

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Plymouth-Shiloh Local Board of Education - Regular Meeting

4:00PM

November 16,

2020

in the Cafeteria of the High School/Middle School

Roll Call: Doug Hamman – present
John Hart - present
Kevin Echelberry – present
Angela Hall – present
Deb Noble - present

BOARD’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Communications/Visitors** Scott Gilbert from Schmidt Security Pro showed the board a video and discussed the 3M vinyl window protection they offer. Marla Reynolds addressed the board regarding PEA concerns of the rising COVID-19 cases and the wish to go to remote learning from Thanksgiving to Christmas break. Mrs. Reynolds referenced a survey sent to union members and the responses from the survey. Mr. Turson stated the district would continue to monitor the cases and absences of students and staff, and make a decision on the instruction delivery method that could be on a building by building basis. Mr. Turson wanted to change the remote plan language to read the district may go remote on Purple rather than automatically going to remote on purple. Mrs. Reynolds stated that the PEA would not support that change. Mr. Turson reiterated that the district is trying to do what is best for everyone, and that the best thing for our kids, and what our parents want, is for our kids to be receiving in-person instruction. Bonnie Stine acknowledged that being in-person is what is best for kids, but is not necessarily the safest for staff, currently. Mr. Turson reiterated he is asking the staff to do the best they can, and he believes everyone is doing an amazing job with the hand we have been dealt this year. Mrs. Reynolds brought up concern with a lack of communication from the Treasurer’s office regarding the insurance opt-out. Mr. Bazley stated American Fidelity was instructed to direct employees to the Treasurer’s office for all paperwork, including the opt-out form, since appointments moved to virtual this year. He stated he had employees reach out to him to get the form after their American Fidelity meetings. Mr. Morabito and Mr. Neal discussed the current grading scale and how it compares to a weighted grading scale. Mr. Neal explained that students are not at a disadvantage with our current grading scale as there are ways to compare the grading scale the district uses to a weighted grading scale.
2. **Board Resolution** Deb Noble moved, seconded by Angela Hall, to approve Board Resolution #4-2020 to endorse the Fair School Funding Plan, Senate Bill 376 and House Bill 305.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Turson, Kevin Echelberry moved, seconded by John Hart, to approve the following actions for the 2020-2021 school year:

Classified Resignation

Approve the resignation for purpose of retirement for Samuel Sponseller, effective December 31, 2020

Classified Substitutes

Approve Julia Bly to the classified substitute list as Aide and Cafeteria worker

Approve Mariah Carder to the classified substitute list as Secretary

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Supplementals

Approve the resignation of Matthew McKenzie as MS Boys Basketball Coach effective November 4, 2020

Approve Doug Thomas as MS Boys Basketball Coach 0 years of experience

Employment

Approve Susan Beckner for up to an additional four (4) hours per week at \$22/hour for work outside of the contracted school day with remote learning kindergarten students

Approve Cory Branham to drive the Heartland route on a timecard basis

Vote: Yeas; Echelberry, Hart, Hamman, Hall, Noble. Nays; None. Motion carried.

2. **Other** Mr. Turson recognized Sam Sponseller as he is retiring after thirty three years of service to the district. Mr. Turson thanked Mr. Sponseller for his service to the district and its students, and stated he will be missed.

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Upon the recommendation of Treasurer, Gavyn Bazley, Angela Hall moved, seconded by Kevin Echelberry, to approve the following:

Minutes & Financial Information:

Approve the Minutes of the October 19, 2020 regular meeting

Approve the Monthly Expenditures, Financial Reports. Total Expenditures for the Month of October were \$845,534.75

Budgetary

Approve the five-year financial forecast that will be sent to the State Department in accordance with H.B. 412

Approve the Sub-grant Agreement with the Richland County Board of Commissioners for Mobile Hot Spots in the amount of \$9,472.50

Approve estimated resources and appropriations as presented.

Donations

Approve the donation from the Plymouth-Shiloh Athletic Boosters of \$1,170.00 for the Football Playoff Game Livestream and Girls Basketball travel suits

Approve the donation from the Plymouth-Shiloh FFA Alumni of \$10,000 to the FFA

Mr. Bazley presented the five-year forecast to the board members. Mr. Bazley stated the district will maintain a carryover balance for the life of the forecast, but needs to consider spending decisions as they have started to deficit spend, and that is a trend that is expected to continue and increase. Mr. Bazley focused on the funding from the state as that is their biggest revenue source. Mr. Bazley stated he has forecasted state revenue to revert back to FY19 levels and be frozen. There is a lot of uncertainty as to what will happen with state funding due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If it would revert back to current law the district would see a loss in state funding due to loss of enrollment. Mr. Bazley stated if

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the Fair School Funding Plan would become law it would positively impact the revenue of the forecast, but the district would still have to be mindful of their spending.

Vote: Yeas; Hall, Echelberry, Hamman, Hart, Noble. Nays; None. Motion carried.

2. **Other** Mr. Bazley discussed the Fair School Funding Plan simulations. Mr. Bazley explained this plan is the first real viable fix to the State's school funding issue. He stated the Fair School Funding Plan is a transparent and defensible funding formula to provide equitable funding to school districts in Ohio. Mr. Bazley stated this funding plan could provide up to \$1.7 million additional state funding to Plymouth-Shiloh once fully phased in after the six year phase in period. Mr. Bazley noted that these simulations were based on current enrollment data, and if passed the increase in funding would likely be lower than what these simulations show.

3. **Adjournment** John Hart moved, seconded by Angela Hall, to adjourn the regular meeting.

Vote: Yeas; Hart, Hall, Hamman, Echelberry, Noble. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Gavyn Bazley, Treasurer

Doug Hamman, President