

MINUTES OF PHILLIPS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, April 18, 2016

- I. The Phillips Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Pesko at 6:00 pm in the 6-12 Learning Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. Present: Adolph, Burkart, Distin, Krog, Marlenga, Pesko, Rodewald, Rose, Willett and Student Liaison Ertl. Administration present: Morgan, Theder, Hoogland, Scholz and Lemke. Others: Staff, students, community members, and Price County Review.
- III. President Pesko 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 School District of Phillips' website, and The Price County Review.
- IV. Public Participation - None
- V. Jim Adolph, Mark Distin, and Stephen Willett took the Oath of Office for a three-year term beginning on April 25, 2016.
- VI. Administrative and Committee Reports
 - A. Principal Report - PES
 1. March Student of the Month at the elementary school was Connor Gabay (Grade 5). The second student will be announced next month.
 - B. Principal Report - PhMS/PHS
 1. Students of the Month at the middle school were Dawson Hauschild (Grade 6), Jade Weber and Ashlee Upson (Grade 7), Destinee Kleinschmidt (Grade 8); and at the high school were Dakota Haberman (Freshman) and Jacob Kress (Senior).
 2. Students that will be in grades 10-12 during the 2016-17 school year have registered. Freshman will be registering soon. A number of classes are full at this time, but there is no anticipated problems as freshman have limited elective credits.
 - C. Pupil Services Team Report
 1. ACT scores have been released to last year's juniors and they are looking good. The scores are not released for publication yet. State testing in grades 3-8 and 10 will be done this month along with 9th and 10th grade ACT Aspire.
 - D. Superintendent Report
 1. The leadership communication team met on April 6th. The group narrowed down what components they would like to have in a compensation plan. A subcommittee is working on crafting a draft for the May 4th meeting.
 2. Representatives from each building will work on a math curriculum review the afternoons of July 14 and 15. A more critical review of math curriculum will continue through 2016-17 school year.
 3. A demonstration of propane-powered buses was held on April 11th with Board members and bus drivers in attendance. A federal grant is available for 25% of the purchase price of new buses. Several area schools are also looking into this option. Cenex will give us a locked-in, one-year price on propane. A continued discussion of pros and cons was held.

4. Areas for an outdoor classroom and race starting spot have been identified and are ready for timber marking. Revenue for the project will come from timber harvested at the site and from a larger harvest to be scheduled at the Harmony Forest. Revenue from timber harvests are used for school forest expenditures.
 5. Board members reported on the Retreat held on March 24th. District Strategic Plan goals and objectives were reviewed and discussion held on testing, discipline, Common Core, curriculum, technology, safety, and revenue. The Board plans to continue a Fall and Spring Retreat in the future.
- E. Financial Manager Report -
1. Quarterly Financial Report showed year-to-date expenditures as of March 31, 2016 were \$4,962,022.02 (56.56% of budget) and revenues were \$4,925,360.39 (56.08% of budget). The total cash available was \$2,982,139.49. Fund 49 Balance was \$9,778.22. No line of credit has been used this fiscal year.
 2. We received two revenue checks this month that were not included in the budget: \$58,381.55 for WEA lawsuit settlement, and \$58,427.89 for federal forest revenue.
- F. Student Liaison Ertl informed the Board of three student trips that occurred recently. Three Phillips students joined other area students for a trip to Costa Rica to observe sea turtles, oceans, and rainforests. Eight students attended a weekend Concordia German Language Camp in Bemidji, MN. AP Chemistry students traveled to Trees for Tomorrow.
- G. The policy committee met on April 13 and discussed retirement policy changes to reflect Board decisions, and the P-Card Procedure Manual. Handbook revision requests: medical/dental insurance language was changed to reflect current policy and a review of "just cause" language was reviewed and found to meet current practices and goals of the Board.
- H. Facilities committee met on April 14 to discuss propane-powered bus project and summer maintenance project lists.
- I. Business services committee met on April 14 and reviewed the Baird Forecast Model, open enrollment/virtual school and homeschool enrollments, and the propane bus demonstration. Changes to the agenda were made and the bills were reviewed.

VII. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Motion (Adolph/Marlenga) to approve purchase of three propane-powered buses over two years, contingent on federal grant approval for 25% funding and a written five-year warranty. Motion carried 9-0.
- B. Motion (Krog/Burkart) to approve CESA #12 contract not to exceed current year package cost.
- C. The Board organizational meeting will begin at 5:30 pm on May 16 followed by the regular monthly meeting.
- D. Jim Adolph, Mark Distin, Willy Marlenga, and Jon Pesko will distribute diplomas at 2016 graduation ceremony.

VIII. Consent Items

- A. Motion (Rodewald/Distin) to approve minutes from March 21, 2016 board meeting Motion carried 9-0.

- B. Motion (Marlenga/Adolph) to approve personnel report and monthly bills. Motion carried 9-0.
1. An increase from .50 to 1.0 FTE for David Kelly, PHS/PES Custodian II and renewal of summer school coordinator contract for Tyler Ring.
 2. Approve resignations from Steven Hlavacek, PES part-time custodian and Leah Theder, finance manager.
 3. Approval of bills from March 2016 (#340310-340444 and wires) for \$422,906.11.

IX. The next regular board meeting will be held on May 16, 2016. The organizational meeting will begin at 5:30 followed by regular monthly meeting. Items for discussion include propane fuel contract, CESA #12 contract, and business manager search update.

XIII. Motion (Willett/Adolph) to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Rodewald, Clerk
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