

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palestine Community Unit School District No. 3 was held at Palestine High School at 102 N. Main Street, Palestine, Illinois on Tuesday, February 17, 2009. The meeting was called to order by President Biggs at 6:31 p.m.

Acting Secretary Ellis called the roll with the following members answering present: Gary Buser, Jim Bush, James Ellis, Donald Wagoner and Corie Biggs. Shari Eckert and Susan Hawkins were absent. Administration present was John Hasten, Sheila Mikeworth, and Joe Sornberger. Also present were: Marilyn Fritchley, Linda Ryan-Catt, Kathy and Brianna Wesley, 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, Wagoner and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jim Bush made a motion, seconded by Gary Buser, 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.

Shari Eckert and Susan Hawkins arrived at 6:33 p.m

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Recognition of Visitors:

Brianna Wesley read her Voice of Democracy essay which placed 5<sup>th</sup> in state competition.

PGS Building News:

Mrs. Mikeworth reported on events during the month highlighting Abraham Lincoln. Crawford County Arts sponsored a Lincoln Assembly with Brian Ellis, national speaker/storyteller and writing workshops for grades 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>. PGS students also participated in a national reading of the Gettysburg address on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Character Ed sponsored a successful chili supper serving a packed house for the ball game. Eighth grade participants in basketball, cheerleading, and band were also honored.

PGS is preparing for ISAT's. There will be a poster contest for all grades and the ISAT Pep Rally. Pre-K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grades will be helping in the preparation.

Mrs. Mikeworth is exploring Summer AR through the Palestine Library.

PHS Building News:

The WYSE team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in competition at Olney and qualified to participate at Charleston in March.

The Parental Involvement Group hosted a successful dodgeball tournament on the 15<sup>th</sup>. They are sending information out on the Brain Bowl scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup>.

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District staff members are forming a Palestine Professional Learning Community Team and will be attending three conferences on how to develop a professional learning community of educators.

Superintendent's report:

Mr. Hasten reported on recent the Twin Rivers meeting concerning curriculum opportunities with LTC. Welding classes will be available beginning in the fall. Space is limited to 12 slots for the county. A limited number of slots will be available for each school.

U.S. Representative Tim Johnson visited PGS and spoke with the students. He was thanked on behalf of the community for grant work.

Goal prioritization was also discussed.

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It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by Susan Hawkins to approve the following closed session minutes for the period from July 2008 thru December 2008 to be opened: December 15, 2008, November 17, 2008, and September 22, 2008 and that all others remain closed. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Palestine Academic Foundation is purchasing an 8 x 12 greenhouse to be located west of the PGS building. Water and electric are available at site. Additional upkeep cost should be limited to electricity if needed. There is also a possibility of tying into the solar panels. Mr. Hasten will contact the architects for some additional information and report back at the March meeting.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Susan Hawkins to approve the amended 2008-2009SY calendar. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by Donald Wagoner to approve the 2009-2010SY calendar as presented. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: Ellis. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by James Ellis to approve the Frog Pond Tile Project at a cost to the district of no more than \$15,000 to include the cost of constructing the practice track. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Biggs. Nay: Wagoner. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Susan Hawkins to enter into Closed Session at 7:44 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of employment, appointment, resignation, evaluation of per-

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sonnel, matters relating to an individual student and negotiations. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Susan Hawkins to return to Open Session at 8:47 p.m. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried

It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by Susan Hawkins to approve Jason Wesner as a volunteer assistant basketball coach for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade team pending the completion of all necessary paperwork. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried

It was moved by Susan Hawkins and seconded by Gary Buser to approve Karyn Moore as a full time bus aide effective immediately. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried

It was moved by Donald Wagoner and seconded by Susan Hawkins to employ Tangi Waldrop, Denise Dart, Michele Mendenhall, and Marcia Schmidlin as Title 1 after school tutors at the grade school effective 2/18/2009. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried

It was moved by Susan Hawkins and seconded by Gary Buser to regretfully accept resignations from the following effective the end of the 2012-2013 school year: Mrs. Boatman, Mrs. Fritchley, Mrs. Krick and Mrs. Wolfe. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner and Biggs. Nay: Bush. Motion carried

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Donald Wagoner to approve the employment of Joe Sornberger as high school principal for a three year period beginning July 1, 2009 with a percentage increase in salary. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m. on a motion by Susan Hawkins and seconded by Jim Bush. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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Corie Biggs, President

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Shari Eckert, Secretary