

PONTIAC TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 90
Minutes of the Board of Education – Regular Meeting
July 13, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

The Pontiac Township High School District No. 90 Board of Education held its regular meeting in the Media Center at the high school on Monday, July 13, 2009. President Rich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Roger Corrigan, Don Lambert, Nancy Legner, Robby Rich, Nick Sartoris, and Ron Schulz answered roll call. Also present were administrators Leo Johnson, Jon Kilgore, and Tera Graves; reporters from the Leader, the Radio, and WJEZ; John Mehlberg; Peg Meier; Eric Bohm; and secretary Nancy Fox.

The Minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2009, were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mrs. Legner. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Mr. Johnson reviewed the Finance Report as of June 30, 2009, as follows:

CASH IN BANK	\$1,512,067.24	INVESTMENTS	\$3,150,000.00
Education Fund	(812,917.05)		3,150,000.00
OM Fund	1,759,784.76		
Bond & Interest	7,602.09		
Transportation	178,422.60		
IMRF	29,882.14		
Working Cash	0.00		
Tort	(71,731.96)		
LACC	394,830.14		
Fire Prev & Safety	26,194.52		

Mr. Johnson reported that we were shorted by the State \$400,000 in categorical payments, which left us with approximately \$60,000 more expenditures than revenues for FY09. We received \$170,000 of this money after July 1. Mr. Johnson has made \$300,000 in cuts in next year's budget to help with the expected shortfall in State Aid. A motion was made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Sartoris to approve the high school bills, the LACC bills, the Investment Schedule for FY09, the Investment Schedule for FY10, the Revolving Report, and the Activity Fund Report. Mr. Lambert, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Schulz, Mr. Corrigan, Mrs. Legner, and Mr. Rich voted "aye" on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

The Board received a thank you note from Amy Smith. We did not receive the grant we applied for last month for the new dishwasher.

Mr. Johnson gave a summer work update. Projects are moving along well. The old visitor-side bleachers are gone, and the foundation and pad are

ready for the new bleachers to be installed. The lighting updates are going well. Electrical work is scheduled to begin next week.

Mr. Johnson reported on the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA), or the Stimulus Package. We will be receiving about \$200,000 in additional Special Education funds and about \$100,000 additional in Title I funds over the next two fiscal years. There are many rules regarding how we can spend these funds. We will try to fund our two additional paraprofessionals and hire a Math tutor. After that, we will look at purchasing equipment, software, and supplies for those programs.

We have purchased a new vehicle to replace the old Dodge Stratus. Mr. Johnson recommended the Board approve two new bus leases. Roger Henkel is working on finding a new van and/or activity bus.

The School Code requires us to yearly adopt a policy concerning who qualifies for transportation to school and stating we will transport anyone that lives more than 1.5 miles from the school or can show there is a safety problem if their child walks to school.

Mr. Johnson recommended the Board establish a new Working Cash Fund for FY10.

Attorney Tom Blakeman has worked on the annexation issue for us and negotiated a settlement. We will lose a little EAV with this annexation.

Mr. Johnson reported that a new dishwasher will cost about \$25,000, plus installation.

Mrs. Meier reviewed Cafeteria bids for FY10, and recommended Gordon Food Service and Kohl's for meat/frozen, Kohl's and Fox River Foods for produce, Fox River Foods and Gordon Food Service for juices/water, Kohl's and Gordon Food Service for ice cream, Gordon Food Service and Kohl's for dry/refrigerated, Kohl's and Fox River Foods for non-food, Prairie Farms Dairy for milk, and Butternut for bread. We will not raise lunch prices. Mr. Rich thanked Mrs. Meier and her staff for having a balanced budget last year and for the good job they have done with the lunch program. (Mrs. Meier left at 7:21 p.m.)

Mr. Johnson reviewed Closed Session Minutes and recommended that they remain closed.

Mr. Johnson and the Insurance Committee are working with Jeff Flessner on Health Insurance for FY10 and are in favor of the Health Reimbursement Agreement system. We would have a good faculty buy-in. Rates look like they will be up about 7-8 percent. Blue Cross/Blue Shield

is our insurance carrier, and we would hire a third party to handle the reimbursements. Cost is based on the number of enrollees. Board members were invited to attend the Insurance Committee meeting for more details. The PEA allows the Board to choose the insurance plan for the staff. The Insurance Committee reviews options and makes a recommendation for Board approval.

The Board will stay at the Embassy Suites for the Annual Conference in Chicago.

Mr. Johnson reported that we improved in our PSAE testing in Reading and Math and are at 58 percent. No Child Left Behind needs us to be at 70 percent, so we will be on the Watch List. We will need to spend 20 percent of our Title I funds on improvement services, which must be from an outside agency. We are considered Academic Early Warning. Standards for this are the Academic Standards determined by the State. Data will need to be taken to the Curriculum Advisory Committee to see how to improve our curriculum in the designated areas.

The administration is recommending the Board hire Eric Bohm as Assistant Principal on a ten-month contract; Randi Morrison as Chorus Teacher; Stephen Kraft as Social Studies Teacher/Baseball Coach; Angela Thomas as Psychologist/EFE Specials Populations Coordinator and Special Education Department Chair; Nathan Nollen as Science Department Chair; Lisa Meyer as Guidance Department Chair; Lisa Jennings as a Paraprofessional; Kathy Durham as a Paraprofessional; and Bonnie Eldred as Flags Sponsor.

Mrs. Graves reported that Summer School will end Friday. 143 students attended. Mrs. Graves reviewed the proposed Budget for LACC for FY10. Grants have been submitted and have been approved if funds are approved by the State. We have \$116,000 at risk of not being funded. Mrs. Graves used an enrollment number of 400 to do the Budget. Tuition is the main funding source for LACC. A letter has been sent to staff about the start of school.

Mr. Johnson recommended the Board approve paying Mrs. Smith and Mr. Jones for unused vacation days.

Open positions include Girls Golf Coach, Girls and Boys Tennis Coach, and Head Baseball Coach. We had 14 Pontiac students and 7 area students on the Girls Tennis team last year.

A motion was made by Mr. Sartoris and seconded by Mrs. Legner to approve leases with Sovereign Bank for two new buses. Mr. Sartoris, Mrs.

Legner, Mr. Rich, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Schulz, Mr. Corrigan, and Mr. Lambert voted “aye” on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Schulz and seconded by Mr. Corrigan to approve the transportation policy concerning distance and safety factors as required by the School Code. Motion carried on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Corrigan to approve the establishment of the Working Cash Fund for District 90. Mr. Lambert, Mr. Corrigan, Mrs. Legner, Mr. Rich, Mr. Sartoris, and Mr. Schulz voted “aye” on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Sartoris and seconded by Mrs. Legner to approve the list of Closed Session minutes to remain closed as recommended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Corrigan and seconded by Mr. Schulz to approve the settlement for the Annexation & Detachment Petition #2009-4. Mr. Corrigan, Mr. Schulz, Mr. Lambert, Mrs. Legner, Mr. Rich, and Mr. Sartoris voted “aye” on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Sartoris to approve the milk, food, and bread bids as presented. Mr. Lambert, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Schulz, Mr. Corrigan, Mrs. Legner, and Mr. Rich voted “aye” on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Corrigan and seconded by Mr. Lambert to approve Randi Morrison as Chorus Teacher for FY10. Mr. Corrigan, Mr. Lambert, Mrs. Legner, Mr. Rich, Mr. Sartoris, and Mr. Schulz voted “aye” on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Legner and seconded by Mr. Schulz to appoint Eric Bohm as Assistant Principal for FY10. Mrs. Legner, Mr. Schulz, Mr. Corrigan, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Rich, and Mr. Sartoris voted “aye” on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Sartoris and seconded by Mr. Corrigan to appoint Nathan Nollen as Science Department Chair for FY10. Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Corrigan, Mr. Lambert, Mrs. Legner, Mr. Rich, and Mr. Schulz voted “aye” on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Legner and seconded by Mr. Schulz to appoint Lisa Meyer as Guidance Department chair for FY10. Mrs. Legner, Mr. Schulz, Mr. Corrigan, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Rich, and Mr. Sartoris voted “aye” on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Sartoris to appoint Angela Thomas as Psychologist/EFE Special Populations Coordinator and Special Education Department Chair for FY10. Mr. Lambert, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Schulz, Mr. Corrigan, Mrs. Legner, and Mr. Rich voted “aye” on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Legner and seconded by Mr. Corrigan to appoint Stephen Kraft as Social Studies Teacher for FY10. Mrs. Legner, Mr. Corrigan, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Rich, Mr. Sartoris, and Mr. Schulz voted “aye” on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Schulz and seconded by Mr. Lambert to appoint Kathy Durham as a Paraprofessional for FY10. Mr. Schulz, Mr. Lambert, Mrs. Legner, Mr. Rich, Mr. Sartoris, and Mr. Corrigan voted “aye” on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Legner and seconded by Mr. Corrigan to appoint Lisa Jennings as a Paraprofessional for FY10. Mrs. Legner, Mr. Corrigan, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Rich, Mr. Sartoris, and Mr. Schulz voted “aye” on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Corrigan to appoint Bonnie Eldred as Flags Sponsor for FY10. Mr. Lambert, Mr. Corrigan, Mrs. Legner, Mr. Rich, Mr. Sartoris, and Mr. Schulz voted “aye” on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Upcoming agenda items will include a summer work update; holding a Board Retreat; approving the tentative Budget for LACC and PTHS, which has to be on display for 30 days; start of school information; and filling the remaining coaching vacancies. Registration is scheduled for August 7-8.

A motion was made by Mr. Sartoris and seconded by Mr. Schulz to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Rich, Board President

Nancy Fox, Board Secretary