

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 20, 2009. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Wagoner at 6:34 p.m.

Acting Secretary Hawkins called the roll with the following members answering present: Gary Buser, Jim Bush, James Ellis, Susan Hawkins, and Donald Wagoner. Shari Eckert and Corie Biggs were absent. Administration present was John Hasten, Sheila Mikeworth, and Joe Sornberger. Also present were: Marcia and John Schmidlin, Marilyn Fritchley, Beth and Nicole Kiger, and Amy Wells (RDN).

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jim Bush and seconded by Gary Buser. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Gary Buser made a motion, seconded by Jim Bush, to approve the consent agenda. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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Recognition of Visitors:

Nicole Kiger recently received 4<sup>th</sup> place in Patriot's Pen competition. She was honored at the VFW banquet on January 18<sup>th</sup> and received a plaque and \$50.00. She read her essay "Why We Honor Veterans" at the board meeting.

PGS Building News:

Mrs. Mikeworth reported that the building was in very good shape and ready for the students to return from the break. The building recently hosted the Masons sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive. PGS also provided facilities for the Elks sponsored Hoop Shoot with PGS students Nicole Kiger and Courtney Adams placing 1<sup>st</sup> in their divisions. "Miles of Smiles" visiting dentist was also at PGS checking students.

The Teachers' Institute on January 5<sup>th</sup> provided learning opportunities presented by SESE and DCFS along with an RtI workshop.

PHS Building News:

Mr. Sornberger reported on student achievement at PHS with several students being recognized recently. Brianna Wesley was recognized for her Voice of Democracy essay and was honored at a banquet at the VFW in Robinson. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade Team Quest team comprised of Morgan Baldner, Jace Biggs, Emily Coates, and Eric Pointon competed in Regional Competition at Arcola. PHS band members, Morgan Baldner and Elizabeth Wilson, were selected for the LIC All-Conference Band which will perform at the LIC tournament in Casey. PHHS Girls' Basketball team is doing very well with regional fast approaching.

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The PHS field trip to see the musical *Wicked* was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

The Parent Involvement Group recently received a grant from the Lowe's Toolbox for Education. The grant is worth \$5,000 and will help to purchase items that are needed for the Pioneer Courtyard.

Superintendent's report:

Mr. Hasten reported on Project Lead the Way. LTC is currently making some curriculum changes to create at least some of the classes needed for the project. Work is continuing to build the program.

He also reported that the State Legislature has approved the waiver to allow children of employees of the District who live outside the district to attend school in district.

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It was moved by James Ellis and seconded by Jim Bush to approve an overnight field trip to a vocal festival at Millikin University for four PHS students and the choir director on February 8 and 9. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Gary Buser to approve the following policy changes: 2:80-E, 2:220, 4:60, 4:60-AP1, 4:70, 4:70-AP, 4:100, 4:160, 4:160-AP, 5:90, 5:100, 5:150, 5:150-AP, 5:240, 5:250, 5:290, 5:330, 6:10, 6:60, 6:60-AP, 6:120, 6:120-AP, 6:160, 6:230, 6:300, 6:320, 7:10, 7:20, 7:50, 7:100, 7:210, 7:230, 7:240, 7:290, 7:300 and 7:340. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Susan Hawkins to set the high school graduation date for Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by Jim Bush to post the position of volunteer 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball coach and authorize the Superintendent to temporarily fill the position. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Gary Buser to post two tutoring positions for the second semester at the grade school. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by Jim Bush to approve the job description for a Dean of Students position as presented. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Gary Buser to very regretfully accept the resignation of Karen Pifer at the end of the 2013 school year. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Susan Hawkins to enter into Closed Session at 7:35 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, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by James Ellis to return to Open Session at 9:15 p.m. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by James Ellis and seconded by Jim Bush to increase the Superintendent's salary by 5% for the 2009-2010 school year. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m. on a motion by Gary Buser and seconded by Jim Bush. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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Donald Wagoner, Vice President

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Susan Hawkins, Acting Secretary