

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 Monday, March 15, 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: Gary Buser, Jim Bush, Shari Eckert, James Ellis, Susan Hawkins, Donald Wagoner and J. Corie Biggs. Administration present was John Hasten, Sheila Mikeworth, and Joe Sornberger. Also present was: Marilyn Fritchley, Nicole Weskerna (RDN), Lance Ellington, Emily Ellington, Denise Dart, Linda Ryan-Catt, Marjorie Boatman, Brianna Wesley, and Kathy Wesley.

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

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Linda Ryan-Catt introduced Brianna Wesley who finished 5th in the nation out of 54 participants in the Voice of Democracy contest in Washington, D.C. She also received a \$5,000.00 monetary gift.

PGS Report:

- Mrs. Mikeworth highlighted the special events of PGS during the last month: the Student Council sponsored a junior high dance and an ice cream social for grades PK – 8th.
- Upcoming events for PGS students include a trip to the Evansville Philharmonic Youth Concert,
- Pre-school screening, BPW Reality Store for the 8th graders, the New Christy Minstrels concert for the 5th graders and the Masons will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive at PGS.
- The ISAT testing completed March 2 thru 5 went well. It was noted Mrs. Jesse Rich had the testing well organized. The building had a celebration week after the tests on March 8 thru 12.
- Mrs. Mikeworth presented grammar changes only for the 2010-2011SY handbook.

PHS Report:

- Mr. Sornberger reported the Illinois State Scholars dinner will be held on March 16 with Kayla Goodwine, Shelby Clements, Jon Mendenhall, and Ryan Hawkins being recognized.
- Spring sports are in full swing with practices and games and meets should begin shortly.
- WYSE competed on March 11th.
- Our Envirothon team is preparing for competition.
- PHS band and chorus members participated in the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest at Mt. Carmel on March 6th with all participants receiving at least one first place rating.
- Mr. Sornberger also presented the handbook and curriculum changes for the 2010-2011SY.

Superintendent's Report:

- Mr. Hasten advised the Governor of Illinois has announced cuts in education and a proposed 1% personal income tax recommendation.
- He also updated the Board concerning possible expansion in the athletic conference.

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It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Susan Hawkins to approve the 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. 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 Donald Wagoner to approve keyboarding curriculum changes as presented. 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 approve the firm bid for fuel from Wabash Valley Service Company for the 2010-2011 school year. 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 enter into Closed Session at 7:08 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, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by James Ellis and seconded by Shari Eckert to return to Open Session at 8:34 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 Jim Bush and seconded by Gary Buser to employ Maggie McNair as a full time cook pending the completion of all the necessary requirements. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Ellis and Wagoner. Nay: Eckert, Hawkins, and Biggs. Motion carried.

It was moved by Susan Hawkins and seconded by Shari Eckert to employ Kaye Holscher as a substitute cook pending the completion of all necessary requirements. 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 James Ellis and seconded by Gary Buser to approve a resolution which authorizes and effectuates the honorable dismissal of Lance Ellington at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: Hawkins. Motion carried.

It was moved by Susan Hawkins and seconded by Jim Bush to award tenure to Patty Neff effective the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. 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 Shari Eckert and seconded by James Ellis to award tenure to Robin Rinard effective the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. 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 rehire the following as teachers for the 2010-2011 school year: Greg Downes, Adam Seaney, and Jessica Rich. 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 Don Wagoner and seconded by Gary Buser to approve resolutions which authorize and effectuate the honorable dismissal of the following aides at the end of the 2009-2010 school year and that budgetary constraints will in part determine the number of aides employed in the fall: William Aten, Dessie Carr, Mary Ann Clay, Jana Halter, Lori Ham, Cara Kirk, Linda Rich, Erin Sparks, Carol Watts, Kathy Wesley, Jamie Lowe, and Karyn Moore. 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 extend the contract of John Hasten one year. 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 8:41 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, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

J. Corie Biggs, President

Shari Eckert, Secretary