

MINUTES OF PHILLIPS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 16, 2020

- I. The Phillips Board of Education regular meeting was called to order by President Pesko at 6:00 pm in the Phillips High School ITV Classroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. Present: Baxter (Virtual), Burkart (Virtual), Fox (Onsite), Houdek (Virtual), Lind (Virtual), Pesko (Onsite), Rose (Virtual), Willett (Virtual) and Student Liaison Schluter (Virtual). Absent: Halmstad. Administration present: Superintendent Morgan (Onsite), Finance Manager Lehman (Onsite), Principal Hoogland (Virtual); Director of Pupil Services Lemke (Virtual). Others: Staff and community members (Virtual).
- 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. The Friend of Education Award for 2020 was presented to all parents in the District with gratitude and appreciation of their hard work of supporting the school and staff through the pandemic.
- VI. Administrative and Committee Reports
 - A. Dave Scholz - PES Principal Report was not present. Superintendent Morgan Rick reported that the elementary is working on putting together a virtual Christmas Concert by Cohorts and that more information would be coming out on this event.
 - B. Colin Hoogland - PhMS/PHS Principal
 1. Students of the month at PhMS are Addie Gabay (6), Madelynn Derkez (7) Christian Benson (8). Students of the quarter at PHS are Thomas Monteith (11), Endora Udovich (9)
 2. The Veterans day parade took place Thursday on Flambeau Ave. There was an overwhelming response from the Veterans that it was a great gesture. There were 30-40 cars with Veterans that participated.
 3. Last week the high school went back to face-to-face instruction two days a week.
 4. MS/HS have both completed the Star reading assessment and the math assessment will be given in December.
 5. The MS/HS are planning on performing virtual Christmas Concerts that will take place using eye in the sky in the gym. More information will be available shortly.
 6. High school girl's basketball started practice on Monday Nov. 16th. Dance team practice started the Friday before and the MS boy's basketball team was playing their first game the night of the board meeting in Rib Lake.
 7. Forty-six percent of the high school students earned a GPA of 3.35 or above in the first quarter and 56% of middle school students had earned a 3.35 and above.
 - C. Vicki Lemke - Pupil Services Director
 1. One aide resigned because she is moving away, another took a different position, one has been hired, but we are still in need of another aide.
 2. Special Education has 137 students on their caseload and are currently doing 17 evaluations.
 3. Update on Phillips RVA - there are currently 88 students in the program, three 4K students are currently being serviced by District staff and 58 students K-8 are in house RVA. Sam Lehman resigned and is being replaced by Lynnae Helgeson.
 - D. Rick Morgan - Superintendent Report

1. Winter Season Sports/Activities Update - we will proceed as scheduled with winter sports. Adjustments will be made as necessary. Some Northern WI schools are considering not participating. It was requested by Steve Willett that the school board is notified as soon as possible if a change is made so that they are aware of it before the public.
 2. Superintendent Morgan's recommendation to the Board is to move forward w/our current instruction after the Thanksgiving Holiday with high school students on campus two days a week an elementary/middle school four days a week. The COVID cases will be monitored for an alternate plan if needed.
 3. 2021-2022 Calendar During Construction - Superintendent Morgan recommended that we not change our school calendar at this time. There is a request to move the Fab lab equipment for 1st semester of 2021-2022 school year to allow the construction management team access to the tech ed area.
- E. Student Liaison Schluter announced the students of the month listed under the principal's report. She also brought up that the student body would like the School Board to create a policy banning the confederate flag in the school. It will be brought to the policy committee for further review.
- F. Policy Committee members are reviewing the Series 100 policies and are working on some revisions. These will be brought to the Board in future meetings.
- G. Facilities/Transportation Committee
1. Maintenance: HSR is working through the asbestos evaluation for the building project. They plan to be on sight next week to finalize. Janaks will be finishing the drainage project at the track, there will be an additional bill for a few additional pipe projects. We are looking at a new scrubber for the pool using Fund 80 monies as the current one is old and having issues. Two different options were presented and will be discussed at business services. One of the main reasons for closing PES maintenance personnel being quarantined. We are reassigning employees to work at the elementary school to cover the minimum needs during the closing time.
 3. Transportation: DOT inspections are completed. Four buses failed and work is being done to correct issues. Two other buses needed new tires upon inspection. Jason recommends the middle option tire of the three quotes. Cameras are all installed this week. Discussed use of a van for Coats for Kids. We are looking at using vans instead of buses while the elementary is closed.
- H. Business services committee met and discussed board retreat date options, staffing updates, items from the facilities/transportation department, the refinance project for Fund 38, report on EMC claims, discussion on vaccine mandate, floor scrubber need for the pool, and review of COVID grant status, Bills were reviewed prior to the board meeting..
- I. CESA #12 Board of Control report - Paula reported that the participants discussed the early childhood grant and COVID updates.

VI. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Return to Learn Plan Options - No changes to current schedule.
- B. No DPI waivers due to COVID-19 changes are needed at this time.
- C. McNeil is beginning to look at asbestos issues related to the new construction.
- D. Motion (Willett/Burkart) to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Approximately \$1,828,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds for refinancing of Fund 38. Motion carried with roll call vote 8-0.
- E. Motion (Willett/Lind) to approve purchase of robotic order from general fund for \$37,201.00. Motion carried 8-0 with roll call vote. A shaper and planer will be included in the 2021-2022 budget.
- F. Motion (Baxter/Burkart) to approve purchase of a walk-behind floor scrubber from Fund 80 for \$7,499.00. Motion carried 8-0 with roll call vote.

- VII. Consent Items - Motion (Willett/Baxter) to approve all consent items. Motion carried 8-0 with roll call vote.
- A. Approved minutes from October 19, 2020 Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
 - B. Approve personnel report
 - 1. Transfer of Lynnae Helgeson from paraprofessional to PES virtual teacher, and Teresa Martin from cook to custodian at PES.
 - 2. Hiring of Austin Edwards as PhMS boys basketball coach to cover one year leave of absence of Brent Edwards, and Joe Grapa and Jack Hoogland as co-head wrestling coaches to cover one year leave of absence of Tim Brown, and Dawn Carlson as LTE paraprofessional at PES.
 - 3. Accepted resignation from Mel Eggebrecht, MS girls volleyball coach (2 yrs); Maggie Obadal, MS girls volleyball coach (2 yrs), Hjalmer Johnson, Varsity assistant football coach (2 yrs); Camaraya Schutte, paraprofessional (1 yr); Sam Lehman, PES virtual teacher (3 mo.); Gabrielle Lehman, elementary teacher (3 mo); Anna Tihlarik, PES custodian (1 mo).
 - C. Approved bills from October 2020 (#347765-347908 and wires) for a total of \$663,914.76.
- VIII. The next regular board meeting will be held on December 21, 2020. Items to consider for the agenda include regular December items.
- XII. Motion (Willett/Fox) to adjourn at 7:08 pm. Motion carried 8-0 with roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Burkart, Clerk
Board of Education

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