

PERRY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 27, 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 Pledge of Allegiance
- ITEM 3 Roll Call
Members present at roll call: Charles Scovill, Tom Segó, Tracey Hammond, Jack Kelly, Mark Ruzinsky
- Members absent at roll call: Greg Daenzer, Deb Bishop
- ITEM 4 Approval of Agenda
Moved by Mr. Segó, supported by Mr. Ruzinsky, to approve the agenda for February 27, 2012 as amended. Motion carried 5-0.
- NOTE: Item 16A was removed from the agenda and Item 20B was renamed: Personnel regarding a staff contract issue*
- ITEM 5 Approval of Minutes
Moved by Mr. Kelly, supported by Mr. Segó, to accept the minutes of the January 23, 2012 Regular meeting, January 31, 2012 Special meeting, and the amended minutes of the February 13, 2012 Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
- ITEM 6 Approval of Payment of Bills
Moved by Mr. Ruzinsky, supported by Mr. Kelly, to approve payment of bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- ITEM 7 No public comments on agenda items were made at this meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- ITEM 8 Business Professionals of America (BPA) students: Connor Heminger, Emily Fueka, Brad Liestenfeltz and Salman Khan were honored for qualifying to attend State competition. BPA Advisor, Janis Navarre, asked for approval to attend State competition.
- FFA student, Emily Fueka, was honored for qualifying to attend State competition.
- Moved by Mr. Ruzinsky, supported by Mr. Segó, to approve Business Professionals of America to attend State competition on March 23, 24, 25, 2012, at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids, MI. Motion carried 5-0.
- ITEM 9 Janis Navarre explained the name change for the Business, Management and Administration II class. The name change will start in the 2012-2013 school year. The new name is Business, Management and Administration II – Virtual Enterprises International. This class is will be comprised of students running a business.
- ITEM 10 DECA students: Evan Buckner, Tyler Karhoff and Matt McDonald were honored for qualifying to attend State competition. DECA Advisor, Randy Goodman, asked for approval to attend State competition.
- Moved by Mr. Segó, supported by Mr. Ruzinsky, to approve DECA to attend State competition on March 9, 10, 11, 2012 at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, MI. Motion carried 5-0.

- ITEM 11 Mr. Kiesling could not be here at this time. He was attending a FFA meeting. The Board agreed to take action on this item when Mr. Kiesling is able to join the meeting.
- ITEM 12 Middle School students: Noah Calkins, Danielle Russ and Caitlyn Reichstetter and Middle School teacher, Kim Hewitt, led the Board and members of the audience in a hands-on demonstration regarding Kindles. The students explained how the device is used in classrooms.
- ITEM 13 Perry City Council members, Karen Potter and Greg Wekwert, discussed the many options for which the City and District should jointly apply.
- ITEM 14 District Grant Writer, Karen Potter, gave an update on the grants she has applied to. She also discussed how the District needs to pre-plan for more grants so that when grant applications are available, she can apply immediately.
- ITEM 15 Building principals explained the MEAP and MME test results for the last five years and how Perry will improve those scores in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 16 **Buildings & Grounds/Policy**

- A. Reconfiguration of Shaftsbury Elementary. This item was removed from this meeting's agenda. It will be placed on the March 12 Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion.
- B. Fitness Trail
Moved by Mr. Segó, supported by Mr. Ruzinsky, to approve the Fitness Trail. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM 17 **Finance/Personnel**

- A. Reinstate Alternative Education at Perry High School
Moved by Mr. Kelly, supported by Mr. Ruzinsky, to reinstate Alternative Education at Perry High School beginning the 2012-2013 school year with updates of how that program is being administered to be brought to the Board of Education. Motion carried 4-1 (No-Segó).

- ITEM 11 FFA Advisor, Brian Kiesling, asked for approval to attend State competition and other events that will be held in the 2011-2012 school year.

Moved by Mr. Kelly, supported by Mr. Segó, to approve FFA to attend the following meetings/conventions: State competition, March 7-9, 2012 at Michigan State University; Region IV Leadership camp, March 26-27, 2012 at YMCA Camp Copneconic; Officer Planning Trip, June 11 or June 25, 2012; Washington Leadership Conference, June 18-25 and June 25-July 1, 2012; and State Leadership Conference for Regional Officers, July 11-12, 2012. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM 18 **Public Relations/School Improvement**

- A. *Headlight*
Mrs. Hammond announced that the *Headlight* will be printed in the Perry Independent on March 18.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 19 **Communications by Design**

Moved by Mr. Ruzinsky, supported by Mr. Kelly, to pay Communications by Design \$10,500 as paid-in-full settlement. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM 20 **Terminate use of facilities to the Perry-Morrice Adult & Alternative Education Consortium**

Moved by Mr. Kelly, supported by Mr. Segó, to table this decision until additional options including legal information is brought to the Board. Motion carried 4-1 (No - Scovill).

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Jim Lockwood read the resignation of Michelle Cozart, Shaftsbury Elementary Lunch Aide. Mr. Lockwood

read an email from a parent thanking Middle School teacher, Leanne Winkle for being a dedicated teacher.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Greg Wekwert thanked Jim Lockwood on his presentation to the community regarding the deficit facing the District. Mr. Wekwert, who is a member of the City Council, offered to help the District in getting public service announcements to the community at council meetings. He briefly discussed the I-69 Trade Corridor which includes the counties of St. Clair, Lapeer, Genesee and Shiawassee. He will bring more information to the Board at a later date.

Tammy Waller thanked the Board for their consideration at looking very carefully at issues before making a decision.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

No comments were made at this meeting.

FUTURE BUSINESS

Committee of the Whole Board Meeting

Monday, March 12, 2012
7:00 PM – Board Room
Administration Building

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, March 26, 2012
7:00 PM – Board Room
Administration Building

Moved by Mr. Sego, supported by Mr. Kelly, to recess for 10 minutes before the Executive Session. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM 21

Executive Session

- A. Superintendent evaluation and contract discussion
- B. Personnel regarding a staff contract issue

Moved by Mr. Sego, supported by Mrs. Hammond, to return to open session. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Mr. Sego, supported by Mr. Kelly, to go into executive session. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Mr. Ruzinsky supported by Mr. Kelly, to return to open session. Motion carried 5-0.

- A. Superintendent evaluation and contract discussion

Moved by Mr. Kelly, supported by Mr. Ruzinsky, to recommend an extension of a one-year contract to Mr. Jim Lockwood to serve the Perry Public School District as superintendent for the 2012-2013 school year and to authorize the establishment of a half-time Director of Finance position to be posted immediately. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Personnel regarding a staff contract issue

Moved by Mr. Kelly, supported by Mr. Ruzinsky, to authorize Mr. Jim Lockwood to enter into discussions with a staff member known to the Board, or their representative, to offer early retirement at the amount equal to the offer previously extended and denied. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Mr. Sego, supported by Mrs. Hammond to adjourn at 11:25 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey C. Hammond, Board Secretary

Pam Ryan
Recording Secretary