

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palestine Community Unit School District No. 3 was held at Palestine Grade School at 205 S. Washington Street, Palestine, Illinois on Tuesday, January 19, 2010. The meeting was called to order by President Biggs at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary Eckert called the roll with the following members answering present: Jim Bush, Shari Eckert, James Ellis, Donald Wagoner and J. Corie Biggs. Gary Buser and Susan Hawkins were absent. Administration present was John Hasten, Sheila Mikeworth, and Joe Sornberger. Also present was: Denise Dart, Marjorie Boatman, and Nicole Weskerna (RDN).

Gary Buser arrived at 6:31 p.m.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Donald Wagoner to approve the agenda. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Donald Wagoner to approve the consent agenda. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

PHS News: Mr. Sornberger reported that Briana Wesley is a repeat winner of the Voice of Democracy Contest and will compete at the state level in Springfield in February. The Illinois State Police awarded PHS for 95% of the PHS students arriving at school wearing their seat belts after random sampling throughout the year. PHS will host a Red Cross blood drive on January 19<sup>th</sup>. LIC Conference Basketball Tournament will begin on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Flora High School. The LIC All Conference Band will also perform with our students, Morgan Baldner and Elizabeth Wilson, participating.

PGS News: Mrs. Mikeworth reported the building was in good shape as school resumes thanks to the custodians. She also reported on the Teachers' Institute; the Science Fair; VFW "Patriot's Winner", PGS 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Logan Carr; and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade swimming at LTC. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> basketball season and Jr. High volleyball season both have started. The Character Education Annual Chili Supper is January 22 from 4:30 to 6:30 with our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys playing New Hebron that evening also.

Superintendent's report: Mr. Hasten reported the Policy Committee met to consider policy updates with a first reading scheduled for the February board meeting. He also shared his appreciation for the work of the custodial staff. An update was given on the pump replacement and repair at PGS for a cost of approximately \$3,000.00.

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A letter was presented to the PEA notifying them of a possible reduction in force.

It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by Jim Bush to establish Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. as graduation for the High School. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Gary Buser to establish the next to the last day of school at 7:00 p.m. as the Eighth Grade Graduation date. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning the repair or replacement of the Ford tractor. Further information was requested by the Board for consideration in February. No action was taken.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Shari Eckert to approve Elevator Service Agreement with Mid America Elevator Company, Inc. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Eckert, Ellis, and Biggs. Nay: Buser, Bush, and Wagoner. Motion was defeated.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by James Ellis to regretfully accept the resignation of Mark Catt as a classroom teacher effective at the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Donald Wagoner to regretfully accept the resignation of Linda Ryan-Catt as a classroom teacher effective at the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Gary Buser to approve the calendar for the 2010-2011SY as presented. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: Eckert. Motion carried.

It was moved by James Ellis and seconded by Gary Buser to approve the release of the following Closed Session minutes: July 20, 2009, August 17, 2009, and December 21, 2009. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Donald Wagoner and seconded by James Ellis to approve the destruction of Closed Session recordings prior to July 1, 2008. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by Jim Bush to enter into Closed Session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of employment, appointment, resignation, evaluation of personnel, matters relating to an individual student and negotiations. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by Jim Bush to return to Open Session at 9:01 p.m. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried

It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by Jim Bush to employ Pam Aten as a substitute bus driver pending her meeting all the necessary requirements. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by Jim Bush to employ Lance Ellington as a Scholastic Bowl Sponsor. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by Jim Bush to establish the Superintendent's salary for the 2010-2011SY at 5% increase over present salary. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m. on a motion by Gary Buser and seconded by James Ellis. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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J. Corie Biggs, President

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Shari Eckert, Secretary