

MINUTES OF PHILLIPS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, March 16, 2020

- 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: Burkart, Fox, Halmstad, Houdek, Krog, Lind, Pesko, Rose, Willett, and Student Liaison. Administration present: Superintendent Morgan, Finance Manager Lehman, Principals Hoogland and Scholz; Director of Pupil Services Lemke. Others: Staff, students, community members, and Price Co 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 - The following people gave input to the Board on the school forest logging: Lyn Ludwig, Dale Houdek (also commented on referendum), Gary Edinger, Trey Tingo, Walt Madsen, Mary Rohde, and Dave Scholz.
- V. Administrative and Committee Reports
  - A. Pandemic Planning - Motion (Krog/Fox) to move this from the Superintendent's report to the beginning of agenda. Motion carried 9-0.
    1. School staff is working hard to transition from face-to-face instruction to a partnership that allows for virtual learning for grades 3-12. Grades 4K-2 and others without internet connectivity will receive instruction through print packets.
    2. School transportation will be utilized to deliver meals and print packets to students. All meals are free to students and younger siblings.
    3. Students will attend classes on Tuesday. Wednesday they will be home and staff will continue working to provide support to their students. Beginning Thursday staff is encouraged to work from their homes as much as possible.
    4. Administrators reported on their specific buildings and the work being done and fielded questions from the Board on many items.
  - B. Dave Scholz - PES Principal Report
    1. Students of the Month are Grant Beard (Grade 3) and Madison Holm (Grade 5).
    2. The student-led conferences were very successful with a 93% attendance by parents. Parent input will be considered in scheduling future conferences.
    3. Staff attended the Tim Kight presentation at Forest Springs.
    4. Principal Scholz attended the Federal Funding Conference sessions on updates and requirements for Title I, Title II and Title IV.
    5. Mindful Minutes are continuing to be used and are well received by students.
  - B. Colin Hoogland - PhMS/PHS Principal Report
    1. Students of the Month at PhMS are Gavin Esterholm (6), Meredith Merlak (7) and Levi Derr and Endura Udovich (8).
    2. The Academic Excellence Scholarship will be granted to Jessica Roush if Trinity Pesko attends an out-of-state university.
    3. The Technical Excellence recipient this year is Justin Polacek.
  - C. Vicki Lemke - Pupil Services Director
    1. The take-ten rooms are working well at all grade levels. April 13-17 has been scheduled as mental health week and a speaker has been scheduled for grades 6-12. This may be cancelled due to COVID-19.
    2. Work is continuing on reviewing social/emotional curriculum standards and how we can support our teachers with more resources.
    3. Director Lemke attended sessions on Carl Perkins and grant compliance at the Federal Funding Conference.

4. Finance Manager Lehman also attended the conference and reported that all required policies are in place as they are requested by our auditors annually.
- D. Rick Morgan - Superintendent Report
1. Superintendent Morgan attended the CESA #12 PAC meeting. The newly reinstated Board/Administrator Spring meeting is now cancelled due to COVID-19.
  2. The March 18 business and manufacturing tour scheduled for March 18 has also been cancelled. A virtual tour may be prepared and sent out to this same group of people.
  3. The past two weeks have been very busy as meetings with municipality and community groups have been attended to present and answer questions regarding the upcoming referendum.
  4. Paula Houdek reported on the March 2nd legislative meeting. A panel discussion was held and Governor Evers attended for a short time.
- E. Jessica Roush - Student Liaison Report
1. All events have been cancelled and students are preparing for the transition to virtual learning. Teachers are doing a great job.
- F. Policy Committee Report
1. Policy #384 Therapy Dogs in School is still being developed.
  2. A policy is being developed for proof of insurance requirement for mileage reimbursement.
- G. School Forest Committee Report
1. The meeting began with community comments.
  2. Discussion focused on facility planning. Estimates will be gathered for electric and well service.
  3. Other discussion included security, fundraising, and dividing the committee into subcommittees that will focus on facilities, fundraising, and curriculum.
- H. Facilities/Transportation Committee Report
1. Transportation: the committee met in closed session to view both one-camera and three-camera video systems for buses. The cost to provide a three-camera system would be \$17,000.00. Bus quotes for 2020-2021 were reviewed.
  2. Maintenance: discussion was held on the 1998 section of the PES roof.
- H. Business services committee met and discussed:
1. EMC will cover the refinishing of the Gym floor beginning June 27. The gym will be closed until the end of July. EMC will cover the basement tile damage from flooding, but not for the abatement project. The district will assume the cost of \$7,100.00 for this project.
  2. Feedback from referendum meetings have been overall positive.
  3. Discussed COVID-19 closure planning.
  4. Both out-of-state trips have been cancelled.
  5. February bills were reviewed prior to the Board meeting.
- VI. Items for Discussion and Possible Action.
- A. eLearning top was covered during the pandemic planning agenda item.
- VII. Consent Items - Motion (Willett/Fox) to approve all consent items. Motion carried 9-0.
- A. Approved minutes from February 17, 2020 Board meeting.
- B. Approved bills from February 2020 (#347083-347209 and wires) for a total of \$675,817.36.
- VIII. The next regular board meeting will be held on April 20, 2020. Items to consider for the agenda are government agency restrictions and waivers. A special meeting was requested for the week of April 30th.
- IX. Motion (Willett/Houdek) to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.. Motion carried 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Burkart, Clerk  
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