

MINUTES OF PHILLIPS Board of Education REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, February 18, 2019

- I. The Phillips Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Pesko at 5:00 pm in the 6-12 Learning Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. Present: Adolph, Burkart, Distin, Fox, Halmstad, Krog, Pesko, and Willett. Absent: Rose & Student Liaison. Administration present: Superintendent Morgan, Finance Manager Lehman, Principals Hoogland and Scholz, and Pupil Services Director 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. Administrative and Committee Reports
 - A. Elementary Principal Report
 1. Students of the month for December were Abigail Edinger (Kdgn) and Philip McClain (Grade 5)
 2. The Logger Learning Team event was cancelled due to weather and will not be rescheduled. Teachers will be sharing data with parents and the sharing jars will be sent home. The next event will be the Celebration of Success this spring.
 - B. Middle/High School Principal Report
 1. The Senior class has been working diligently to prepare for graduation – three are currently enrolled at NTC in the Welding Academy, two are working in the machine tool academy, five have completed or are working on CNA certification, nine are involved in Youth Apprenticeship. Fifteen students are taking AP English, five are taking AP chemistry, and 15 are taking AP Calculus. The class has 57 students graduating with 25 graduating with honors (3.35 or above).
 2. PHS Co-Valedictorian is Lokesh Kumaravel earning a 4.0 GPA while being involved in many school activities. Lokesh is the son of Kuppan and Priya Kumaravel. Lokesh plans to attend UW/Madison to prepare for a career as a medical doctor.
 3. PHS Co-Valedictorian is Kate Lochner earning a 4.0 GPA while being involved in many school activities. Kate is the daughter of Tom and KC Lochner. Kate plans to attend UW-Lacrosse to prepare for a career as a physician assistant.
 4. PHS Co-Valedictorian is Emma Peterson earning a 4.0 GPA while being involved in many school activities. Emma is the daughter of Marc and Megan Peterson. Emma plans to spend a year serving in Senegal before attending Yale University's pre-med program.
 5. The Academic Excellence Scholarship will be awarded to Kate Lochner.
 6. The band and choir trip to New York leaves March 12, 2019. All costs have been covered for the trip for those students who have not yet reached their fundraising goal. The students will continue to work on paying their portion to the district.
 7. Students of the month at PhMS for January were Ayden Tobias (6), Jayelin Tucke (7), and Chasey Edinger (8)
 8. Quarterly Student Awards at PHS were Layla Huffman (11), and Taber Fawley (10).
 - C. Director of Pupil Services Report
 1. Juniors will be taking the ACT on Wednesday, February 20th. The only makeup day is scheduled for March 12.
 2. Juniors will be taking the WorkKeys test on Thursday, February 21st. Both tests will be taken onsite as the BW University facility was not available this year.

- D. Superintendent Report
 - 1. Megan Prestebak from Miron Construction was here on February 14th and presented information to the staff on how they can be a part of an action committee beginning February 27th and meeting through the spring.
 - 2. CESA #10 will have the safety window film available for districts this spring.
- E. Student Liaison Report (given by Colin Hoogland in liaison's absence)
 - 1. Winterfest was held last week with many outdoor and indoor activities. The week ended with a dance on Saturday evening
 - 2. Mock Trial team will be competing at the State level in March for the first time in school history.
 - 3. Hockey finished its season in regional play. Wrestling had 11 individuals and the team advance to sectionals with three individuals moving on to State competition later this week. Girls high school basketball begins the region tournament this week. If boys basketball wins in this week's games they will tie for conference champions. Middle school basketball had five games cancelled due to weather. They won all games they played.
 - 4. High school forensic competition was postponed due to weather, middle school forensics has completed their first round of competition and advanced all but one group to the district level.
- F. Policy Committee Report - The committee met on February 13th and discussed:
 - 1. Policy #462 Technical Excellence Scholarship - changes were made to meet state regulations. This policy is being forwarded for 1st and 2nd reading tonight.
 - 2. Policy #661.3 Bad Checks is a new policy which allows for a 60-day period for the check writer to rectify the debt before the district takes action.
 - 3. Mark Distin will present his input from the convention regarding social media at the full board meeting.
 - 4. Policy #461 Academic Excellence Scholarship was discussed with audience participation about the tie-breaking rules. This policy will be reviewed at next month's meeting.
- G. Business services committee met on February 14th and discussed a retirement request (will be in closed session), met with Jason McMillan regarding transportation vacancies, vehicle requests, conference request and building maintenance needs. There was an update on the 4-year old kindergarten planning process. The financial audit bid from CLA was reviewed, and state budget predictions were discussed. Due to school closing and hours of instruction requirements, administration is recommending April 22nd be designated as a school day. Mr. Berens presented summer projects for review. The bills were reviewed.

VI. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Mark Distin, Rick Morgan and Molly Lehman shared highlights from the State Education Convention they attended in January.
- B. Staffing update for 2019-20 was tabled to closed session.
- C. Mark Distin and Rick Morgan will attend the 2019 Legislative meeting in Medford on March 4th.
- D. Discussion was held on the process to move to a four-day, four-year old kindergarten program. Area schools were surveyed with 80% providing a four or five day program. Each district's program varies in rest times, unstructured play times, and academic times. At this point we are expecting 45 students. Of those parents who have responded, nine of 11 indicated they would support a four-day program. Dave Scholz was directed to provide a time before the next board meeting for a parent meeting to discuss concerns. The board will make a final decision at the March meeting.
- E. The curriculum committee did not meet in February. A meeting will be schedule prior to the next board meeting.

- F. Motion (Krog/Adolph) to approve a three-year contract with CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) as district auditors beginning with the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried 8-0.
- VII. Consent Items - Motion (Willett/Distin) to approve consent items. Motion carried 8-0.
- A. Approved minutes from January 21, 2019 Board meetings.
 - B. Approve first and second reading of Policy #462 Technical Excellence Scholarship.
 - C. Approved personnel report - no changes from January 2019.
 - C. Approved bills from January 2019 (#345279-345999 and wires) for a total of \$516,017.90.
- VIII. The next regular board meeting will be held on March 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Items to include are 4K program, curriculum committee and forest committee reports, and distribution of diplomas.
- IX. Motion (Willett/Adolph) to convene into executive session at the conclusion of the open session pursuant to:
- A. WI Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, retirement, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.
 - Administrative Mid-Year Review
 - Administrative Contracts
 - Staffing Report for 2019-20
 - Consider Retirement Request
 - B. WI Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.
 - Confer with Legal Counsel
- X. The Board may reconvene into open session pursuant to WI Stat. Sec. 19.85(1), if necessary, to act on motions made during the executive session. Motion carried with roll call vote 8-0 at 6:08 p.m.
- XI. Motion (Willett/Krog) to reconvene into open session at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried 8-0.
- XII. Motion (Distin/Willett) that administration shall carry out the directive of the Board of Education in accordance with Section 7 of the Employee Handbook in regards to retirement request. Motion carried 8-0.
- IX. Motion (Willett/Krog) to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Burkart, Clerk
Board of Education

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