

Meeting of the Board – January 16, 2017
Board Meeting Room – 6:00pm

Minutes

- 1) Call to Order at 6:00pm
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call: Lehman; McDowell; B. Scott; K. Scott; Sipes; Smalley; Temsey
- 4) Organization Meeting: Selection of Officers
 - Nomination of Sipes for President
Nomination by: B. Scott, Motion by: B. Scott, Support by: Smalley votes: Y-7, N-0
 - Nomination of Lehman for President
Nomination by: Temsey, Motion by: Temsey, Support by: none votes: no vote
 - Nomination of B. Scott for Vice President
Nomination by: Sipes, Motion by: Sipes, Support by: McDowell votes: Y-7, N-0
 - Smalley nominates McDowell for Treasurer
Nomination by: Smalley, Motion by: Smalley, Support by: K. Scott votes: Y-7, N-0
 - McDowell nominates Smalley for Secretary
Nomination by: McDowell, Motion by: McDowell, Support by: B. Scott votes: Y-7, N-0
- 5) Approval of Consent Agenda
 - Minutes of December 19, 2016 and January 4, 2017 meetings
 - Approval of Payment Disbursements
 - Personnel Action Report

Discussion:

 - Scott asks about December 19th board meeting minutes and lack of discussion present in the minutes to be approved. B. Scott suggests we hold the minutes for review.
Motion by: B. Scott Support by: K. Scott votes: Y-7, N-0
 - Smalley asks about payments to Johnny Mac's and MASB up for approval. He requests these payments are held until the reason for payment is reviewed by the board. He motions to investigate these invoices. Support by McDowell.
Motion by: Smalley Support by: McDowell votes: Y-7, N-0

Consent Agenda Approval:

Motion by: Smalley Support by: Lehman Y- 7, N-0
- 6) Public Input: *Please use Public Input Form (available near the door) and present to Superintendent at any time before Public Input is concluded.*
 - Heidi Christensen, student of PPS, addresses her and the community's support for Ms. Hill. She presents the board with a petition she has circulated online, at school, and throughout the community to ask the board to bring Ms. Hill back. She feels Ms. Hill was a supportive teacher, an asset to the community, and has helped many different programs raise money. She speaks about how Ms. Hill has the biggest teacher

for school spirit and is great with helping organizing events for the students. She wants to know how they can help get Ms. Hill back.

- Susan Gorbe comes to the board today with some thoughts, ideas and questions for the board. She speaks on how she has spoken to Dansville and Perry's shared athletic trainer and as a parent expresses her concern about not having an athletic trainer. She also discusses how there are no longer signs in town with directions on where the school is. Parking behind the schools for sporting events is an additional concern for her as there is a lot of confusion and the back parking lot looks horrible. Susan brings to the board the issue she finds with athletic teams not being able to practice on snow days but teams are still able to play.
- Barb Shepard, staff member, brings to the board's attention the dangerous condition of the parking lot on a day with extremely icy conditions. A past Superintendent had directed Building and Grounds only to ice the driveways and not parking spots and hopes to see that changed.
- Sheryl Mox, previous staff member and Pottersville resident, is concerned about the presentation given by the Superintendent at the December meeting. She is concerned about the Superintendent receiving raises when food service staff has taken pay cuts. She feels that the school could be seeing a lawsuit after litigation with Ms. Hill in regards to her tenure charges.
- Tammy Good, parent, speaks on her concerns of a family being given admission back to district grounds after being banned for the rest of the school year. She apprises the board of the student of said family making allegations against her student. She states that at a meeting with all parents, students, and district administration, the father of the student threatened her daughter among other serious allegations. She discusses how her daughter has been harassed and her name has been slandered on social media. She hopes that the board will listen to all sides to this story before lifting any sort of restrictions for the family to begin attending events on Pottersville's campus. B. Scott asks if there are any legal obligations the board may have to uphold such as personal protection orders and Tammy expresses there is not.
- Angela Schmalbach, past board member and parent in the district, expresses concern about the community backing Ms. Hill without facts about the case as hand. She wonders why no one has asked about the multiple charges involved and she wonders why Ms. Hill has pushed a restraining order on the evidence in this case. She discusses her concerns as a parent of a child with special needs.
- Kelsi Crosby reads to the board and community her reasons for resigning from the district this coming Friday. She discusses her admiration for Superintendent Donahue and his hard work, she highlights Business Manager Andy Nurenberg's great work in the business office, and explains to the community that instead of blaming Mr. Donahue for her exit from the district as she feels the community has done about other exiting staff they can look to board member Kendra Scott. Kelsi expresses her discontent with board members K. Scott and Smalley voting to keep a teacher from tenure charges after the information they saw in the board closed session and states she will continue to pray for them because when the media catches this news story she fears what the nation will do to them and the community.
- Don Barnes, previous staff member and interim administrator, comes before the board to make a donation of \$1,500. He speaks about Business Manager, Andy Nurenberg, and his great work in the district for

finances. Don talks about how it is important to stop turnover not only for teachers but all staff. He feels this community is great and the kids are second to none. He wants to know where ISD staff members are in relation to Special Education events during the school day. He highlights different staff members who have left the district and he wants great staff to stay and come back. Don says he would be happy to help begin a foundation to fund more educational events for students.

7) Presentation on Student Support Network Progress

- Mr. Nauss, the interim Student Support Network Director, presents the board with a presentation on the status and updates of the SSN. He speaks on the pleasure he has found in coming to the district to see how Potterville has made it important to look at students with special needs or circumstances. The board was presented with a copy of the presentation in their board packet last week. Nauss discusses a variety of updates and information such as the building tiers of the support structure for the SSN, the staff of the SSN and what their support assignments are, how student needs are identified, current and coming procedures/processes for referring students for student support network assistance, and new electronic documentation beginning second semester to review the work being done. Heidi Christensen asks Mr. Nauss if he has done anything about suicide prevention support, and he discusses actions being taken to get things moving and thanks Heidi for her hard work in pushing the prevention support. Lehman requests that we get information such as this presentation on the website so the community can see the hard work being done. K. Scott asks what procedures are in place if parents need to be notified, and Mr. Nauss talks about how building administrators do contact parents when it is necessary. K. Scott expresses her main concern was making sure parents were on the same page as school administration and Mr. Wise states that element is very important to the building administrators.

8) NEOLA Policy Update Discussion

- B. Scott requests discussion of the policy updates are moved to the next meeting in February.
Motion by: B. Scott Support by: Temsey Y- 7, N-0

9) Resolutions for Action:

- Temsey recommends allowing a student to enroll with conditions discussed with building administrator Mr. Leale.
Motion by: Temsey Support by: B. Scott Y- 7, N-0
- Smalley asks to add to the agenda as item 9B to hear from parents about their ban from district grounds.
Motion by: Smalley Support by: none [no vote]

10) Superintendent Report

- Superintendent Donahue advises the board that the athletic field payments have been completed early. He talks about professional development the staff participated in today and how at the February meeting legal counsel will be present to apprise the board of the tenure charges issue that are pending. Donahue discusses how the county has begun more discussion on year-round calendar and he lets the board know the Supt Evaluation training for Feb 1 must be rescheduled. Lehman advises the community that payments that were discussed in regards to the new athletic field are sinking fund dollars.

11) Administrative Reports (*Provided in Written Format in Board Packet; Opportunity for Dialogue*)

- K. Scott discusses with the community her reasoning for the meet and greet. She talks about how the past boards have worked hard and the new board is able to start their terms with a high fund balance. She wants this to be a good transition and looks forward to the positive future of the district.

12) Adjourn at 7:06pm