

## MINUTES OF PHILLIPS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, February 17, 2014

- I. The Phillips Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Baratka at 6:00 pm in the 6-12 Learning Center. The pledge of allegiance was recited.
- II. Present: Arndt, Baratka, Distin, Marlenga (arrived 6:08 pm), Pesko, Willett and Student Liaison Schleife. Absent: Adolph, Heidenreich and Rodewald. Administration present: Morgan, Theder, Hoogland, Scholz and Lemke. Others: Staff, students, and community members.
- III. President Baratka stated that public notice of the meeting was properly posted according to Wisconsin Statute 19.84(4). Notice was posted at all school-owned buildings, the District Phillips website, and The BEE.
- IV. Public Participation
  - A. Julie Zumach, Grade 5 teacher, addressed the board with concerns over a potential move of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to the middle school. She expressed a desire that the board do what is the best interest of our students.
  - B. Michelle Yanich, parent of grade 3, 5, and 10 students, read a letter addressed to the board expressing concern over the potential move of students from PES to PhMS.
  - C. Rod Dymesich, Grade 5 teacher, asked the board if there is any data on projected savings/expenses on closing a wing of the elementary school and moving to another building.
- V. Education Convention Report – Jill Arndt, Mark Distin, Rick Morgan, and Leah Theder each shared highlights and materials they obtained at the convention. Many sessions were attended covering subjects such as self-funding health plans, community engagement, after-school programming, volunteer programs, performance contracts, in-district technology grants, and funding issues.
- VI. Administrative and Committee Reports
  - A. Pupil Services Report – Vicki Lemke reported on the second STAR screening round. This tool has been used in the elementary school for two years and is now being used district wide. STAR screening is part of our response-to-intervention (Rtl) requirement and is one of our three data points. Students will be screened again in the spring.
  - B. Principal Report – PhMS/PHS
    1. Abigail Staples, daughter of Teresa Staples, was announced as the PHS Class of 2014 Salutatorian. Abigail has a 3.93 GPA, and plans to attend the University of Wisconsin/Madison to pursue pre-med degree.
    2. Abigail Kaliska, daughter of James & Patricia Kaliska, was announced as the PHS Class of 2014 Valedictorian. Abigail has a 3.97 GPA, and plans to attend the University of Wisconsin/Madison to pursue sign language interpretation. Abigail is also the Academic Excellence Scholarship Recipient for 2014.
    3. PhMS Students of the Month are Jayda Janssen (6), Austin Edwards (7), and Seth Gehrke (8).
    4. PHS Students of the month are Lauren Bruch and Luke Heidenreich.
    5. Brian Roush presented information on the “Parents Who Host Lose the Most – Don’t Be Party to Teenage Drinking” campaign – a public awareness program educating communities and parents about the health and safety risks of serving alcohol at teen parties. The Price County coalition is working on multiple ways of getting this message out to families before proms and graduation.

6. Middle/high school teachers continued to work on learning objectives during the inservice time this morning. One of the concerns is the time spent on surveying students versus planning for instruction.
  7. Two spring trips out of state will need board approval next month.
  8. PHS is investigating moving into another soccer conference as the current conference is down to four teams and one may be moving out before the fall.
  9. PHS girls basketball team will be playing for Marawood Conference championship on Tuesday. The PHS wrestling team won regional title for the first time as a team. The musical program/dinner fundraiser was a huge success for the choral department.
- C. Principal Report - PES
1. PES Students of the Month are Samantha Morrone (grade 4) and Canyon Hammang (grade 1).
  2. Parent Outreach event sponsored by Title I last week was very well attended in spite of weather. Another family event is being planned for March 6<sup>th</sup>.
  3. Grades 3-5 will be making trips to the ice caves along Lake Superior this week.
  4. Community Connections included students writing letters to be distributed through the aging unit and a 100<sup>th</sup> day of school party trip to the Nursing Home.
  5. PES staff did an article discussion and continued work on student learning objectives during this morning's inservice.
- D. Student Liaison Report – Kyle expressed concern over the condition of the pool cover. It is two years old and is showing signs of deterioration and mildew. Maintenance will be looking into warranty and possible solutions.
- E. Superintendent Report
1. The leadership communication team worked on the school calendar and began working on staffing options for 2014-15. This group is being asked to think creatively about how we can meet State requirements with the staff and facilities we currently have.
  2. Superintendent Morgan would like to take this next year to look at compensation models and develop one that will work for our community and is sustainable with our projected budget. Base salary for PEA will continue to be a negotiated item. If staff or community members have access to compensation models, they should forward them to the superintendent.
- F. Business services committee met February 13, 2014. Items discussed included: budget amendments, food service equipment needs, bus bids, Ameresco work schedule, and review of bills.
- VII. Items for Review and Possible Action
- A. After considering input from the leadership team, the administration is proposing a calendar for 2014-15. Motion (Willett/Distin) to approve the calendar as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
  - B. The CESA #12 service contract has been received and administrators are reviewing the need for services. A request for approval will be brought to the March meeting.
  - C. Finance Manager Theder presented budget amendments for 2013-14 including the summer school program, bus/van purchase, summer feeding program, and Fund 50 equipment purchase. Motion (Willett/Marlenga) to approve amendments. Motion carried 6-0.
- VIII. Motion (Arndt/Willett) to approve following consent items. Motion carried 6-0.
- A. Approve minutes from January 20, 2014 regular board meeting.

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- B. Approve personnel report – hiring of spring season coaches Sarah Socha (PHS girls head track coach) and Dana Janssen (PHS assistant girls track coach).
  - C. Approve second reading of Board Policies:
    - 1. #425 Rule District Procedures for Dealing with Public School Open Enrollment
    - 2. #345.64 One-Half Credit Physical Education Exemption
    - 3. #411.1 Harassment Policy – Student
  - D. Approval of bills from January 2014 (#336475-336558 and wires) for \$529,446.35.
- VIII. The next regular board meeting will be held on March 17, 2014 at 6:00 pm. Items for next meeting include CESA #12 contract and planned meeting items.
- IX. Motion (Willett/Arndt) to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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