

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The following represents the action taken at the December 21, 2020 virtual meeting of the Board of Education:

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

President Frazier called the Truth in Taxation Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. The floor was opened to receive public comments regarding Truth in Taxation. No one submitted a request to address the Board regarding this matter. The hearing was closed at 6:45 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

President Frazier called the regular Board Meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

PROVIDE AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

A parent addressed the Board of Education on the topic of remote learning.

SUCCESS STORY: THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS

Approximately 5 years ago a Starke parent who was a Pekin firefighter at Station 2 explained that his station had decided to help families in need during the holiday season, rather than exchange gifts with one another.

Since that time Starke School staff has provided input regarding families who could best benefit from the generosity of our local firefighters. Mr. Green contacts the parents of the family that will be the current year's recipient asking if they could use some holiday support, and each year this phone call is met with gratitude and surprise!

After gathering information about family members such as clothing sizes and the interests of the children, the firefighters' significant others shop and wrap for the family, always making certain to include all children in the family as well as the parents.

While the fire station is covered by another fire crew, Station 2 firefighters deliver gifts to the family, not on sleighs or in cars, but via fire engines! The children are awestruck and are even allowed to sit in the fire engine with sirens blaring and lights flashing! Both the family and the firefighters take great joy in this visit from Santa's special helpers!

A special thank you to Pekin Fire Department Station 2 firefighters and their significant others who create a special Christmas for one lucky family each year!

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS & WARRANTS FOR NOVEMBER 2020

The Board of Education approved the Treasurer's Report and Warrants for November 2020 in the amount of \$3,294,826.10 of which \$1,871,779.71 was payroll.

REPORTS

- 2020 Proposed Levy
(Mrs. Caty Campbell, Interim Business Manager)
- Facilities Committee Update
(Mrs. Caty Campbell, Interim Business Manager/Mr. Scott Lamberson, District Facilities Manager)

APPROVE MINUTES

The Board of Education approved the Minutes from the November 16, 2020 Board of Education meeting.

ACCEPT GIFTS

The Board of Education accepted the following gifts on behalf of Altman Primary School.

- A monetary gift in the amount of \$800.00 from a group of community members who wish to remain anonymous. This gift will be used to support Altman families in need this holiday season.

SENIORITY LISTS

The Board of Education approved the 2020-2021 Certified Staff Tenured Seniority List, the Certified Staff Non-Tenured Seniority List, and the Support Staff Seniority List as presented by Director of Human Resources Joe Franklin.

PERSONNEL

Separate

- Accept the resignation of Michael Horn, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective November 24, 2020.
- Accept the resignation of Jennifer Linehan, Literacy Leader, for retirement purposes, utilizing the district's early retirement incentive, effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Donna Miller, Teacher, effective December 8, 2020.

Approve

- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Becky Martin, 5.75 Hour Learning Center Paraprofessional, effective December 21, 2020.
- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for paternity purposes for Cody Sheldon, Band Teacher, effective May 17, 2021 through May 28, 2021 for a total of 10 days, using 10 paid sick leave days.
- Approve Jacob Dean, Madeline Friend, Alexandra Geary, Michelle Havens, Jace Link, Lauren Marrett, Amanda Mathisen, Anderson Murfin, Kim Roberts, and Lauren Spanos as Substitute Teachers for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Approve Mackenzie Bennett as a Substitute Paraprofessional for the 2020-2021 school year.

ADOPT RESOLUTION 21:896 ESTABLISHING THE 2020 TAX LEVY

The Board of Education adopted Resolution 21:896 establishing the 2020 tax levy.

AUTHORIZE PREPARATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF DUMP TRUCK

The Board of Education authorized the preparation of specifications and solicitation of bids for the replacement of a one ton dump truck.

OTHER BUSINESS UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board of Education Updates December 21, 2020

Dismiss for Winter Break

The District will dismiss for Winter Break at the end of the school day on Tuesday, December 22 and resume on Wednesday, January 6 for a full day institute with students returning on Thursday, January 7.

Tentative January Reports

- Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report
- Other TBD

Tentative January Action Items

- TBD

Board of Education Announcements December 21, 2020

December 21 (Monday)	Board of Education Meeting-6:45 p.m. (Virtual)
December 22 (Tuesday)	Dismiss for Winter Break (End of Day)
January 6 (Wednesday)	Full Day Teachers' Institute
January 7 (Thursday)	Classes Resume
January 15 (Friday)	SIP Day Early Dismissal
January 18 (Monday)	Martin Luther King Day-No School
January 29 (Friday)	SIP Day Early Dismissal