

**PONTIAC TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 90**  
**Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
**July 9, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.**

The PTHS Board of Education held its regular meeting on Monday, July 9, 2007, in Staff Room IV at the high school. President Bauknecht called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Bauknecht, Lambert, Legner, Renzelman, and Sartoris answered roll call. Also present were administrators Johnson, Kilgore, Smith, and Sexton; reporters from The Paper, WJEZ, and The Leader; Parker Bane; Paul Ritter; John Mehlberg; and secretary Fox.

The Minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2007, were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Sartoris, seconded by Mr. Lambert. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The Financial Report as of June 30, 2007, was as follows:

<b>CASH IN BANK</b>	<b>\$817,262.13</b>	<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$2,625,000.00</b>
Education Fund	165,302.91		2,625,000.00
OBM Fund	165,187.62		
Bond & Interest	7,374.86		
Transportation	83,493.93		
IMRF	12,807.71		
Working Cash	93,188.22		
LAVC	230,968.97		
Fire Prev. & Safety	58,937.91		

A motion was made by Mr. Renzelman and seconded by Mrs. Legner to approve the high school bills, the LAVC bills, the Investment Schedules for FY07 and FY08, the Revolving Fund Report, and the Activity Fund Report as presented. Mr. Renzelman, Mrs. Legner, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Bauknecht, and Mr. Lambert voted "aye" on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Kilgore introduced Ag teacher Parker Bane and announced that he recently received an Excellence in Teaching Award for the Illinois Association of Vocational Agricultural Teachers, which was voted on by fellow Ag teachers. Mr. Bane will be recognized at the State Fair. Mr. Bane thanked the Board, Administration, faculty and staff at Pontiac High School for their support of the Ag program.

Mr. Johnson welcomed Mr. Sexton to his first Board meeting. He also thanked the Board and other PTHS employees for their help and support during his first week as Superintendent.

Mr. Johnson recommended the Board approve a lease agreement with American Capital for ten Smart Boards. Mr. Kilgore explained the advantages of Smart Board technology. The first payment would be made in FY09 and payments will be made from the Technology budget. A motion was made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mrs. Legner to approve the lease agreement for Smart Boards as presented. Mr. Lambert, Mrs. Legner, Mr. Renzelman, Mr. Sartoris, and Mr. Bauknecht voted "aye" on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson recommended the Board approve copier leases as presented by Mrs. Smith at the June meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Renzelman and seconded by Mrs. Legner to approve the copier leases as recommended. Mr. Renzelman, Mrs. Legner, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Bauknecht, and Mr. Lambert voted "aye" on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson informed the Board that we are still waiting to hear from Attorney Blakeman regarding the Negotiated Agreement with the PEA.

Mr. Mehlberg and Mr. Ritter informed the Board about a Solar Grant received from Illinois Clean Energy and explained how it would be used in the curricula. Part of the grant is educating the community, so we will have press releases about the solar panel. \$1,200 for installation has been budgeted through the Science Department. This grant will allow us to "get our foot in the door" regarding other energy projects. Mr. Mehlberg and Mr. Bane explained that we are also looking into wind energy grant opportunities. (Mr. Bane and Mr. Ritter left the meeting at 7:24 p.m.) The Board reviewed a listing of other grant projects Mr. Mehlberg is pursuing.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Renzelman to raise lunch prices for FY08 from \$2.10 to \$2.20 and to set breakfast prices at \$1.35 for regular and \$.30 for reduced students. Mr. Lambert, Mr. Renzelman, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Bauknecht, and Mrs. Legner voted "aye" on a voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson recommended the Board approve Phase II of the Light and Sound Board project for the auditorium. We should be able to cover the cost through TIF and grant money. Phase I is moving along very well. A motion was made by Mr. Sartoris and seconded by Mrs. Legner to approve Phase II. Mr. Sartoris, Mrs. Legner, Mr. Renzelman, Mr. Bauknecht, and Mr. Lambert voted "aye" on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Kilgore reviewed coaching assignments for FY08. We still have openings for Head Baseball and Assistant Volleyball. Mr. Kilgore recommended the Board hire Dan Butler as Head Softball coach for FY08.

Mr. Kilgore informed the Board that Betty Murphy will be serving as Co-Department Chair, along with Ryan Pearson for Driver Education for FY08 due to the many changes and developments with Driver Education by the State. A parent Driver Education meeting has been mandated by the State also.

A motion was made by Mrs. Legner and seconded by Mr. Sartoris to approve 2 percent support staff salary increases for 2007 – 2008. There are also four increased salaries for Frank Arnolts, Dan Schlicker, Nancy Clarke, and Pam Harris for increased responsibilities. Mr. Legner, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Bauknecht, Mr. Lambert, and Mr. Renzelman voted “aye” on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Renzelman to approve the retirement request of Gail Thorson at the end of the 2009 – 2010 school year. Mr. Lambert, Mr. Renzelman, Mr. Sartoris, Mr. Bauknecht, and Mrs. Legner voted “aye” on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Renzelman to approve the coaching staff for 2007 – 2008 as recommended by Mr. Kilgore, with openings still in Head Baseball and Assistant Volleyball. Motion carried on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Sartoris and seconded by Mrs. Legner to approve Jim Drengwitz as Holiday Tournament Director for the 2007 Tournament. Mr. Sartoris, Mrs. Legner, Mr. Renzelman, Mr. Bauknecht, and Mr. Lambert voted “aye” on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Smith passed out copies of the tentative LAVC Budget for FY08 and will have the final budget in August. There will be no need for a tuition increase. We are looking at doing some upgrading in the Welding and Autos shops. Currently, LAVC enrollment is 395, and the Budget is based on 360 enrollment.

Mr. Kilgore reported that we had the first part of New Teacher Orientation on June 18. Heather Christenson did a good job as mentor. Orientation will resume August 14 and 15.

Administrative transitions are going well. Mr. Drengwitz is recovering from surgery and has been in several times to advise.

The Board received an early graduation request, which needs a recommendation from Guidance before it can be approved in August.

Mr. Johnson gave a preview of the August Board meeting, which will include a tentative Budget, school opening information, and a summer project update. We will have 2:35 p.m. dismissal the first two weeks of school. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for noon August 13; and a Transportation Committee meeting was scheduled for noon July 25.

Mr. Kilgore reported that registration will be held in the Commons this year. We have set recommended registration times for parts of the alphabet.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Renzelman to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Scott Bauknecht, Board President

  
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Nancy Fox, Board Secretary