

Mission: To develop knowledgeable, skilled, and productive citizens of character.

PERRY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL & REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
HIGH SCHOOL BRADY LIBRARY  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012– 6:30 P.M.

ANNUAL MEETING

- I. Call to Order – Roll Call
- II. \*Elect President and Other Officers
- III. Administer Oath to Officers
- IV. \*Select Time and Location for Regular Board Meetings  
*Board meetings have typically been on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Brady Library.*
- V. \*Board Committee Selections  
*Present members are:*
  - Joint School/City Committee: Jim Lutmer, Darek VanKirk & Lynn Ubben*
  - Negotiations Committee: Kathy Powell, Kent Bultman, Shaun Kruger, Darek VanKirk & Lynn Ubben*
  - Health Insurance Committee: Dan Wilbelmi, Kent Bultman & Lynn Ubben*
  - Audit Committee: Kenia Alarcon, Dan Wilbelmi, Kent Bultman, Dwayne Hochhalter & Lynn Ubben*
- VI. \*Appoint IASB Delegate Assembly Representative/Legislative Representative  
*Kathy Powell has served as our Delegate for the Delegate Assembly and she also served as our Legislative Representative.*  
***Recommend the Board appoint a Delegate to the Delegate Assembly, who will also serve as our Legislative Representative.***
- VII. \*Appoint Dallas County Conference Board Representative  
*Dan Wilbelmi has served as our Dallas County Conference Board Representative this past year.*
- VIII. \*Adjournment

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- I. Call to Order – Roll Call
- II. Mission Statement
- III. Recognition of Visitors
- IV. \*Consent Agenda
  - A. Approval of Agenda
  - B. Approval of Minutes – Aug.13, 2012
  - C. Payment of Bills
  - D. Financial Reports

Revenue Comparison

<i>August 2011</i>	<i>\$77,716</i>
<i>August 2012</i>	<i>\$163,175</i>

Expense Comparison

<i>August 2011</i>	<i>\$514,728</i>
<i>August 2012</i>	<i>\$519,105</i>

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Local Option Sales Tax Receipts

September 2010	\$61,174
September 2011	\$60,506
September 2012	\$58,817

Received from City Sales Tax

September 2010	\$46,641
September 2011	\$26,979
September 2012	\$31,315

V. Reports

A. Superintendent

*Mrs. Ubben will give a facilities update and also discuss reconciliation to the State Department of Revenue's recent release of FY 2012-2013 sales tax distribution.*

B. Director of Teaching and Learning Update

*Elyse Brimeyer, Director of Teaching & Learning, will share district professional development activities and Annual Improvement Goals.*

C. Other

VI. General Business

A. \*Approve Annual Improvement Goals

***Recommend approving Annual Improvement Goals per CADRE (School Improvement Advisory Council) recommendation.***

B. \*Approve Transportation Hiring

*Troy Griffith, Transportation Director, will discuss present procedures/ needs and the feasibility of hiring a mechanic.*  
***Recommend hiring a mechanic for Perry Community School transportation department.***

C. \* Approve Vendor for Fruit & Vegetable Grant

***Recommend approving Hy-Vee as supplier for cut fresh fruit and vegetables per Fruit & Veggie Grant.***

D. \*Approve Revisions of Board Policies 502.1-502.10

*Policies 502.1 through 502.10 are important policies (Freedom of Expression, Weapons, Search & Seizure, etc.), and although there are no changes, these should be read thoroughly before the meeting. Director Wilhelmi will review.*  
***Recommend approving review of Policies 502.1-502.10 as presented.***

E. \*Personnel – Resignations, Hires/Transfers, Lane Modifications

*(See attached)*

***Recommend approving resignations, hires, transfers and land modifications as presented.***

F. \*Late Items

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***Top Four Things the Public Should Know about School Finance in Iowa***

- *The total amount of money a district has to spend is primarily driven by the number of children a district has. We can't just raise as much (or as little) as we want locally.*
- *The tax rate of a district is largely driven by formula and only a small portion is impacted by the school board.*
- *Certain funds have to be spent on certain things. This explains why a district might have the funds to pave a parking lot, even though they don't have money to pay teachers.*
- *Most of our expenses are staff: approximately 80 percent of a district's General Fund is made up of staff and benefits.*

***Funding Sources have Restrictions on Their Uses (Dillon's rule)***

- *One of the most difficult and confusing elements of school funding is how Iowa law restricts the ways K-12 public schools can use various funding sources. Simply put, if we have a shortage in one area of the budget we cannot use other funds available to the district to offset such a shortage unless specifically allowed by law.*
- *According to the Iowa School Foundation Formula, the largest funding source for schools comes from state and local property taxes.*
- *Revenues received under the formula are part of a school district's General Fund, which covers most of our expenditures for faculty and staff salaries.*
- *We also have dedicated funding streams for facilities, like the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy that can only be spent on buildings, grounds and certain equipment. People often refer to the General Fund side of the budget as the "breathing" part of the budget, while the other side is often referred to as the "bricks and mortar" side.*
- *Depending on each district's economic and demographic situation, some have issues with the staff side of the budget while others have more pressures on facilities. However, due to the organization of revenues, excess money from the general fund cannot be used to solve shortages on the facilities side or vice versa.*

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