

MINUTES OF PHILLIPS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Monday, January 16, 2023

- I. The Phillips Board of Education regular meeting was called to order by President Pesko at 6:00 p.m. in the PHS Performing Arts Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. Present: Baxter, Bilgrien, Denzine, Fox, Halmstad, Krog, Pesko, Rose, Van De Voort and Student Liaison Bjork
- III. Administration present: Superintendent Morgan, Principals Scholz and Wellman, and Pupil Services Director Peterson. Others: Community members. The meeting was available via Zoom for online attendance.
- IV. President Pesko stated that public notice of the meeting was properly posted according to Wisconsin Statute 19.84(4). Notice was posted at all school-owned buildings, the School District of Phillips' website, and the Price County Review.
- V. Public Participation
  - A. Brian Weisrock expressed concern over transportation safety during inclement weather.
  - B. Meredith Hueckman introduced herself to the Board as a candidate for the Spring Election.
- VI. Administrative and Committee Reports
  - A. Dave Scholz, Elementary Principal
    1. Child ID kits were completed with Grades 4 and 5.
    2. The next Family Engagement Night is Thursday for Bingo Night.
  - B. Kevin Wellman, 6-12 Principal
    1. Students of the Month at PhMS were Kaden Borgen (6), Adalyn Meives (7), Grant Janacek (8) and Students of the Quarter at PHS were Anna Belan (9), Kiana Zierer (10), Jada Cantrell (11) Kyle Soberg (12).
    2. Activities at the high school include: eSport winter season starting, the woodshop class building an ice shanty, shop class working on small engine repairs, students have started a book exchange (staff approved), FBLA will be hosting a candygram for Valentines with proceeds going to The Red Apple Center, FBLA will also be attending a Bucks game with a leadership/management tour prior to the game, the anatomy class is dissecting deer hearts, and Spanish for Adults program started today.
  - C. Kate Peterson, Pupil Services Director reported on the need to add hours for occupational therapy due to the number of initial evaluations and transfer students needing this service. An in-person contract will be presented for approval tonight.
  - D. Rick Morgan, Superintendent
    1. The State Education Convention begins Tuesday. Anyone interested in reviewing the sessions can do so at the WASB website.
    2. Discussion will begin on the plan for the 1956 portion of the old elementary school. The district is using a portion of the 1995 addition for offices.
  - E. Student Liaison Alec Bjork updated the Board on the winter sports records and achievements as well as academic and club sport activities.
  - F. The superintendent search committee met on January 2nd to review candidates. Six candidates were invited for interviews on January 10th. Final interviews will be held with the Board and community group on January 23rd.
  - G. Policy committee meeting met on January 11th and discussed the following:

- 1) Policy 830 Community Use of Buildings and Facilities was forwarded to the full Board for second reading.
  - 2) Policy 345.6 Graduation Requirements was reviewed. The committee is researching credit requirements of other regional and state schools, RVA, and DPI requirements. They will also look at timing of credits and procedures when credits are not met.
  - 3) Policy 453.4 Administering Medication to Students was forwarded to the full Board for first reading.
  - 4) Policy 425 Open Enrollment was reviewed. The committee recommendation is to not make any changes to restrict open enrollment.
  - 5) Future meeting agenda items include Series 200 and club sport status and funding.
- I. Revenue committee met on January 12th and discussed the following:
- 1) Huotari Construction is working on a quote for the greenhouse/aquaponics system.
  - 2) HSR will be working on a 3D drawing of the school forest project, not to exceed \$4,000.00. This group is looking for a community member/organization to help move the project ahead with fundraising.
  - 3) The need to research possibilities for communication opportunities
  - 4) Other items included: Fulcrum Foundation as possible revenue source, partnership possibilities with Price Electric, contacting Xcel Energy to discuss possible opportunities for greenhouse, and development of a school foundation.
- J. Facilities and transportation committee met on January 12th and discussed the following:
- 1) Maintenance update included snow removal, pool bromine valve/system work, lights/ballast repairs/replacements at PES, gym air handler maintenance, fire extinguisher maintenance and gym floor refinishing work done over break, start of summer maintenance lists with principals, and roof work for newer section of old PES.
  - 2) Transportation update included DOT inspection report, maintenance report, status of our new bus, bus quotes for 2023-24 bus purchase, possibility of late bus for Catawba/Kennan students, and snow issues with vans.
- K. Business services committee met on January 12th and discussed the following:
- 1) Update on construction project - last payment request has been received. Business manager will research how long monies can remain deposited in the American Deposit accounts.
  - 2) FEMA grant application has been submitted.
  - 3) Support staff salary schedule will be forwarded to the full Board
  - 4) CESA #12 building resolution will be forwarded to the full Board
  - 5) Reviewed current staffing vacancies - IT position, girls soccer, varsity & junior varsity baseball coaches, Cook II, Food Service Director and FACE teacher.
  - 6) Administration will provide recommendation at February meeting for structure for building and grounds director position
  - 7) Middle school baseball/softball funding from Fund 80 forwarded to the full Board.
  - 8) Superintendent search committee report was given.
  - 9) FBLA funding discussion due to increased number of student participants.
  - 10) Reviewed the monthly agenda and made amendments. Bills were reviewed.
  - 11) Other items included a followup on golf, Logger Camp maintenance issues, communication streaming options, auditorium finishing with excess funds,

occupational therapy contract, quotes for speaker systems, and request for policy to look at electoral procedures to consider at-large members.

- VII. Items for Discussion and Possible Action
- A. The staffing report was covered by the business services committee report.
  - B. Motion (Denzine/Krog) to approve second reading of Policy #830 Community Use of School Buildings/Facilities. Motion carried 9-0.
  - C. Motion (Denzine/Van De Voort) to approve the resolution to authorize CESA #12 to purchase real estate and to allocate the cost by school district enrollment only. Motion carried 9-0.
  - D. Motion (Krog/Halmstad) to approve the 2023-2024 school year calendar as presented. Motion carried 9-0.
  - E. Motion (Baxter/Krog) to approve the 2023 Educational Options document as presented. Motion carried 9-0.
  - F. Motion (Van De Voort/Halmstad) to approve no change to Policy #425 Open Enrollment - no limitation on number of applicants in regular education or special education. Motion carried 9-0.
  - G. Any Board member with input on the WASB resolutions should contact Anne Baxter. The delegate assembly voting will take place on Wednesday.
  - H. Motion (Baxter/Krog) to approve the support staff salary schedule increase effective February 1, 2023. Motion carried 9-0.
  - I. Motion (Denzine/Halmstad) to approve middle school baseball/softball program from Fund 80. Motion carried 9-0.
  - J. Motion (Van De Voort/Rose) to approve purchase of 2024 Bluebird Vision propane bus for the cost of \$126,510.00 from the 2023-2024 budget. Motion carried 9-0.
  - K. Motion (Baxter/Denzine) to approve in-person occupational therapy contract for remainder of the year. Motion carried 9-0.
- VIII. Consent Items - Motion (Krog/Denzine) to approve the following consent items. Motion carried 9-0.
- A. Minutes from December 19, 2022 and January 10, 2023 Board meetings
  - B. Personnel report
    - 1. Hiring of Evan Evenson, Becky Steinbach, and Emily Knipp as PHS Student Government advisors; Poetic Zimmerman as PES paraprofessional, and transfer of Amanda Obadol from PES to PhMS paraprofessional.
    - 2. Accepted resignation from Megan Schluter, PhMS paraprofessional (4 months).
    - 3. Approve bills from December 2022 (#350938-351070 and wires) for a total of \$579,240.90.
- X. The next regular board meeting is on February 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Phillips High School Performing Arts Center.
- XI. Motion (Baxter/Krog) to adjourn. Motion carried 9-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Baxter, Clerk  
Board of Education

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