The Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of Pike Township met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administrative Services Center. Present at the meeting were: Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Huffine, Mr. Downs, Mr. Abrams, Mrs. Ford, Mr. Metzler, Mrs. Randolph, members; Dr. Flora J. Reichanadter, Superintendent of Schools.

Mrs. Gina Weaver, a Pike parent, shared with the Board some concerns she had regarding school safety. She informed the Board of a conversation she had with her son. She asked him, “What would you do if someone came into your school who was harmful?” Her son replied, “I don’t know.” She asked the administrators and Board of Education, “What are we doing to protect our kids in the schools?” Mrs. Weaver would like to participate in future discussions and planning regarding this topic.

Ms. Sarah Dorsey, Communications Officer, presented the following district update to the Board:

- We had a wonderful last day at our traditional calendar schools today, and as we’ve been out at schools this week, it has been amazing to see the incredible learning experiences our educators are providing as well as the culture of joy our schools are cultivating.
- Next week, several members of our Girls Track team will be competing at the State Finals at IU. We are hopeful that we’ll be sharing similar news regarding the members of our Boys Track Team that are competing at Regionals as we speak, soon.

*Our Pike High School Baseball Team is having an historic season!* 

- Pike Red Devils are 2018 MIC Champions
- They have won 20 games this season, which is the most regular season wins of any Red Devil baseball team dating back as far as the record book goes.
- They are 1 of only 7 (4A) schools in Indiana with 20 wins and 1 of 2 schools in Marion County with 20 wins in the year.
- Our team set a single season school record for home runs (27) and stolen bases (127).
- The Red Devils have 4 All State nominees & 2 South All Star nominees
- Last, but not least, they will be facing a tough Roncalli team at Ben Davis High School, Saturday May 26th at 2 p.m. and would love to have members of their #PikeFamily there to cheer them on.

Mrs. Kim Nickleson, Assistant Principal at New Augusta Public Academy North, informed the Board that on Tuesday, May 22nd the 5th grade scholars participated in the Annual Academic Super Bowl. The competition consisted of three intense rounds in which scholars answered an array of questions, leading to a final round. The 2018 Super Bowl winners are as follows: in third place with 1600 points, Eastbrook Elementary School, second place with 2000 points, Fishback Creek Public Academy, and our number one team this year was Eagle Creek Elementary School, coached by David Butz. The following Eagle Creek Elementary students participated in the competition, Ian Cothran, Scot Dunlevy, Feryal Haider, Kailey Jackson, and Edgar Vazquez. Feryal Haider received the recognition on behalf of her classmates.

Mr. Joe Lampert, Director of Human Resources, and Mrs. Pat Burton, Director of Student & Community Services, recognized the following retirees:

- Bette Brown
- Debra Jacobs
- Mary Mauser
- Debra McClellan
- Elizabeth McCormack
- Jennifer Osbourne
- Suzanne Peters
Ms. Nikki Henson, Principal at New Augusta Public Academy South, presented the Superintendent’s Above & Beyond Award to Sara Rogers for her dedication to the students and exceptional leadership.

Ms. Erin Naylor, STEM Coach and Mrs. Lena Darnay, District Tech Integrator, presented the STEM Update to the Board:

**Ways we are using tech in Pike classrooms**

- Creating and publishing interactive eBooks about natural disasters using Book Creator on the Chromebooks.
- Practicing digital citizenship and internet etiquette via Discussion Forums in Canvas.
- Collaborating with groups on field trip scrapbooks using Google Slides.
- Connecting with Kingwood High School students in Houston via Google Hangouts to learn about the aftermath of hurricanes.
- Discovering new ways to solve a problem by testing and virtual prototyping.
- Communicating ideas with students in other schools using FlipGrid to reflect and share observations.
- Showcasing our knowledge by building ePortfolios in Canvas.
- Developing deeper understandings of complex topics by utilizing digital resources in Science, Math, Foreign Languages.

**Community Partners**

- Corteva (formerly Dow AgroSciences)
- TechPoint Foundation for Youth
- Project Lead the Way
- BlueLock
- Butler University
- Rolls Royce
- Eli Lilly
- YCC Advisory Board

**Future Plans**

*Indiana STEM Certified School*

- The Indiana Department of Education is excited to announce the following STEM Certified Schools! These schools are models for Indiana and their commitment to teaching the STEM disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and math, ultimately preparing students for success in the 21st century. These STEM Certified Schools exemplify a non-traditional approach to education by employing a great deal of inquiry, project-based learning, community engagement, entrepreneurship, student-centered classrooms, and out-of-school STEM activities. STEM Certified Schools have been able to accomplish this feat while following educational policies set by the state and excelling under the system of accountability. The following schools went through a rigorous application and review process in order to be awarded:

- **MSD of Pike Township - STEM Schools**
  - Pike Career & STEM Center
  - Eagle Creek Elementary
  - Guion Creek Elementary
  - Fishback Creek Public Academy
Mr. Roy Dobbs, Principal at Pike Preparatory Academy and Dr. Maggie Bishop, Principal at Guion Creek Middle School, presented the Board with an update regarding the Pike Preparatory Academy Middle School Merger. Mr. Dobbs and Dr. Bishop shared the following information:

**History of Pike Preparatory Academy**

- Pike Preparatory Academy was launched in the 2011-12 school year to provide an alternative setting for male and female students struggling in the traditional middle schools.
- In the Spring of 2013, the district administration divided the PPA program into two separate programs in order to provide individual attention to each gender and to expand the amount of students that could enroll. Because the male students were being referred at a much higher rate than the girls, they remained at Park 100. The girls program moved to Guion Creek Middle School.
- The girls program has been at Guion Creek Middle School from 2013-2018.
- The Young Women’s Program enrollment for the last several years has serviced 14 students on average.
- The Young Men’s Program enrollment for the last several years has serviced 45 students on average.

**Future Plans**

- 2018-2019 school year, the boys and girls programs will be merged at the Park 100 location.
- The maximum student enrollment will be 60 students total - 30 male and 30 female. Each traditional middle school will be able to refer 20 students - 10 male and 10 female.

**Group/class structure:**

- 1 – 8th grade male class (15 maximum)
- 1 – 7th grade male class (15 maximum)
- 1 – 8th grade female class (15 maximum)
- 1 – 7th grade female class (15 maximum)

**Benefits of Program Consistency**

- Structure both programs to operate with similar student goals, benchmarks etc.
- Individual Student Plans – ISP
- Consistent core curriculum – Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science
- Project-based and online electives
- Advisory time daily for mentoring both male and female students.
- Cross-Age mentoring with high school students
- Service learning opportunities
- High school prep, college readiness, career exploration
- Schedule common experiences, trips etc.

President Richardson amended the agenda by recommending the Board remove Action Item E from the agenda, to have more time to consider another option.

Mr. Metzler moved:

To remove Item E: Recommend Approval of the Board of Education Revised Policy – 5112 Entrance Requirements, from the May 24, 2018 Board meeting agenda.

Mr. Downs asked, “Why are we removing the item from the agenda?” President Richardson explained that the district should review more options before making a decision. More questions were asked and comments made.

Mr. Huffine seconded the motion; the vote carried six (6) in favor and one (1) nay.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 10, 2018 having been circulated among members of the Board of Education, Mr. Metzler moved:

They be approved as written.

Mr. Abrams seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.
The Superintendent recommended the Human Resources Report be approved as presented and placed on file in the office of the Director of Human Resources.

Mr. Downs moved:

The Superintendent’s recommendation be approved.

Mrs. Randolph seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the Administrative & Classified Staff Salary Adjustments be approved as presented and placed on file in the office of the Director of Human Resources.

Mr. Abrams moved:

The Superintendent’s recommendation be approved.

Mr. Downs seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the Approval of Related Arts Curriculum Recommendations be approved as presented and placed on file in the office of the Director of Curriculum & Programs.

Mrs. Randolph moved:

The Superintendent’s recommendation be approved.

Mr. Abrams seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

President Richardson combined the following items as one action item:

F. Approval of YMCA First Amendment of Lease and Project Agreement
G. Authorization to Publish Notice of Preliminary Determination/Additional Appropriation Public Hearing
H. Contracts
   • Frontline Education Renewal (substitute management)
   • World Book Renewal (electronic encyclopedia)
   • TMC Migrant Seasonal Head Start MOU (child development and school transition services)
   • Learning A-Z (educational software license)
   • Professional Services – Dr. Todd Whitaker (professional development)
I. Donations
   • Monetary Donation – Indiana Pacers Stem Fest/Conexus
   • Monetary Donation – Krista Burris and Friends
   • Monetary Donation – Oxford Financial Group
   • Monetary Donation – Renaissance Electronic Services
   • Monetary Donation (SCES) – Pike Township Education Foundation
   • Monetary Donation (NAS) – Pike Township Education Foundation
   • Monetary Donation – Zotec Partners
   • Chromebooks – DonorsChoose
   • Classroom Supplies – DonorsChoose
   • Flexible Seating/Laptop Trays – DonorsChoose
   • Monetary Donation – The Men’s Wearhouse
   • Monetary Donation – Dr. Ruth Woods
The Superintendent recommended the following Action Items:

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be approved as presented and placed on file in the office of the Director of School Facilities & Security and the Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Huffine moved:

The Superintendent’s recommendation be approved.

Mr. Downs seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

**Board Member Items**

Mr. Abrams wished everyone a happy Memorial Day.

Mrs. Randolph attended the ISBA Introduction to Budgeting and Financial Oversight Webinar. It was informative.

Mr. Metzler gave congrats to Guion Creek Middle School, the Beauty and the Beast was wonderful. They presented three shows. They did a great job and there were a lot of students participating. It was a fun evening. There were over 200 students involved and 10 or more staff.

Mr. Huffine went Friday night to the GCMS Beauty and the Beast event. It was a very nice evening. Shout out to Saddle Brook. The golf course is back in business. In addition, more ISBA training sessions are coming up. These events are great opportunities to get cap points. His daughter has received three job offers in two days.

Mr. Downs informed the Board that he will be traveling out of town on business next week and believes that he will be back in time to attend the Pike High School graduation.

Mrs. Ford had an opportunity to attend the YCC Advisory meeting. It was a great meeting. She will be attending the ISBA Training. Excited about the upcoming school year.
Dr. Flora expressed that she enjoyed the atmosphere at GCMS during the Beauty & the Beast event. It was a wonderful event. She informed the Board that she has asked, Ms. Hunt, Mrs. Huffman, Ms. Naylor, to join her in attending a meeting with the Indy Chamber focused on STEM initiatives. Lastly, Dr. Flora stated, “We had a great end to the school year for our traditional calendar students.”

President Richardson stated, “As of today, I now have a soon to be college student. I am super excited about this particular graduation. I am thankful for the education that my daughter received at Pike High School.”

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Ms. Lorie Pettiford, Mrs. Megan Ahlers, Mrs. Pat Burton, Mr. David Holly, Mrs. Cindy Huffman, Ms. Mary Kay Hunt, Mr. Joe Lampert, Mr. Todd Riker, Mrs. Linda Searles, Ms. Sarah Dorsey, Dr. Maggie Bishop, Ms. Bette Brown, Ms. Pam Conley, Mrs. Lena Darnay, Mr. Roy Dobbs, Mrs. Debbie Huffine, Mrs. Debra Jacobs, Ms. Staycie Lievens, Ms. Sara Rogers, Mrs. Linda Rollings, staff members. Mr. Jeff Qualkinbush, Barnes & Thornburg, were also present.