

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 16, 2009. 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: Gary Buser, Jim Bush, Shari Eckert, James Ellis, Donald Wagoner and Corie Biggs. Susan Hawkins was absent. Administration present was John Hasten, Sheila Mikeworth, and Joe Sornberger. Also present were: Marilyn Fritchley, Amy Wells (RDN), Marjorie Boatman, Tim Raibley and Jason Wright of ADG, Lorie and Kayla LaVigne, Brad, Janna, Kendyl and Heath Surrells, Beth and Nicole Kiger, John, Marcia, and Matt Schmidlin, and Kayla Goodwine.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jim Bush 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.

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, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Susan Hawkins arrived at 6:34 p.m

Recognition of Visitors:

Mrs. Mikeworth recognized a group of eighth grade students for their accomplishments. Nicole Kiger and Matt Schmidlin were recently recognized at the IPA Student Recognition Dinner. Nicole Kiger was recently recognized as an IESA student scholar nominee. Kendyl Surrells is the DAR award winner. She also received 1st place in "Patriot's Pen" Award from BPOE Elks and advances to District competition. Runner's-up in the Elks "Patriot's Pen" were Kayla LaVigne and Matt Schmidlin.

Kayla Goodwine invited the board members and administrators to Prom on behalf of the Class of 2010.

PGS Building News:

Mrs. Mikeworth reported on events during the month. ISAT's were taken March 3-13. The Student Council sponsored an ice cream social for students with perfect attendance during testing time. PreK presented a program for their parents. Preschool screenings were held at PGS this year. Palestine bands attended the Evansville Symphony Students' Day.

The winter athletic season came to an end while the spring season is just beginning. 7th grade volleyball placed 2nd in the LEIC tourney, 5th grade basketball placed 1st in the Hutsonville tourney, and 6th grade basketball placed 3rd in the Hutsonville tourney. 3rd and 4th grade Bidyball, Jr. High track and scholastic bowl are beginning.

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PHS Building News:

Mr. Sornberger advised that PHS has been awarded a 2008 Academic Improvement Award by the State of Illinois for posting substantial gains and demonstrating that exemplary progress is possible at every level and can be sustained. They are one of 153 schools across the state to receive the recognition.

Superintendent's report:

Mr. Hasten reported on the financial outlook for the district and education across the state. District needs to do everything to maintain. Our 2007-2008 budget was given a score of 3.6/4.0 which qualifies us for the financial recognition designation.

IASB recognized Don Wagoner for his participation in the Delegate Assembly in November.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Donald Wagoner to approve a \$200 donation for Post-Prom activities. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Tim Raibley and Jason Wright of ADG were present to review the roof inspection report. It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Corie Biggs to seek bids on TPO membrane roofing system including tapered insulation, as well as, collecting core sample of existing roof. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Donald Wagoner left at 7:28 p.m.

The donation of a greenhouse to the grade school was discussed with no action taken.

Mrs. Mikeworth and Mr. Sornberger presented the proposed handbook changes for their buildings for first reading.

Mr. Sornberger presented a report on the Accelerated Reader program at the high school. It was recommended to continue the AR program at this time and chart it over the next year or two.

It was moved by Shari Eckert and seconded by Jim Bush to approve the curriculum changes for the high school as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Susan Hawkins to accept the firm fuel bid for the 2009-2010SY from Wabash Valley Service Company. A copy of the bid is attached hereto and becomes a part of these minutes. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by Susan Hawkins to enter into Closed Session at 8:45 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, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Gary Buser to return to Open Session at 10:20 p.m. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Susan Hawkins to award tenure to Erika Coffman effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by James Ellis to award tenure to Stephanie England effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Biggs. Nay: Buser and Bush. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by James Ellis to award tenure to Chris Macke effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Bush, Eckert, Ellis, and Biggs. Nay: Buser and Hawkins. Motion carried.

It was moved by James Ellis and seconded by Susan Hawkins to award tenure to Alison Mendenhall effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Susan Hawkins to award tenure to Michele Mendenhall effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Biggs. Nay: None. Abstain: Buser. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Susan Hawkins to rehire the following as teachers for the 2009-2010 school year: Patty Neff, Robin Rinard, Greg Downes, Lance Ellington, and Adam Seaney. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried. Continued;

It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by Susan Hawkins to regretfully accept the resignation of Betty Heine effective the end of the 2008-2009 school year and post the position of high school foreign language teacher. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Biggs. Nay: Bush. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Susan Hawkins to employ Pamela Aten as a substitute bus aide pending the meeting of all necessary requirements. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried

It was moved by Susan Hawkins and seconded by Jim Bush to employ Gary Lawhead as a substitute bus aide and substitute custodian pending the meeting of all necessary paperwork. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried

It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by Susan Hawkins to employ Darlene McQuaid as a substitute bus driver pending the meeting of all necessary paperwork. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried

It was moved by Susan Hawkins and seconded by Jim Bush to approve a three year contract for Joe Sornberger as presented. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. on a motion by Gary Buser and seconded by Susan Hawkins. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Corie Biggs, President

Shari Eckert, Secretary