roll Call
Members present by roll call: Charles Scovill, Tom Sego, Tracey Hammond, Greg Daenzer, Jack Kelly, Mark Ruzinsky

Members absent by roll call: Deb Bishop
- ITEM 3 Approval of Agenda
Moved by Mr. Sego, supported by Mr. Ruzinsky, to approve the agenda for February 13, 2012 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- ITEM 4 Public comments on agenda items
Angela Porter and Byron Schartzler asked that childcare not be an eliminated budget item for next year.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

No presentations were made at this meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- ITEM 5 Building & Grounds/Policy
A. Fitness Trail. Travis Rockafellow, elementary physical education teacher, presented the proposal for the Fitness Trail which would be located behind the high school auxiliary gym. After discussion, the Board agreed that this item will be added as an action item at the next Regular Board meeting.
- ITEM 6 Curriculum Council
A. Change middle school and high school to semester scheduling.

Deb Bishop arrived at 7:27 PM.

Moved by Mr. Sego, supported by Mr. Ruzinsky, to suspend rules and allow the Board of Education to take action on this item. Motion carried 5-2.
Roll call – Yes – Scovill, Sego, Daenzer, Bishop, Ruzinsky
 No – Hammond, Kelly

Moved by Mr. Sego, supported by Mr. Scovill, to approve the change of semester scheduling starting in the 2012-2013 school year for the middle school and high school subject to applicable collective bargaining requirements of the Public Employment Relations Act. Motion carried 6-1 (No – Kelly).
- ITEM 7 Finance/Personnel
A. Perry Area Firefighters request to have the facility use fee waived. The Perry Area Firefighters petitioned the Board to waive the facility use fee for a fundraiser that they will be holding later this year.

Mr. Daenzer stated at the Girls' Volleyball program would pay the \$100 fee.

It was noted by many board members that the Perry Area Firefighters have provided numerous services, on numerous occasions, to the district at no cost to the district equaling a value to the district which far out-weighted the requested \$100 fee to be waived.

Mr. Scovill stated that even though the offer from the Girls Volleyball program was appreciated that these dollars should not be taken away from student groups.

Moved by Mr. Segó, supported by Mr. Ruzinsky, to suspend rules and allow the Board of Education to take action on this item. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved by Mr. Segó, supported by Dr. Bishop, to waive the facility use fee for the Perry Area Firefighters fundraiser. Motion carried 6-1 (No – Daenzer).

- B. Professional Services Agreement for district grant writer. This item was discussed, but not moved out of committee.

Maureen Stanley thanked Mr. Ruzinsky and Mr. Daenzer, for their participation at the Winterfest Dance. Administrators in attendance were excused from the meeting.

- C. Consolidation with Morrice Area Schools. After discussion, this item was not moved out of committee.

ITEM 8 Public Relations/School Improvement

- A. Update on March *Headlight*. Mrs. Hammond reported that she is working with the Publications class and the Perry Independent regarding having the *Headlight* published bi-monthly. She will have more information regarding the monetary cost at a later meeting.

ITEM 9 Legislative

- A. There was no news from the Legislature to report.

ITEM 10 Technology

- A. Update on bond technology. Mr. Scovill reported that at the next meeting middle school students and teachers will demonstrate how the Kindles are being used. The District has purchased 35 document cameras for the middle school and high school. Bids for three mobile computer carts for secondary education use are due February 14.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stacey Lerner asked if the proposed Fitness Trail will interfere with Cross Country. She also stated that the Choir class did a fantastic job in singing the Star Spangled Banner at the Winterfest game.

Tammy Waller asked if support would be available for the high school counselor during the switch from trimester to semester scheduling. She also asked what the high school students are receiving from the technology bond.

Greg Hebden stated that Cable Channel 13 is available for District use. This is another avenue for the District to get its message(s) to the community.

BOARD COMMENTS

Jack Kelly stated that Choir did a great job singing at Winterfest. He stated that the Teacher/Coach Appreciation presentation was a wonderful addition to Winterfest and hopes it will continue. Mr. Kelly stated that the Lansing Catholic Central Girls Basketball coach thanked Mr. Ernst for having the best Pep Band in the Capital Area Athletic Conference. He stated that the Fitness Trail is a great idea.

Greg Daenzer stated that he did not vote against the Perry Area Firefighters fundraiser. He wanted the volleyball program to pay the fee.

Deb Bishop expressed sympathy to Mike Judd on the loss of this mother.

Charles Scovill announced funeral services for Mike Judd's mother and Kerry Kennedy's mother. He also read a letter of resignation from Jill Thompson, middle school secretary, which becomes effective March 2, 2012.

FUTURE BUSINESS

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, February 27, 2012

7:00 PM – Board Room

Administration Building

Committee of the Whole Board Meeting

Monday, March 12, 2012

7:00 PM – Board Room

Administration Building

Moved by Mr. Segó, supported by Mr. Kelly, to recess for ten minutes before the Executive Session.
Motion carried 7-0.

ITEM 11 Executive Session

Moved by Mr. Segó, supported by Mr. Daenzer, to return to open session from recess. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved by Mr. Segó, supported by Mr. Ruzinsky, to go into closed session for the purposes of contract negotiations regarding PEA, and superintendent evaluation and possible contract extension. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved by Mr. Segó, supported by Mr. Daenzer, to return to open session. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved by Mr. Segó, supported by Mrs. Hammond, to retain the services of Lisa Swem to serve as the District lead negotiator for 2012-2013. Other members of the negotiating team will be appointed by the president as needed.
Motion carried 7-0.

Moved by Mr. Segó, supported by Mr. Daenzer, to adjourn at 9:40 PM. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey C. Hammond, Board Secretary

Pam Ryan
Recording Secretary