

PONTIAC TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 90

1100 E. Indiana Avenue, Pontiac, IL 61764

Minutes of the Board of Education – Regular Meeting

February 14, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order, Pledge, and Roll Call

The Pontiac Township High School District No. 90 Board of Education held its regular meeting in the Dr. Ronald J. Yates Memorial Library on Monday February 14, 2022. President Dale Schrock called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board members Dale Schrock, Nick Sartoris, Don Lambert, Josh Anderson, Mary Brainard and Bill Masching answered roll call. John Clemmer was absent. Also present were Administrators Jon Kilgore, Eric Bohm, Tera Graves and Board Secretary, Kelly Carter.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2022 were approved on a motion by Mr. Masching and seconded by Mr. Lambert. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Approval of Bills and Requisitions

A motion was made by Mr. Sartoris and seconded by Mr. Anderson to approve the High School and LACC Finance Reports; the High School, OM, Transportation, and LACC bills; and the High School and LACC SBAA Activity Reports and the Cafeteria Report. Mr. Lambert, Mr. Clemmer, Mr. Schrock, Mr. Sartoris, Mrs. Brainard & Mr. Anderson voted “yea” on a roll call vote. Motion passed.

Recognition of Guests, Presentations, and Communications:

Guests: Brian Blair, English Department Chair.

English Department Report – Brian Blair gave his report on what is happening in his department and how they are working on some new ways they are promoting literacy. One new way he discussed was the introduction of Graphic Novels, which resemble comic book layout which promote reading inference skills. Student are enjoying these type of books and how much they are engaged in reading in class and the class discussions.

Communications: None.

Public Comment: None

Financial Report: Mr. Kilgore reported that our Cash Flow is on target with the budget. We are receiving our general state aid as anticipated.

Fund Totals \$1,416,463.46 + Investments \$9,455,709.76 = \$10,872,173.22 Total Balances.

FUND BALANCES: EDUCATION FUND \$4,892,447.02, O&M FUND \$1,209,302.40, DEBT SERVICES \$(617,743.44), TRANSPORTATION FUND \$2,411,132.02, IMRF/SS \$196,403.45, CAPITAL PROJECTS \$2,474,300.59, WORKING CASH \$92,464.26, TORT \$60,653.65, FIRE PREV & SAFETY \$153,213.27.

Board Business:

Calendar for FY22-23- Mr. Kilgore presented the updated calendar for 2022-2023 with a change in March. We will be in school on March 6, 2023. This calendar is subject to change if any emergency days are utilized.

Building & Grounds Update/Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract: Mr. Kilgore presented a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract with GRP Wegman for HVAC and related energy projects. He also noted that the track project will be postponed until next summer 2023.

LaSalle Co Are Food Purchasing Cooperative: Mr. Kilgore proposed joining the LaSalle Co Food Coop. It allows PTHS to be a part of a coop to help save money on food purchasing.

Principal's Report – Mr. Bohm reported that the guidance department is meeting with students on class courses for next year. Once this is complete, we will have a better understanding of what courses and personnel will be needed to meet those needs. Mr. Bohm also went over past year passage rates by class and what impact COVID19 has had on those numbers.

LACC/EFE Director's Report –Mrs. Graves informed the BOE that all of the courses in the LACC brochure will be offered in the 2022-2023 school year. The deadline for applications is February 25th and at that time she will be able to determine course offerings and staff needs. She is also moving forward with Senior Interviews in person this year. Also LACC has expanded their website to include more information for students and parents on the growing demand for business partnerships and job opportunities. Skills USA written exams took place Feb 9th and 14th to determine those that will be moving forward to compete in April. LACC has received three payments for CTEI for FY22.

Personnel Recommendations – Mr. Kilgore is recommending the approval of the following:
Leave of Absence: • Maddie Lee, Leave Request (May 2, 2022 to last day of this school year)
Resignation: • Dillon Prendergast, EMT/Fire Science Instructor, Personnel Hires: • Kathryn Ricketts, Special Education Teacher • Allison Tjelle, Special Education Teacher • John Horton, Student Cafeteria Worker • Mike Lucas, Asst. Girls Track Coach • Albert Torrez, Assistant Football Coach • Brian Masching, Volunteer Softball Coach

Action Items:

Approve the updated 2022-2023 School Calendar. Motion was made by Mr. Sartoris and seconded by Mrs. Brainard to approve the calendar updates as presented. Mr. Schrock, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Lambert, Mrs. Brainard, Mr. Masching, and Mr. Anderson all voted “yea” on a roll call vote. Motion passed.

Approve Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract with GRP Wegman for HVAC and related energy projects: Motion was made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Anderson to approve the Energy Savings Contract with GRP Wegman as presented. Mr. Schrock, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Lambert, Mrs. Brainard, Mr. Masching, and Mr. Anderson all voted “yea” on a roll call vote. Motion passed.

Approve the membership and related agreement in the LaSalle Co Area Food Purchasing Cooperative: A motion was made by Mrs. Brainard and seconded by Mr. Lambert to approve the membership agreement with the LaSalle Co Food Purchasing Coop as presented. Mr. Schrock, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Lambert, Mrs. Brainard, Mr. Masching, and Mr. Anderson all voted “yea” on a roll call vote. Motion passed.

Approve the Leave of Absence for Maddie Lee for May 2- End of the school year and Approve the Resignation of Dillon Prendergast as EMT/Fire Science Instructor at the end of the school year: A motion was made by Mr. Masching and seconded by Mrs. Brainard to approve the Leave of Absence for Maddie Lee and the Resignation for Dillon Prendergast as presented. Mr. Schrock, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Lambert, Mrs. Brainard, Mr. Masching, and Mr. Anderson all voted “yea” on a roll call vote. Motion passed.

Approve the following Personnel Hires: Kathryn Ricketts-Special Ed Teacher, Allison Tjelle-Special Ed Teacher, John Horton- Student Cafeteria Worker, Mike Lucas-Assistant Girls Track Coach, Albert Torrez-Assistant Football Coach and Brian Masching-Volunteer Softball Coach. A motion was made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Masching to approve the personnel hires as presented. Mr. Schrock, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Lambert, Mrs. Brainard, Mr. Masching, and Mr. Anderson all voted “yea” on a roll call vote. Motion passed.

Upcoming Action Items, Activities, and Meetings:

Finance Committee Meeting: Monday, March 14, 2022 @ 5:45 pm

Next BOE Meeting: Monday, March 14, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Sartoris and seconded by Mrs. Brainard to adjourn. Motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Schrock, Board President

Kelly Carter, Board Secretary