

**PONTIAC TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 90**  
**1100 E. Indiana Avenue, Pontiac, IL 61764**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION - REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, November 21, 2022**

**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 7:00pm. Mr. Sartoris called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board Members Mr. Schrock, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Heller, Mr. Lambert and Mrs. Ralph answered roll call. Also present were Administrators Jon Kilgore, Eric Bohm, Tera Graves and Board Secretary Kelly Carter.

**Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting and Regular Meeting:** The minutes from our budget hearing and our regularly scheduled board meeting on November 15, 2022 and October 17, 2022 were approved. Motion by Mr. Sartoris and seconded by Mr. Lambert. Motion passed on a voice vote.

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

**Recognition of Guests:** Rick Phillips, Phillips & Associates CPA’s, Jennifer Babb and Thomas McElwee, and Scot Schickel, Fine Arts Department Chair.

Board member Teresa Diemer arrived at 7:15pm.

**Presentations:**

**Rick Phillips-Audit Report:** Mr. Phillips, Phillips & Associates, presented the 2021-2022 Audit for PTHS with positive feedback. We ended the year with an overall surplus. Our financial profile score was at its highest level in “recognition” status again this year. He also presented the Audit for 2021-2022 for Livingston Area Career Center with all positive feedback as well.

**Jennifer Babb and Thomas McElwee** presented the Board of Education with a Travel Abroad opportunity in 2025 to Austria, Germany, and Switzerland.

**Scot Schickel, Fine Arts Department Chair,** presented his report for the Fine Arts Department. Participation is up in all departments except Art which remained at 113 students this year. Flags had 6 students Band has 75 students and Choir with 105 students. He thanked the BOE for all their support along with PTHS Endowment for Band, Music Boosters, and the Education Foundation and Marlon Eilts for all of their financial contributions. Also funds obtained through an ESSER Grant. Through all this

financial support, the departments have been able to purchase new percussion for marching band, (3) sets of Orff instruments and trombones to be distributed to local elementary schools and music for band and chorus for those schools. They also were able to purchase new Madrigal Costumes, and replace their piano in the chorus room. They also purchased new risers for chorus and a portable stage, many new instruments, portable music, white boards, sound system for the choir room and new file cabinets.

**Communications:** Community complaint regarding the Rec Center.

**Public Comment:** None

**Financial Report:** Mr. Kilgore gave his Financial Report as follows:

**Fund Totals as of October:**

**\$6,411,744.19 + Investments \$8,491,997.70 = \$14,903,741.89**

**Fund Balances: Ed Fund \$8,491,997.70, O&M Fund: \$1,618,567.42, Debt Fund: \$3,535.18, Transportation Fund: \$2,623,248.03, IMRF/SS Fund: \$280,929.85, Capital Projects Fund: \$1,968,971.60, Working Cash: \$92,464.26, Tort Fund: \$124,762.54 and Life Safety Fund: \$176,653.16.**

**Board Business:**

Annual Financial Report for PTHS and LACC: The Audit for 2021-2022 stand as presented by Rick Phillips, Auditor.

Annual Levy Proposal: Mr. Kilgore presented the proposed Levy along with the current fund balances as reported in the monthly treasurer's report.

Travel Abroad Proposal: Stands as presented by Jennifer Babb and Thomas McElwee in summer of 2025.

FFA Chapter Exchange: The FFA Chapter is requesting approval for a Chapter Exchange to West Rowan High School in Mt. Ulla, NC. On January 12-16, 2023. This will include 15 of our top FFA members that will be determined through an application process.

**Principal Report:** Mr. Bohm informed the BOE that on November 11, 2022 we held our annual Veterans Day Ceremony in the auditorium. This year Mr. Art Leach, 102 yrs. of age, presented. He spoke about his time as a Navy fighter pilot during WWII. Mr. Bohm also reported that again this year, with the direction of Brittany Janz, the PTHS staff volunteered and delivered 20 Thanksgiving meals to students and their families on Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**LACC Report:** Mr. Graves presented the following information for LACC:

Sophomore Tours will be held the week of Nov 14-18<sup>th</sup> and the enrollment for LACC will begin at the end of November. Also the webpage has had several updates. CTEI has received 4 payments so far this school year.

**Personnel Recommendations:**

Mr. Kilgore presented the Retirement of Scot Schickel upon the last day of school 2027. Mr. Kilgore is recommending the following Personnel Hires:

- **Kirsten Pullen, Substitute Teacher**
- **Edgar Jones, Wrestling/Track & Field Volunteer**

**Closed Session:** Not Needed

**Action Items:**

**Approve the Annual levy proposal as presented.** Motion by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mrs. Ralph to approve the levy as presented. Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Schrock, Mr. Heller, Mrs. Ralph and Mrs. Diemer voted “yea” on a roll call vote. Motion passed.

**Approve the voluntary summer student travel abroad opportunity to Austria/Germany with no costs incurred by the District.** A motion was made by Mr. Sartoris and seconded by Mrs. Diemer to approve the trip as presented. Motion passed on a voice vote.

**Approve the FFA Chapter Exchange as presented to Mt. Ulla, North Carolina on January 12-16, 2023.** A motion was made by Mr. Heller and seconded by Mrs. Ralph to approve the trip as presented. Motion passed on a voice vote.

**Upcoming Items, Activities and Meetings**

Finance Committee – Monday, December 19, 2022 @ 5:45 p.m.

Next BOE Meeting – Monday, December 19, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment** – A motion was made by Mr. Heller and seconded by Mrs. Ralph to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dale Schrock, President

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Kelly Carter, Board Secretary