

South Madison Community School Corporation  
Board of School Trustees' Meeting  
March 7, 2019

The Board of School Trustees' of South Madison Community School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Administrative Services Center with board members Chris Boots, Mark Brizendine, Richard "Buck" Evans, Bill Hutton, Amy McGinnis, Joel Sandefur and Kaye Wolverton present. Also in attendance were Superintendent Joe Buck, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum, Instruction and College and Career Readiness Dr. Mark Hall, Business Manager Ken McCarty and Corporation Treasurer Penny Myers. Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Laura Miller, was unavailable for the meeting. Others in attendance were Pendleton Heights High School Principal Connie Rickert, Pendleton Heights High School Assistant Principal Shaun Rose, Pendleton Heights High School Assistant Principal Michael Peo, Christian Ruggles, Connie Jones, Crystal Doll, Tom Bannon and Mark Rohlfing, with Community Hospital Anderson, and families of PHHS students Luke Albers, Jamison Bolinger, Adrianna Rust, and Gracie Criswell.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

School Board President Chris Boots 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 Chris Boots 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 Chris Boots read the Core Purpose, Core Goal and Core Values.

**COMMENTS FROM PATRONS:**

There were no comments from Patrons.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

2.1 Pendleton Heights High School Principal Connie Rickert, Shaun Rose and Michael Peo introduced and recognized outstanding individuals and students who have contributed to the success of the school program. Awards were presented to the following for outstanding citizenship:

Community/Business Partner:	Community Hospital Anderson
Above and Beyond:	Crystal Doll
Fairness:	Luke Albers
Trustworthiness:	Jamison Bolinger
Responsibility:	Derek Sikorski
Citizenship:	Megan Green
Respect:	Adrianna Rust
Caring:	Gracie Criswell

**REPORTS:**

- 3.1 Pendleton Heights High School Principal Connie Rickert presented Pendleton Heights High School's annual academic report as reflected in the school district's Students First Strategic Plan. Mrs. Rickert shared Pendleton Heights High Schools Core Goals of Success for all students, and Core Goal of at Least 90% of Students Pass Language Arts/English and Mathematics on State Assessments. Mrs. Rickert proudly announced PHHS received a Grade "A" from the Indiana Department of Education and reviewed PHHS School Grade History from 2012 through 2018, ISTEP+ for Grade 10 E/LA which showed a decline in score; however, still above state average, Math scores fell below state average, College and Career Readiness increased from 2017 to 65%, SAT Performance above state average for the seventh year in a row and above national average for the past five years, ACT Performance above state and national average for the 11<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Mrs. Rickert reported on student attendance rates are at or above the state average for the past six years and graduation rate at 94.9%, and above state average. Mrs. Rickert shared Advanced Placement at PHHS for 362 total students, Dual Credits from 2009 of 243 credits and 4 classes to currently 2,188 credits and 14 classes, reviewed 2018 Performance Benchmark Goal Summary. PHHS continues to raise their student expectations, to promote a culture of purpose and relevance, developing a curriculum that results in our students being college or career ready, increase ISTEP+ Grade 10 Math scores, transition to the Graduation Pathways and grow CTE programs and increase their relevance, provide rigorous curriculum that allows students to be college bound and vocational curriculum that allows students to earn a living, continue to offer the ASVAB, explore new ideas and projects. Mrs. Rickert also shared two PHHS students received the 2019 Lilly Scholar Awards and reviewed several other Innovative Learning courses.
- 3.2 Bill Hutton reported on the Re-Development Commission updates regarding round-about and road construction plans for Heritage Way Extension Phase II.

**MINUTES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS:**

- 4.1 Amy McGinnis made the motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees on February 21, 2019. The motion was seconded by Kaye Wolverton approved 6 – 0. Richard "Buck" Evans abstained from vote.
- 4.2 Richard "Buck" Evans made the motion to approve Accounts Payable Vouchers #2126. – 2262. The motion was seconded by Kaye Wolverton and approved 7 – 0.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

Mark Brizendine made the motion to approve Consent Items 5.1 through 5.7. The motion was seconded by Amy McGinnis and approved 7 – 0.

**RETIREMENT**  
**Certified Staff**  
Janet Miller

Spanish Teacher

Pendleton Heights High School

**Support Staff**

Bobbie Valentine  
Doug Valentine

School Bus Aide  
School Bus Driver

Administrative Services Center  
Administrative Services Center

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Certified Staff**

Jenelle Miller

Long-Term Substitute Teacher

Pendleton Elementary School - Primary

**Support Staff**

Jennifer Mollett

Part-time Home Bound Instructional Assistant

Pendleton Heights High School

**ECA Staff**

Trevor Thurman

Assistant Boys Track Coach

Pendleton Heights Middle School

**RESIGNATION**

**Support Staff**

Charlotte Cleveland  
Annie Cundy

Part-Time Custodian  
Custodian

Pendleton Heights Middle School  
Pendleton Heights Middle School

**ECA Staff**

Tylis Larkin  
Robin Hart

Assistant Boys Track Coach  
Swimming Coach

Pendleton Heights Middle School  
Pendleton Heights Middle School

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS:**

- 6.1 Ken McCarty recommended approval of contract:  
Intersect-Hidden in Plain Sight trailer, for Pendleton Elementary School - Primary  
Bill Hutton made the motion to approve contracts. The motion was seconded by Mark Brizendine and approved 7 – 0.
- 6.2 Ken McCarty requested approval to cancel outstanding checks from Pendleton Heights High School that are in excess of two (2) years.  
Joel Sandefur made the motion to approve cancellation of checks. The motion was seconded by Amy McGinnis and approved 7 – 0.
- 6.3 Ken McCarty requested permission to dispose of an oven from Pendleton Elementary School – Primary, preschool classroom. Richard “Buck” Evans made the motion to approve disposal of surplus equipment. The motion was seconded by Mark Brizendine and approved 7 – 0.

**OTHER COMMUNICATION:**

- 8.1 There was no communication from the public.
- 8.2 There was no communication from Superintendent.
- 8.3 Richard “Buck” Evans expressed appreciation to board for flowers sent for his Mother’s funeral.  
Superintendent Joe Buck shared Laura Miller was out due to surgery today, but she was texting hours after recovery and going strong.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Kaye Wolverton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. The motion was seconded by Amy McGinnis and approved 7 – 0.

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Chris Boots, President

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Richard “Buck” Evans, Vice President

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Bill Hutton, Secretary

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Kaye Wolverton, Assistant Secretary

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Mark Brizendine, Member

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Amy McGinnis, 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 of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans, and systems; and 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 (3)(2)).