

PEARL CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting and Regular Meeting
June 16, 2021

President Bremmer called the Special Board Meeting to order @ 6:20pm

President Bremmer asked for any public comment on the amended 2020-2021 School Budget. There were no comments from the community. Dr. Schiffman gave a brief discussion amended budget.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.

President Bremmer called the Regular Meeting to order @ 6:30PM.

After Roll Call the Board approved the June 16, 2021 agenda. Dr. Schiffman had one additional to the agenda. Informational item on a recent FOIA

The Board recognized guests and public comments were allowed. Mrs. Lisa Allseits had several questions for the School Board

During the May 19, 2021 Pearl City School District (#200) School Board Meeting, Dr Schiffman reported that during the 2020-2021 school year, the school had lost \$25,000.00 on school lunches because when school was "back in session", there were less students eating there than was thought. (Please see also the on-line May 19th Board Packet, on or about page 20, where it is listed that there is a -\$25,000.00 for School Lunches entry). It is believed that School Lunches in the State of Illinois is funded by local tax dollars and/or Illinois State tax dollars as well as Federal tax funds.

Since this is taxpayer money lost, what happened exactly to make this egregious error occur? Was this food purchased and then not sold? What was done with it when it was not sold? Was alternative outreach to students made? Was any of it donated to local/area Stephenson County food banks? Or were these monies wasted entirely on food not eaten and then tossed?

Also shared at the May 19, 2021 school board meeting is that the Pearl City School District (#200) will likely participate in the continuation of a federally subsidized free breakfast and lunch program for all students that will be paid for with taxpayer money.

The question is, what is going to be done by the Pearl City School Board and by the Pearl City School Administration to make certain that this gross amount of tax money is not again lost due to error? What discussions have the Pearl City School Board had, with whom and what is the plan being put into place so money is not lost again? What is the backup plan should the plan in place not be viable? Please remember, that you are responsible for and are using local tax dollars that many of our district residents cannot afford to have "lost in error".

As a tax paying district member, I would like the Pearl City School Board and the Pearl City School District (#200) Administration to be fully transparent with what happened to the \$25,000 in taxpayer money both to the local taxpayers as well as to state and federal ones.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes from the May 19, 2021 regular board meeting and bills and payroll through June 11, 2021 for \$576,354.31. The School Board also approved the following teachers to take courses: Mrs. Rauch, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Kempel, Mrs. Bunker, Mrs. Merbeth, Mrs. Lawler. The School Board also approved Dr. Schiffman to roll over nine (9) unused vacation days to the 2021-2022 School year.

Communications:

1. FOIA

1. *Please provide copies of the curriculum materials and corresponding revisions to them referenced in the May 19, 2021 Agenda as a potential action item that was voted on and approved by the Pearl City School Board. These materials should include, but not be limited to, changes to the band, choir, RTI and foreign language curriculum materials.*
2. *Please provide all public records about and/or related to the food service plan and related expenditures that resulted in a \$25,000 loss to the Pearl City School District for the 2020-21 school year. These public records should include but not be limited to the food service plan, any memorandums, emails and/or correspondence regarding the plan, extra food and what to do/was done with it, responsibility for the monetary loss from the food plan and how to prevent this situation from happening again.*
3. *Please provide copies of the curriculum content, course requirements and scope and sequence for the following Pearl City High School courses for the 2018-19, 2019-20 and 20-21 school years:*
 - a. *Algebra 1*
 - b. *Algebra 2*
 - c. *Geometry*
 - d. *U.S. Survey*
 - e. *World History*
 - f. *Government*
 - g. *Civics*
 - h. *Health*
 - i. *Tech 21*
 - j. *Consumer Ed.*
 - k. *Keyboarding*
 - l. *Computer Concepts*
 - m. *Music*
 - n. *Art*
 - o. *Foreign Language*
 - p. *Vocational Education*

New Business:

1. The School Board discussed the return to school plan for the Fall of 2021-2022. The tentative plan will also be posted on the website.
2. The School Board approved Dr. Schiffman to review, accept, and sign-off on the financial statements for the district.
3. The School Board approved Mr. Mike Smith as Treasurer and the Treasurers Bond for 2021-2022.
4. A resolution to amend the 2020-2021 school budget was approved.
5. The School Board approved the resolution to transfer interest earned from the bond and interest fund and the working cash fund to the education fund.
6. The PublicWorks agreement was approved by the School board for three years.

7. The School Board approved the Liability Insurance and Workers Comp Insurance for the 2021-2022 school year. There was an increase to the premiums.
8. The Dual Credit Program between HCC and Pearl City School District was approved for the 2021-2022 school year.
9. Sarah Moore was nominated by the Pearl City School Board as the NIA District Administrator and Dennis Daly as the NIA School Board Member for the NIA organization.
10. The School Board approved the resignation of Hannah Rasmussen as JH/HS Math teacher
11. The School Board approved Kristi Fransen as the new JH/HS Math teacher.
11. The School Board approved the resignation effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year for Mrs. Barb Visel, elementary teacher.
12. Dillon Eich was approved as a JH Football Coach and Zachary Hook was approved for the High School Football 2021-2022 season.
13. Heather Tessoroff was approved as JH Track Coach for the 2021-2022 season.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm