

South Madison Community School Corporation  
Board of School Trustees' Meeting  
November 15, 2018

The Board of School Trustees' of South Madison Community School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Administrative Services Center with board members Chris Boots, Mark Brizendine, Richard "Buck" Evans, Bill Hutton, Amy McGinnis, and Joel Sandefur present. Kaye Wolverton was unavailable for meeting. Also in attendance were Superintendent Joe Buck, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum, Instruction and College and Career Readiness Dr. Mark Hall, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Laura Miller, Business Manager Ken McCarty and Corporation Treasurer Penny Myers. Others in attendance were Pendleton Heights Middle School Principal Dan Joyce, Dawn Barkdull, Debbie McKissick, Penny Creger from The Pendleton Lion's Club, Chris Green, Christian Ruggles, Connie Jones, PHMS Students and Families of Ramsey Gary, Samantha Green, Madelyn Heineman, Jaylee Hubble, Moumita Islam, Gloria Richardson, and Sawyer Schill.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

School Board President Amy McGinnis called the Regular Board of School Trustees' meeting to order beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER:**

School Board President Amy McGinnis asked everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and pause for a moment of silence.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:**

Superintendent Joe Buck stated there were no adjustments to the agenda.

**CORE PURPOSE/CORE GOAL/CORE VALUES:**

School Board President Amy McGinnis read the Core Purpose, Core Goal and Core Values.

**COMMENTS FROM PATRONS:**

There were no comments from Patrons.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

2.1 Pendleton Heights Middle School Principal Dan Joyce and Guidance Counselor Dawn Barkdull presented outstanding individuals who have contributed to the success of the school program.

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| Above and Beyond:      | Debbie McKissick  |
| Community Partnership: | Lions Club - Penny Creger   |
| Students of Character: | Ramsey Gary<br>Samantha Green<br>Madelyn Heineman<br>Jaylee Hubble<br>Moumita Islam<br>Gloria Richardson<br>Sawyer Schill |

Board members congratulated students and parents on a job well done.

**REPORTS:**

3.1 Pendleton Heights Middle School Principal Dan Joyce presented Pendleton Heights Middle School annual academic report as reflected in the school district's Students First Strategic Plan. Mr. Joyce also shared the Department of Education just released school grades and for the second consecutive year, PHMS grade is an "A" with 97.1%. Mr. Joyce also reviewed PHMS attendance rate at 97%, which is above the state average of 95.7%, total ISTEP scores with 65.2% students passing ELA and Math, which is 5.1% above last years' totals and significantly above state average of 47%. Mr. Joyce reviewed 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade scores and they are well above state averages in Language Arts and Math improving 6% from last year, Socio-Economic Status had a 13% growth and Special Education area have made changes in instruction which shows in their growth of 18% from last year scores. Mr. Joyce discussed PHMS Academic Initiatives, Success and Pride of their Staff, and Blended Learning practices. Mr. Joyce shared PHMS Successes of:

- Multiple Hoosier Heritage Conference and Madison County Athletic Titles
- 6000+ Hours volunteered in our community
- Funds Raised for Charity – over \$7000
- Both 8<sup>th</sup> grade choirs received ISSMA GOLD Ratings
- Honor Band won With Distinction for a nearly perfect score in Group I
- Pipers won With Distinction for a nearly perfect score in Group I
- Best Buddies has a membership in excess of 100 students
- PHMS won All Music Award for outstanding performance contest results across ensembles

Board members congratulated Mr. Joyce and the PHMS staff, students and parents for their support and for being a shining star and amazing all around.

3.2 Dr. Mark Hall reported on the Department of Education School A-F grades have been released for the 2017-2018 school year. The South Madison Community School Corporation received a grade of "B" for 2017-2018 School Year, missing an A by .03% if a point. Dr. Hall shared the three elementary buildings received a DOE grade of "B" and PHMS and PHHS received a grade of an "A". Dr. Hall also stated there were only 3 "A's" in the county, with the other being Lapel.

3.3 Board Committee Reports

Kaye Wolverton requested Chris Green to report on the WEEM Committee Meeting and needs for the radio station. Inspection has been completed on the radio tower at PHHS, and even though it is showing signs of rust, they feel the tower is in great shape. The tower does need to be anodize painted, the antenna appears to be showing signs of damage due to age and is not putting out enough frequency. Another project for the tower is transportation, they are also looking to install a radio relay on the tower. Mr. Green also shared the need for a Skimmer Unit, which records all that happens on the radio and would be used as a great teaching tool for students. This would store recordings to a virtual server and allow students to archive their work, which would be beneficial for students who may wish to utilize their

voice tracking for college or career options. Board members congratulated WEEM program for all their hard work and appreciates all they do.

Amy McGinnis reported on Vocational Committee Meeting from October 17<sup>th</sup>, sharing Ivy Tech would like to work closer with PHHS and Dual Credit, discussed graduation pathways and how to utilize it, Mrs. Dwiggin is looking into a new upgrade for an easier to use accounting system, discussed Principles and Marketing, Co-op Classes, and an Edwards Jones representative also spoke to the group. Mark Brizendine shared about the Athletic Committee meeting and fall season successes in golf, volleyball, soccer and football. The season attendance was good at all events. Also discussed PHMS football, baseball/softball practice field has been installed at PHMS which has helped a lot with their teams. Mr. Smith is looking into an IHSSA insurance plan which covers athletic students at a cost of \$1.50 per student.

#### **MINUTES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS:**

- 4.1 Bill Hutton made the motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees on November 1, 2018. The motion was seconded by Chris Boots approved 6 – 0.
- 4.2 Richard “Buck” Evans made the motion to approve Accounts Payable Vouchers #1100 – 1321. The motion was seconded by Mark Brizendine and approved 6 – 0.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS:**

Chris Boots made the motion to approve Consent Items 5.1 through 5.4. The motion was seconded by Richard “Buck” Evans and approved 6 – 0.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

##### **Support Staff**

Aaron Erlandson  
Ray Aldridge

Beginning Band  
Bus Driver

Pendleton Heights Middle School  
Administrative Services Center

##### **ECA Staff**

David Beck

Boys Soccer Coach

Pendleton Heights Middle School

#### **RESIGNATION**

##### **Support Staff**

Julie Smith

Special Education Instructional Assistant

Pendleton Heights Middle School

#### **TRIP REQUEST**

Pendleton Heights Middle School Beta Club, Washington, DC, October 16 – 18, 2019

#### **FINANCIAL BUSINESS:**

- 6.1 Ken McCarty recommended the approval of Pendleton Heights Middle School Beta Club, Brightspark Tour Agreement to Washington, DC, which is also part of Consent Item 5.4. Bill Hutton made the motion to approve PHMS contract. The motion was seconded by Mark Brizendine and approved 6 – 0.
- 6.2 Ken McCarty requested approval of contract specifications for the 2019-2023 bus contract period. Bids would be accepted December 12, 2018 and awarded January 10, 2019. This will be for three routes. Richard “Buck” Evans made the motion to approve bus contract. The motion was seconded by Chris Boots and approved 6 – 0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 7.1 Dr. Mark Hall recommended the acceptance of three (3) non-resident students for school year 2018-19. The students are currently enrolled in the corporation and have moved, requesting to remain in the corporation. As approved by the Board in June 2018, if the non-resident student applications received at this time meet all criteria for acceptance and if space is available in the school and the grade, the student applicant will be given permission to enroll. These student applications will then be presented to the Board for approval retroactively at the next scheduled Board meeting. All applicants must be enrolled in school prior to count day. The Superintendent recommends the acceptance of non-resident students to SMCS as presented. Chris Boots made the motion to approve acceptance of Non-Resident Students. The motion was seconded by Bill Hutton and approved 6 – 0.

#### **OTHER COMMUNICATION:**

- 8.1 There was no communication from the public.
- 8.2 Superintendent Joe Buck shared with board members he is working to organize something for the Board to recognize the Band and Cheer team for their recent accomplishments during a basketball game. Discussion on dates and times were discussed, Mr. Buck will review dates and contact Board members with information.
- 8.3 Chris Boots congratulated the band at State competition. Mark Brizendine shared his appreciation on the Veterans Day Programs in the buildings, the great job and how the veterans appreciated the events.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Richard "Buck" Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04p.m. The motion was seconded by Chris Boots and approved 6 – 0.

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Amy McGinnis, President

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Bill Hutton, Vice President

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Chris Boots, Secretary

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Kaye Wolverton, Assistant Secretary

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Mark Brizendine, Member

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Richard "Buck" Evans, Member

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Joel Sandefur, Member

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Board of School Trustees of the South Madison Community School Corporation met in Executive Session immediately following the regular board meeting to discuss the purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties (I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (2)(D)).