

Potterville Board of Education
Meeting of the Board – August 15, 2016
Board Meeting Room – 6:00pm
Minutes

- 1) Call to Order at 6:00pm
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call: Hampton; Lehman; Robertson; Schmalbach; Sipes; Smalley; Temsey
- 4) Approval of Consent Agenda

- Minutes of July 18, 2016 and August 3, 2016 meetings
- Approval of Payment Disbursements
- Personnel Action Report

Motion by: Smalley Support by: Temsey Y- 7, N-0

- 5) **Public Input:** *Please use Public Input Form (available near the door) and present to Superintendent at any time before Public Input is concluded.*

- Susan Gorbe, district parent, thanks Mr. Wise the new High School principal for attending the band showcase and spending some time talking with parents. She expresses her concerns about teacher turnover, tension between teachers and administration and the loss of students over the past 5 years causing a loss of funding as well. Her experience and thoughts come from a parent of the district but she is also a past Potterville substitute teacher and now works within another district. Hampton poses questions about the data she has brought to the board and she further explains her personal views and requests the board looks further into the district's losses.

- 6) **Presentation on Board Curriculum Adoption Process**

- Superintendent Donahue updates the board on different curriculum adoption protocols and the process to adopt this new curriculum. Previous research within the district took a look at what core content should be and the Rapid Turnaround team created an ambitious document encompassing this data. The team has now narrowed the data/research down to important bullets the district would like to see in the 16-17 school year. The UBD team is going to be looking at work in the upcoming months and look at feedback from teacher teams so they can appropriately address curriculum units. Two teachers from each building are on the UBD team to properly represent teachers throughout the district. The board is given two documents on the UBD (Understanding By Design) team and how this team works and examples of real world scenarios of the team at work.

- 7) **Overview of Student Handbook Modifications for K-12 Programs: EL, MS, and HS Principals**

- Building principals provided an update on policy changes for the building handbooks for the 2016-2017 school year.

- 8) **Resolutions for Action:**

- Resolution to Approve Hiring of MS/HS Student Support Network Counselor

Deb Swartz has 20+ years of experience in the classroom, administration and also counseling. Her love for working with the students has led her to focus on counseling versus administration. Her main goal for the students of the district is ensuring they are successful and not failing or falling through the cracks.

Motion by: Lehman Support by: Schmalbach Y- 7, N-0

- Resolution to Call Election and Approve Ballot Language for Sinking Fund Renewal

Motion by: Lehman Support by: Smalley Y- 7, N-0

- Resolution to Modify Lunch Prices for 2016-2017 School Year

Federal guidelines are discussed with updates on the lunch prices so the district can continue to meet guidelines and receive full reimbursement from the School Lunch Program.

Motion by: Robertson Support by: Schmalbach Y- 7, N-0

9) Superintendent Report

- Kingscott has been contacted about the issues with the football field that Board Member Lehman discussed at the August work session. There is an upcoming meet and greet for the district and all-staff will be notified; board members are invited to attend. There are still teacher openings in the MS that they hope to fill as soon as possible. Superintendent Donahue shares a letter from MASA that highlights and opens discussion about consequences from the State in regards to districts with low accountability. He feels the Rapid Turnaround project is important and urgent in solving assessment accountability issues that face PPS. Lehman wants information like this to be shared with the community to provide better understanding on the tension that may be present as administration attempts to follow legislative regulations.

10) Adjourn at 6:55pm