

PONTIAC TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 90
1100 E Indiana Avenue, Pontiac IL 61764
BOARD OF EDUCATION - REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 16, 2023

Call to Order, Pledge, and Roll Call: The Pontiac Township High School District No. 90 Board of Education held its regularly scheduled meeting in the Dr. Ronald J Yates Memorial Library at 7:00 pm. Mr. Schrock called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board Members Mr. Schrock, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Heller, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Masching, and Mrs. Diemer answered roll call. Also present were Administrators Jon Kilgore, Tera Graves, Eric Bohm, and Board Secretary, Kelly Carter. Board member Ashley Ralph were not present.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the budget hearing and our regularly scheduled board meeting on September 18, 2023 were approved. Motion by Mr. Heller and seconded by Mrs. Diemer. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Approval of Bills & Requisitions: A motion was made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Masching to approve the High School and LACC Finance Reports; the High School, OM and LACC bills, the High School and LACC SBAA Activity Reports and Cafeteria Reports. Mr. Schrock, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Heller, Mr. Masching, Mr. Lambert and Mrs. Diemer all voted “yea” on a roll call vote. Motion passed.

Recognition of Guests: Andrew Beasley, Auditor, Brain Blair, English Dept. Chair, and Dee Mallory. Paul Ritter arrived at 7:22pm.

Presentations: Andrew Beasley from Phillips and Associates presented the PTHS and the LACC annual audit. Mr. Brian Blair, English, Language Arts Department Chair reported to the BOE on what’s happening in his department on how they are teaching and assessing grade level expectations and teaching the students skills and competencies. Paraprofessional Dee Mallory shared her concerns and opinions regarding the circumstances related to her pending recommendation for dismissal.

Communications: None.

Public Comment: None.

Financial Report:

Mr. Kilgore reported that we are on target with what has been presented. Also, the levy rate is level or slightly lower than last year.

Board Business:

Audits for PTHS & LACC: Andrew Beasley from Phillips and Associates presented the audits for FY2023.

Joint Annual Conference: The Triple III Annual Conference will be in Chicago again this year on November 17-19. More information will be sent to board members as it becomes available.

Policy Update: Issue 112 as presented with no changes.

Building and Grounds Update: The track project is wrapping up. All that is left to do is painting the surface and putting up a new fence. New lights have been installed at the tennis courts. The foundation has been poured for the AG Greenhouse and storage unit. The outdoor kitchen is waiting on the pizza oven, countertops and outdoor lighting to be installed.

Principal Report: Mr. Bohm discussed the Summer Bridge Program between 8th and 9th grades focusing on Behavior and Academic expectations. There will be a new ESL Course starting in the Spring 2024 to help students who speak little to no English. Also the PSAT/NMSQT was given on October 11 to approximately 40 students (Sophomores and Juniors). This tests those students on readiness for college and allows students access to scholarships.

LACC Report: Mrs. Graves touched base on the Digital Media class that has taken over the publication of the VOC. It is now done digitally and is on our website. Also encouraged the BOE to check out Friday Features that Maddie Lee does that highlights students and our partnerships with each of the feeder schools, CTEI has been approved for this year and have started received payments.

Personnel Recommendations:

Resignation/Retirement/Dismissal:

Dee Mallory, Paraprofessional (Dismissal)

Pam Sawyer, Unified Basketball Coach (Resignation)

Personnel Hires:

Kristine Randall, Custodian

Tyler Lowe, Volunteer Basketball Coach

Lucy Fenn, Unified Bowling Coach

Motion was made by Mr. Sartoris and seconded by Mr. Heller to approve the PRESS Policy through Issue 112 as presented: Mr. Schrock, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Heller, Mr. Masching, and Mrs. Diemer all voted “yea” on a roll call vote. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Mr. Sartoris and seconded by Mr. Masching to approve the dismissal of Dee Mallory effective immediately: Mr. Schrock, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Heller, Mr. Masching, Mr. Lambert and Mrs. Diemer all voted “yea” on a roll call vote. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Mrs. Diemer and seconded by Mr. Lambert to approve the resignation for Pamela Sawyer as the Unified Basketball Coach as presented. Mr. Schrock, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Heller, Mr. Masching, and Mrs. Diemer all voted “yea” on a roll call vote. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Mr. Heller and seconded by Mr. Lambert to approve the new hires for Kristine Randall, Custodian, Tyler Lowe, Volunteer Basketball Coach, and Lucy Fenn, Unified Bowling Coach as presented. Mr. Schrock, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Heller, Mr. Masching, and Mrs. Diemer all voted “yea” on a roll call vote. Motion passed.

Upcoming Items, Activities and Meetings

Finance Committee – Monday, November 20, 2023 at 5:45 p.m.

Next BOE Meeting – Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Tentative Levy- November BOE Meeting

Other Matters of Discussion: No new information items were presented.

Adjournment – A motion was made by Mr. Sartoris and seconded by Mrs. Diemer to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion was passed on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Schrock, President

Kelly Carter, Board Secretary