

**PONTIAC TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 90**

1100 E. Indiana Avenue, Pontiac, IL 61764

**Minutes of the Board of Education – Regular Meeting**

October 18, 2021 – 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 September 13, 2021. President Dale Schrock called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board members Dale Schrock, Nick Sartoris, Don Lambert, Josh Anderson, John Clemmer, and Bill Masching answered roll call. Mary Brainard was absent. Also present were Administrators Jon Kilgore, Eric Bohm, Tera Graves and Board Secretary, Kelly Carter.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting of September 13, 2021 were approved on a motion by Mr. Masching and seconded by Mr. Sartoris. Motion passed on a voice vote.

**Approval of Bills and Requisitions**

A motion was made by Mr. Clemmer and seconded by Mr. Lambert 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. Masching, Mr. Schrock, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Clemmer & Mr. Anderson voted “yea” on a roll call vote. Motion passed.

**Recognition of Guests, Presentations, and Communications:**

**Department Report – Fine Arts– Scot Schickel** presented the board with an informative handout and presentation. We currently have 120 Art Students, 112 students in Spanish, 118 students in Choir and 100 students in Band. The Music Dept. continues to rely on PTHS, Board of Education, their Music Boosters and other sources for financial support to help with department needs. This year they were able to purchase new choir robes and risers, and new marching band instruments.

**Communications:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Financial Report:** Mr. Kilgore reported that we are receiving our general state aid as anticipated. We also received our TIF money from the City of Pontiac and also funds for their portion of the asphalt work that was done this summer. Sales Tax money received has been higher due to Internet Sales. Other financial matters discussed: We received a \$50,000 grant from Com Ed to purchase an Electric Vehicle for Drivers Education. We have submitted a \$50,000 Maintenance Grant for approval that will focus on the Commons Project and removal of the Asbestos ceilings. Also, PTHS District 90, Pontiac District 429, Saunemin, and Odell are working on a multi-million dollar grant request to do the entire community wireless project. He is also working on an ESSER project for updating the FLC airflow system.

**Fund Totals \$4,520,698.01 + Investments \$5,447,970.26 = \$9,968,688.27 Total balances.**

**FUND BALANCES:** EDUCATION FUND \$3,960,966.37, O&M FUND \$1,199,761.01, DEBT SERVICES \$4,285.94, TRANSPORTATION FUND \$2,165,253.32, IMRF/SS \$181,160.99, CAPITAL PROJECTS \$2,178,262.07, WORKING CASH \$92,464.26, TORT \$40,635.15, FIRE PREV & SAFETY \$145,879.16.

**Board Business:**

**FY2021 Audit-Annual Financial Reports for PTHS and LACC:** The Audit is now complete and Rick Phillips, Auditor, will present at the November Board Meeting. We received a perfect score with Financial Recognition.

**Policy Update:** There were not any major substantive changes to this policy update. The Policy Committee met to review the Press Issue 107 recommendations as presented.

**Principal's Report –** Mr. Bohm reported that approximately 40 students (Sophomores and Juniors) took the PSAT/NMSQT standardized assessment on Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. On Oct 14, 2021, we educated the entire student body on the Signs of Suicide (SOS) to help identify signs of depression and suicide in themselves and their peers while providing educational materials that train school personnel to help recognize these signs. The PTHS mental Health team coordinated efforts and will continue to work towards meeting the mental health needs in our school community.

**LACC/EFE Director's Report –** Mrs. Graves stated that they continue to do their Friday Feature to recognize students and the partnership we have with each school. She also touched base on what each program is working on as follows: Automotive is working with ICC on dual credit, Construction Trades have drone footage on their webpage of the home there are building, Culinary provided a booth at the Concert on the River and are working on upcoming events around the county, Early Childhood is up and running with spaces available, and Welding is working on another sculpture for the City of Pontiac. Also, Internships and Clinicals are up and running. CTEI and Perkins grants have been submitted and approved but we haven't received any funds yet.

**Personnel Recommendations –**The following personnel recommendations were presented:

**Resignations:**

- James Sarama, Custodian

**Extra and Co-Curricular Hires and Volunteers:**

- Karen Hutchison, Cafeteria Aide-Part-time
- Riley Hobart, Cafeteria Substitute

**Action Items:**

- Approve the PRESS Policy through Issues 107 (June 2021) as recommended -** A motion was made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Anderson to approve the PRESS policy as presented. Mr. Schrock, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Masching, Mr. Clemmer & Mr. Anderson voted "yea" on a roll call vote. Motion passed.
- Approve the Resignation of James Sarama effective immediately:** A motion was made by Mr. Sartoris and seconded by Mr. Clemmer to approve the resignation of James Sarama as presented. Mr. Anderson, Mr. Schrock, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Masching, Mr. Clemmer and Mr. Sartoris voted "yea" on a roll call vote. Motion passed.
- Approve New Personnel Hires-** A motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Sartoris to approve the new personnel hires, Karen Hutchison, Cafeteria Aide and Riley Hobart as Cafeteria Substitute as presented: Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Schrock, Mr. Masching, Mr. Lambert, and Mr. Clemmer voted "yea" on a roll call vote. Motion passed.

**Upcoming Action Items, Activities, and Meetings:**

**Finance Committee Meeting: Monday, November 15, 2021 @ 5:45 pm**

**Next BOE Meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 2021 @ 7:00 pm**

**Board Retreat for Setting District Goals: Will be at Don Lambert's in Forrest tentatively set for November 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Sartoris and seconded by Mr. Masching to adjourn. Motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dale Schrock, Board President

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Kelly Carter, Board Secretary