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PULASKI ACADEMY AND CENTRAL SCHOOL
TOWNS OF RICHLAND, SANDY CREEK AND ALBION

Date:	February 15, 2017	Kind of Meeting:	Regular
Where Held:	High School Library	Presiding Officer:	Joel Southwell
Board Members Present:	Joel Southwell Tom Tighe Joe McGrath Todd Masuicca Jan Hefti	Absent:	Bill Wood Darcy McCarty

Others Present:

Brian Hartwell, Pam McCrobie, Kristen Foland, Sheilla Roth, Paula Brillo, Michael Bateson, Sue Lohret, Carol Finnerty, Jady Hardy, Meg Woods, Trista VanDuzer, Vanessa Phillips, Sarah Starbird, Ted Williams, Aby Ward, Allie Hamilton, Brandon Philips, Brittany VanDuzer, Machell Jones, Jeffrey Lavezzo, Ashley Hurd, Andrew Olson

1. President calls the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reports and Comments
 - a) Public Comments
 - b) District News

Academic Center – Ashley Hurd presented the Board with a copy of the January newsletter for the Academic Center. This newsletter highlighted the Regents preparation that was done for the students there. The January Regents proved to be very successful for students at the Academic Center, with several students passing the Regents that they took. Ashley also described the process for communicating with parents as far as grade reports and attendance for the students attending the center. Two testimonials were read by Ashley from students that attended the Academic Center. Both students described unique and positive experiences.

Lura M. Sharp – Sue Lohret told the Board about the following events at LMS in February:

- The Royal Ball – February 14th - this is for Kindergarten students as part of their curriculum, a culminating event for fairy talks and kingdoms.
- Family Fun Night – February 16th – Mrs. Maureen Lyng coordinator and committee planned this event themed “t Takes a Village”.
- Teacher teams and AIS support met on February 8th and 9th for “data days” to review mid-year data and adjust interventions.
- Merry Go Round Playhouse presented Golden Goose for first graders.
- Aristocats – school play rehearsal has been well underway leading to the performance in March.
- Stock Market Game – Mr. Trowbridge facilitates this for 5th grade students.

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- LMS Citizenship award for self-discipline and empowerment will be awarded at the end of the month.

Middle School – Paul Brillo had the following items for the Board for the Middle School.

- Enrichment opportunities for students – Jewelry Making with Ms. Facticeau and upcoming opportunities include Book Club with Mrs. Truax and Mrs. Ritter and Expressive Art Therapy with Ms. Cacchione.
- Screenagers – Wednesday, March 8th from 7-9:00 PM. It is about growing up in the Digital Age.
- Youth Career Summit – Wednesday, March 15th, for 8th grade students. This event allows students to learn about potential future career options through demonstrations and hands on workshops.
- 8th Grade Parent Night- January 11th. Ms. Cacchione discussed the transition to High School.
- Spirit Week – January 17th – January 20th.

High School – Mike Bateson reported on recent events at the High School.

- Band and Chorus concert – was held on December 12th. A tribute to the troops was part of the program which included honoring Mr. Jennings uncle.
- All County Band – was held on January 13th.
- Selfless Acts – the girls' basketball team honored Blake Hutchinson over the holidays. Money was raised and supplies were collected to help those less fortunate by Carolyn Blount and the Ruddy Well Band.
- Regents Week – January 24th through 27th. Regents went smoothly. This year school was kept open all week.
- Faculty Meetings – strategies for working with students in poverty was presented by Barb Rechio from CiTi BOCES.
- Regional Scholastic Art Competition- 8 students won awards in this competition which has students from 13 surrounding counties.
- CiTi BOCES Top Performers – several students were recognized as being in the top 3 for their program during the first semester of the 2016-2017 school year.
- Culture of Good Recognition for Teachers – Thank you to Verizon Wireless and Pulaski store manager, Mr. Andrew Backus for recognizing our educators in Pulaski. Gift baskets were presented to 10 teachers.
- NHS Blood Drive – This event will be held on February 27th.
- Cinderella – upcoming student production will be held on March 3rd and 4th.
- Donation – Mr. Tom Pullen organized to have Deatons' Hardware Store donate \$701.00 work of finishes to the Pulaski Technology program.
- Sports – Both boys' and girls' basketball teams made Section 3 tournament play. Wrestler Jacob Friot competed at Sectionals and placed 5th overall.

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- c) CITI News – Ted Williams reported.
- d) Capital Project Update – Nate VanWie reported and gave an update on the Capital Project.

4. Minutes

- a) December 13, 2016 – Regular Meeting

Moved by Mr. Masuicca, seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the Minutes as presented.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

5. Action Items

- a) Field Trip Permission – Drama Club to New York City

Moved by Mr. Hefti, seconded by Mr. Tighe to approve the Field Trip as presented.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

- b) Records Disposal

Moved by Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Masuicca to approve the Records Disposal as presented.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

7. Personnel Items

- a) Employee Resignations

Moved by Mr. Tighe, seconded by Mr. Hefti to approve the Employee Resignation of Jessica Slight as Teaching Assistant, effective February 16, 2017, as presented.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Moved by Mr. Masuicca, seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the Employee Resignation of Edward Gray as Teaching Assistant, effective February 17, 2017, as presented.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Moved by Mr. Tighe, seconded by Mr. Hefti to approve the Employee Resignation of Sheilla Roth as Business Manager, effective March 8, 2017, as presented.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

- b) Instructional Appointments

Moved by Mr. Masuicca, seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the Instructional Appointments as presented:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Position:</u>	<u>Effective Date:</u>
Amber Foster	Teaching Assistant	12/20/2016
Andrew Morabito	English 8	1/30/17 through No later than 6/23/2017

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

- c) Non-Instructional Appointments

Moved by Mr. Tighe, seconded by Mr. Hefti to approve the Non-Instructional Appointments as presented:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Position:</u>	<u>Effective Date:</u>
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Chris Aires	Computer Services Asst. – 11 month	3/1/2017
Melissa Groff	Bus Driver	2/16/2017
Hanna Greulich	Lifeguard	2/16/2017
James Potts	Lifeguard	2/16/2017

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

d) Substitute Appointments

Moved by Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Masuicca to approve the Substitute Appointments as presented:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>	<u>Effective Date:</u>
Robert Lyng	Teacher	2/16/2017
Ed Gray	Teacher	
	Teaching Assistant	2/16/2017
Alicia DeVaul	Bus Monitor	
	Food Service	2/16/2017
Ina Ridgeway	Food Service	2/16/2017
Racheal Wood	Food Service	2/16/2017
Robert Teifke	Teacher	
	Teacher Assistant	2/16/17

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

e) CSEA Permanent Appointments

Moved by Mr. Hefti, seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the CSEA Permanent Appointments as presented.

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Position:</u>
Renee Garvin	Typist
Gina Trani	Cleaner
Alyson Tighe	School Nurse

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion: Carried (Mr. Tighe Abstained)

8. **Special Education Items**

- a) CSE Recommendations – January and February
- b) CPSE Recommendations - January and February

Moved by Mr. Masuicca, seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the Special Education Items as presented.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

9. **Financial Items**

- a) Warrant Report – December and January
- b) Treasurer’s Report - December and January
- c) Extracurricular Treasurer’s Report - December and January
- d) Appropriation Report (Budget to Actual) - December and January
- e) Quarterly Reports

Moved by Mr. Tighe, seconded by Mr. Hefti to approve the Financial Items as presented.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

- f) Donations

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Moved by Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Masuicca to approve the Donations as presented.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried

10. Discussion Items

a) First Round Budget Presentation

Dr. Hartwell presented a Power Point to the Board of Education, focusing on the 2017-2018 Initial Budget Parameters and Considerations for the Pulaski Academy & Central School District. Dr. Hartwell reviewed past state operating funds areas and the percentage of change over the prior year. A look ahead at the upcoming State Budget, and the foundation aid history was discussed, and a list of the challenges that should be considered while planning for the 2017-2018 budget was reviewed.

11. Superintendent's Report

a) School House to White House 2018

Dr. Hartwell said that the Marching Band will, once again, be participating in the 4th of July Parade in Washington, DC. This trip is being planned for July 2018. Dr. Hartwell wanted the Board to start thinking about a donation for this worthwhile trip so that the group can start to fundraise for the balance of the expenses.

11. Adjourn

Moved by Mr. Masuicca, seconded by Mr. McGrath to adjourn the February 15, 2017 Board of Education Meeting at 7:46 PM.

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion: Carried