

MINUTES OF PHILLIPS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 18, 2021

- I. The Phillips Board of Education regular meeting was called to order by President Pesko at 6:09 p.m. via Zoom Webinar. The meeting was held virtually only. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. Present: Baxter, Burkart, Fox, Halmstad, Houdek, Lind, Pesko, Rose, Willett and Student Liaison Schluter. Administration present: Superintendent Morgan, Finance Manager Lehman, Principal Hoogland; Principal Scholz, Director of Pupil Services Lemke. Others: Staff and community members.
- 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. Dave Scholz - PES Principal
 1. There are still many adjustments each week to aide schedules due to student need changes, quarantines, and staff changes.
 2. A bus driver played Santa at Christmas to add some normalcy and fun to the season.
 3. We are planning for grade-level recess times when it is possible to make the change.
 4. Real-time instruction is in place for this week due to lack of staffing with the current quarantine situation. The plan is to return on January 25th.
 5. Teachers with COVID that are able are continuing to provide instruction from home with Real-time instruction and support from their grade team.
 - B. Colin Hoogland - PhMS/PHS Principal
 1. The 6-12 campus will have a virtual real-time instruction day on Tuesday due to high quarantine/positive numbers in both staff and students. There is no school on Thursday and Friday. Students will return on Monday. There may be some students in the building as they try to complete work prior to the end of the quarter Wednesday.
 2. There is a plan in place for bringing students back into the building four days a week when possible. This includes some revision to lunch and class schedules.
 3. The High School Course Registration Manual has been revised. Changes include addition of a math course, two business courses that would be offered as dual credit and course plans for Logger Manufacturing.
 - C. Vicki Lemke - Pupil Services Director
 1. The guidance counselors have been very busy this year with an increase in emotional needs. They are meeting with students both in person and virtually.
 2. The next staff inservice will review the DPI suicide Gatekeeper program.
 3. In the Real-time instruction times, there may still be special needs students in the building to have access to support. These students will be transported to/from school.
 4. The first semester of virtual instruction using RVA curriculum and our teachers is ending this week. We have some students who will return to school at our request or parent request. There are a few requests from parents to add the program for the second semester.
 - D. Rick Morgan - Superintendent Report
 1. Today (1/18/2021) we suspended all winter athletics for the week, including practices. The high school has 56 students quarantined as of today.

2. Dave Scholz and Colin Hoogland reviewed their STAR math and reading data, Progress Data, and Running Records (PES) for their students from last spring to this fall. There was an expected decrease in scores due to virtual instruction through March and the summer break. More data will be collected in February and a report will be brought to a future Board meeting.
 3. The calendar for 2021-2022 may include an earlier start to give the construction team more time to complete work in the summer of 2022. A DPI waiver will be required. This will be an action item next month.
- E. Student Liaison Schluter announced the students of the month for December: Katelyn Kurth (6th); Philip McClain (7th); and Kylie Edinger (8th). The girls basketball team is currently 13-1 and the boys team is 8-4. Mock Trial had their first virtual scrimmage.
 - F. Policy Committee members continue reviewing the Series 100 policies and brought #165.1 Code of Conduct and #166 Board Member Email Communications to the meeting for second reading. Discussion continues on #173 Closed Session and #187 Participation at Board Meetings.. Discussed the open enrollment policy and recommend that no changes be made to open spaces for regular and special education students. The WASB tool survey will be distributed prior to the board meeting. Motion (Willett/Baxter) to approve second readings as presented. Motion carried with roll call vote 9-0.
 - G. Facilities/Transportation Committee
 1. Facilities - the whirlpool at the pool is working well. State inspection of the pool is completed. Boilers are working well. The 1998 pickup will be sent to Bennett Auction for sale. Water/sewer line replacement quotes were discussed for the portion outside of the construction project.
 3. Transportation - Discussion held on purchasing a new diesel bus versus another propane bus due to difficulty of finding mechanics to work on the propane. Cost of maintenance on diesel and propane were discussed.
 - H. Business services committee met and discussed the WASB Board member survey, waiver needed for 2021-2022 calendar, staffing updates, facilities/transportation items, FFCRA extension, EMC bleacher claim for equipment under the bleachers, review of meeting agenda, set the February 1 special meeting. Bills were reviewed prior to the board meeting.
 - I. School Forest committee met last week. The revenue and expenditures for the timber harvest are completed and with the money previously collected there is \$123,943.02 available for the project. Thanks to a lot of work that had been done prior to the harvest to mark trails, there was very little major work to do on those following the harvest. More trails are being planned for the new 30 acre section. PHS fab lab students are being asked to make signs. There was a virtual Phillips Flurry race last weekend. Future fundraising plans are being planned and building plans are considered. The committee will meet again on March 2nd.
 - J. CESA #12 Board of Control will meet tomorrow. No report tonight.

VI. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Return to Learn Plan Options - discussion on the plans that were in place for second semester until the spike in virus cases and quarantines. With the vaccination being offered to staff, it is the hope to open for five days of instruction by the start of fourth quarter. Motion (Lind/Baxter) to continue in Option B for the start of second semester and review at next month's meeting. Motion carried with roll call vote 8-1 (Fox).
- B. No DPI waivers due to COVID-19 changes are needed at this time.
- C. No recommendations from the Core team at this time. The team will meet on February 1 prior to the special meeting to review all documents.
- D. A special meeting of the board will be held on February 1 for HSR and Miron to present plans to the board and review the bid process.

- E. Motion (Willett/Houdek) to approve no change to open enrollment policy regarding spaces for regular and special education students. Motion carried 9-0 with roll call vote.
 - F. Motion (Burkart/Houdek) to approve the extension of Emergency FFCRA Leaves into 2021 as presented. Motion carried 9-0 with roll call vote. This will continue as an action item at each meeting as the Board has authority to amend the document.
 - G. Motion (Willett/Houdek) to approve additions and revision to the High School Course Registration Manual as presented. Motion carried 9-0 with roll call vote.
- VII. Consent Items - Motion (Willett/Baxter) to approve all consent items. Motion carried 9-0 with roll call vote.
- A. Approved minutes from December 21, 2020 regular Board meeting
 - B. Approve personnel report - Hiring of Katelin Makovsky as LTE paraprofessional at PES. Accepted resignation from Patty Gehring, IMC aide (35 years), Joan Korpi, contracted occupational therapist (1.5 years); Dana Janssen, assistant varsity track coach (24 years).
 - C. Approved bills from December 2020 (#348038-348116 and wires) for a total of \$465,942.11
- VIII. The next regular board meeting will be held on February 15, 2021. Items to consider for the agenda include support staff salaries and FFCRA on action items until June 2021.
- XII. Motion (Willett/Houdek) to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Motion carried 9-0 with roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Burkart, Clerk
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