

September 21, 2015

The West Perry School District Board of School Directors met on Monday, September 21, 2015, in the District Office Board Room. An Executive session was held at 7:00 PM prior to the regular meeting. President Charles Thiemann called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting opened with board members and audience members standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Board members response to roll call:

Mr. Boose - here  
Mrs. Dell - here  
Mrs. Egolf - here  
Mrs. Fry - here  
Mr. Kent - absent  
Mr. Kling - here  
Mr. Rice - here  
Mrs. Rice - here  
Mr. Thiemann - here

**Members Present: 8**

**Members Absent: 1 (Kent)**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Others present at the meeting were: Dr. O'Brien, Stevie Davis, Dr. Snyder, Chris Rahn, Karen Sheaffer, Kathleen Kassirer, Kristi Wickard.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

*West Perry Education Association*

No one present

*West Perry Education Support  
Professional Association*

No one present

*Other*

None

Mr. Thiemann noted this meeting was scheduled in hopes of filling vacant positions within the district; however, there is only one item on the agenda tonight for formal approval. There are important discussion items that will be addressed at tonight's meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

*Well & Treatment facilities*

Dr. O'Brien reported the district did not complete certain water monitoring tests during the 2013-2014 school year. There will be a notice posted on the district website for public knowledge.

*Curriculum*

Dr. O'Brien noted the district is pushing to realign the curriculum Pre-K-12. The administration continues to work on this process daily.

Dr. Snyder gave a brief update on the implementation of the new Easy Tech technology curriculum in grades K-5. Kindergarten and First Grade teachers met to update their standards-based report cards. The report cards look the same, but the content reflects common core standards.

*Supervision of Staff*

Dr. O'Brien gave an overview of pedagogy, presented the instructional strategies, and aligned curriculum and assessment.

Dr. O'Brien asked the Board to think about investing in a program called Board Docs for monthly Board information. This system can also be used to reference other school district's information that use Board Docs (policies, documents, etc).

Mrs. Rice noted the CAIU uses a system called Agenda Manager. Mrs. Rice and Mr. Thiemann noted it would be worth looking into both systems (Board Docs and Agenda Manager) and have further discussion about the pros and cons at a committee meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

### *Personnel*

1. Mrs. Rice moved, seconded by Mr. Boose, to approve Marissa Dietrich, West Perry High School, French Teacher, resignation effective no later than November 16, 2015.

All members present voted in the affirmative. **Motion carried. 8 Yes 0 No**

## EDUCATION

### *Federal Programs update*

1. Dr. Snyder reported she is working on closing out Title I, Title II and KtO. The district has not received approval for the 2015-2016 KtO grant due to the state budget not being approved yet. The district's Title II is being audited starting September 22, 2015.

### *Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Update – Dr. Snyder Technology*

VOIP phones have been set up. The lines were pulled into our PRI on Tuesday afternoon. Staff was notified via e-mail. We are hoping to be completed with the switchover by the end of next week.

Seimans was in to update server and clients. Dr. Snyder will be meeting with Rowen from Seimans to discuss security camera needs, and to investigate the relative benefit to a service agreement.

Completed projector installation in all phase I classrooms. Alerted principals to potential problems associated with leaving projectors on all day.

Updated the Board on the number of school buses that have been completed this year (August – September 2015) compared to the number completed last year (August – September 2014).

Implementing a new PATHS social/emotional learning curriculum for grades K-1<sup>st</sup>. This is a research based program from Penn State. Teachers and counselors attended a professional development training on the program prior to school starting.

### *Pre-K*

The new Pre-K classroom at Carroll opened on September 8<sup>th</sup>. There are 17 students enrolled, and six on a waiting list. Dr. Snyder thanked Mr. Kelley for coordinating the transportation schedules. Each Pre-K student has been partnered with a fifth grade "bus buddy".

## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Kling moved, seconded by Mrs. Rice, to adjourn the meeting and move into Executive session for personnel matters.

All members present voted in the affirmative. **Motion carried. 8 Yes 0 No**  
Meeting adjourned at 9:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stevie J. Davis  
Board Secretary

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