

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, February 16, 2010. The meeting was called to order by President Biggs at 6:31 p.m.

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

Susan Hawkins arrived at 6:32 p.m.

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

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

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Linda Ryan-Catt announced that Brianna Wesley was selected the Illinois Voice of Democracy winner. She was first in 4400 district winners and received \$3,000.00. Ms. Wesley spoke in front of 300-350 veterans and their spouses. There will be 54 entries at the national level to be held March 6th thru 10th in Washington, D.C.

PGS Report: Mrs. Mikeworth highlighted the special events of PGS during the last month: IPA Secretaries Banquet, School Improvement Day, Crawford County Elks Hoop Shoot, Character Education Chili Supper Fundraiser, Celebrating the Olympics at PGS, and the Chamber of Commerce honoring Character Education at PGS.

The students had opportunities to show their good character during the month by participating in a valentine project for soldiers in Iraq, "Souper Bowl of Caring" food drive for the food pantry, "Soles of Souls" raising money for shoes in Haiti, and "Pennies from Palestine" for a Lawrenceville family.

Mrs. Pifer and Mrs. Mikeworth attended the NCLB Conference and Mrs. Michele Mendenhall attended the ROE 12 Gifted Conference.

Mrs. Mikeworth also shared some of the opportunities the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will have during their class trip to Springfield on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

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PHS Report: Mr. Sornberger reported the WYSE team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in regional. Marathon Petroleum Company donated \$5,000 to the Pioneer Courtyard. PHS basketball matched the best record in school history. Upcoming events at PHS include a dodge ball tournament on February 14<sup>th</sup>, donkey basketball on March 12<sup>th</sup> and Brain Bowl on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Staff members also attended therapeutic crisis training classes to learn how to de-escalate situations and how to restrain a student in a crisis situation.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hasten advised that the four county superintendents composed and signed off on a letter of concern to Terry Bruce CEO/COO and members of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges noting their concern on how the RIFs would affect various areas of study.

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The Board had their first reading of recommended policy changes to policies: 2:20, 2:40, 2:110, 2:200, 2:250, 3:40, 4:30, 4:40, 4:100, 4:110, 4:120, 4:130, 4:140, 4:150, 4:160, 5:10, 5:30, 5:90, 5:100, 5:120, 5:250, 5:280, 5:330, 6:20, 6:50, 6:60, 6:110, 6:185, 6:300, 6:310, 6:320, 6:340, 7:10, 7:20, 7:100, 7:180, 7:190, 7:240, 7:300, 8:70, 8:90 and 8:100.

It was moved by Susan Hawkins and seconded by Donald Wagoner to regretfully accept the resignation of Jane Walker effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by James Ellis and seconded by Susan Hawkins to approve the Mid-America Elevator Company elevator service agreement as presented. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Susan Hawkins and seconded by Donald Wagoner to approve the Eighth Grade trip to Springfield on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Susan Hawkins and seconded by Donald Wagoner to authorize the Superintendent to seek fuel bids to be accepted in March. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Shari Eckert and seconded by Susan Hawkins to enter into Closed Session at 7:03 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: Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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It was moved by James Ellis and seconded by Donald Wagoner to return to Open Session at 7:41 p.m. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried

It was moved by Susan Hawkins and seconded by Donald Wagoner to accept the resignation of Brenda Merrick effective February 22<sup>nd</sup> and post the position of full time cook. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Susan Hawkins and seconded by Shari Eckert to approve field trip for Voice of Democracy competition in Washington, D.C. for Brianna Wesley and sponsor. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. on a motion by Susan Hawkins and seconded by Donald Wagoner. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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J. Corie Biggs, President

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Shari Eckert, Secretary