

**Platteville Monthly School Board Meeting**  
**Monday, November 14, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**OE Gray Professional Learning Center - IMC**

President Miesen called the school board meeting to order on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the OE Gray Professional Learning Center-IMC.

Board members in attendance were Brian Miesen, Heather Connolly, Colleen McCabe, Nancy Bongers, Abulkhair Masoom, Steve Obershaw, Arlene Siss and Josh Grabandt (arrived at 7:03 p.m.). Eric Fatzinger was absent. Also in attendance was Superintendent Connie Valenza.

Superintendent Valenza noted that the meeting had been properly noticed.

**Recognitions**

Arlene Siss commended the 4<sup>th</sup> graders that gave tours at the Stone Cottage on Saturday, November 5, 2016. They all did a fantastic job! Superintendent Valenza noted that this week is National American Public Education Week. Hats off to all of the outstanding educators. Superintendent Valenza congratulated the PHS Math Team for their first place finish out of 59 teams at the UW Math Contest. Also congratulations to Emma Li for being an individual winner at the contest!

Superintendent Valenza had the pleasure to attend each of our school's Veteran's Day assemblies that honored our veteran's. Everyone did an amazing job.

Principal Engh congratulated Liz Peters and the girls swim team on their recent season. The high school held a State send-off for freshman swimmer Maddy Albert-Nelson – who competed at state and finished in 13<sup>th</sup> place!

Liz Peters and the Key Club members were out raking leaves for community members this past week.

Principal Engh also thanked the outstanding speakers at the PHS Veteran's Day assembly. Very proud of the PHS students and staff for all their work.

**Opportunity for Public Input**

No one registered to address the board.

**Consent Agenda**

Nancy Bongers made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Josh Grabandt seconded the motion. Motion carried. 8-0 vote.

**The Following Action Items Were Presented To The Board.**

Colleen McCabe made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Abulkhair Masoom seconded the motion. Motion carried. 8-0 vote.

Steve Obershaw made a motion to authorize the Platteville School District to borrow an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 at an annual interest rate of .95% for up to 6 months for the purposes of cash flow to cover operational expenses for the 16-17 school year. Arlene Siss seconded the motion. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 8-0.

Heather Connolly made a motion to authorize publication of the Notice of Election for the April 4, 2017 school board election. Abulkhair Masoom seconded the motion. Motion carried. 8-0 vote.

Colleen McCabe made a motion to approve revisions to Policy 361: Selection Policy for Learning Resources and Library Materials, formerly Policy IIAC for first reading. Arlene Siss seconded the motion. Motion carried. 8-0 vote.

**Information/Discussion Items (no action will be taken on these items)**

Brigid Reimann showed a video of the many different activities her Agriculture and FFA students are involved in. She also talked about the courses offered and the desire/need to expand the greenhouse.

Ed Wiegman and Chuck Smet updated the School Board on Technology and Engineering at the high school. PLTW/STEM courses were discussed as well as machining, photography and graphics. They believe that they have a very strong department and updated the board on their visions and goals for the future.

Principal Engh discussed WorkKeys and explained the 2015-16 results with the board.

Superintendent Valenza briefly discussed the upcoming annual School Board Convention in Milwaukee this coming January.

Superintendent Valenza had members of the three board committees update the full board on their recent meetings and future plans.

**Future Board Agenda Item(s):**

School District Report Cards. Due out in November.

Business Education and F/CE will present at the November 28<sup>th</sup> school board meeting.

Kris Brown informed the board about the new website that will be up and running in the near future. We're excited for the new and improved facelift and easier accessibility to our school website!

President Miesen reviewed the upcoming meeting dates.

Josh Grabandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm. Motion was seconded by Heather Connolly. Motion carried. 8-0 vote.

Recorded and Submitted  
Lynne Tanner

Verified and Approved  
Colleen McCabe, Board Clerk