

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palestine Community Unit School District No. 3 was held in the Palestine Grade School Commons at 205 S. Washington Street, Palestine, Illinois on Monday, May 14, 2007. The meeting was called to order by President Biggs at 6:32 p.m.

Secretary Shari 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 Mr. John Hasten, Mrs. Arlene Lindsay, and Mrs. Sheila Mikeworth. Others present were as per the attached attendance sheet which hereby becomes a part of these minutes.

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

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by James Ellis to approve the canvass of the 2007 Consolidated Election votes as presented from the Office of the Crawford County Clerk declaring Susan Hawkins to serve a 2 year term and J. Corie Biggs, James A. Ellis, Gary Buser, and Donald R. Wagoner to serve 4 year terms as elected members of the Board of Education of Palestine CUSD #3. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Bush and seconded by Donald Wagoner to adjourn the meeting sine die at 6:36 p.m. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

J. Corie Biggs, President

Shari Eckert, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palestine Community Unit School District No. 3 was held in the Palestine Grade School Commons at 205 S. Washington Street, Palestine, Illinois on Monday, May 14, 2007. The meeting was called to order by President Pro Tempore Eckert at 6:38 p.m.

Acting Secretary Jim Bush called the roll with the following members answering present: Gary Buser, Jim Bush, Shari Eckert, James Ellis, Susan Hawkins, Donald Wagoner and Corie Biggs. Administration present was Mr. John Hasten, Mrs. Arlene Lindsay, and Mrs. Sheila Mikeworth. Others present were as per the attached attendance sheet which hereby becomes a part of these minutes.

It was moved by Donald Wagoner and seconded by Susan Hawkins to elect Shari Eckert as President Pro Tempore. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: G. Buser, J. Bush, S. Eckert, J. Ellis, S. Hawkins, D. Wagoner, and C. Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

President Pro Tempore Eckert administered the Oath of Office to newly elected board members J. Corie Biggs, Gary Buser, James Ellis, Susan Hawkins, and Donald Wagoner.

President Pro Tempore Eckert opened nominations for Board President with Corie Biggs being nominated.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Susan Hawkins to elect Corie Biggs to serve as Board President for a two year term. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: G. Buser, J. Bush, S. Eckert, J. Ellis, S. Hawkins, D. Wagoner, and C. Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

President Biggs opened nominations for Board Vice President with James Ellis and Donald Wagoner being nominated. Donald Wagoner won the nomination by a show of hands 2 to 5 respectively.

It was moved by Shari Eckert and seconded by Susan Hawkins to elect Donald Wagoner to serve as Board Vice President for a two year term. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: G. Buser, J. Bush, S. Eckert, J. Ellis, S. Hawkins, D. Wagoner, and C. Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

President Biggs opened nominations for Board Secretary with Shari Eckert being nominated.

It was moved by James Ellis and seconded by Susan Hawkins to elect Shari Eckert to serve as Board Secretary for a two year term. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: G. Buser, J. Bush, S. Eckert, J. Ellis, S. Hawkins, D. Wagoner, and C. Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Donald Wagoner made a motion, seconded by James Ellis, to approve the board meeting dates as presented: Monday, June 18, 2007 and Monday, July 16, 2007. 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 approve the policies, procedures, depository of funds, honor contracts and obligations of the previous board. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Bush and seconded by James Ellis to approve the continued appointment of Nona Sparks as District Treasurer. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Recognition of Faculty and Staff:

Kendra Butler, Autumn Burkett, and Lisa Beabout reported on Character Ed activities. Only 38 students will not be attending the movie out of 300+ students. Twenty-two perfect attendance students will be recognized with \$50 savings bonds donated by First Robinson Savings Bank and Regions.

PGS received Purple Hands from the Indianapolis Colts.

PHS Building News:

Recent events at PHS include the National Honor Society and PHS student fund raiser for the Illinois Leukemia & Lymphoma Society which collected \$1,648. Prom and Post Prom were both successful. Graduation will be Friday, May 18th at 7:30 p.m.

PHS Award's Ceremony was held on May 9th. Jessica Hildebrandt, Katherine Mendenhall, Garrett Rich and Calvin Wagoner were inducted into the National Honor Society. To date, our seniors have been awarded \$63,874 in scholarship and grant money.

PHS recently received two grants from Dana Foundation totaling \$2,000 for items for their building.

The PHS SAC team has completed Level I during the 2006-07SY. They will be attending a workshop during the summer to become a Level II team and will be serving as Teacher Leaders next school year.

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PGS Building News:

Mrs. Mikeworth recognized the PGS honorees for May: Mr. Zach Steele, 4th Grade Student Teacher, is an outstanding young educator. He went out of his way for our students. He is still conducting an after school math tutoring program, even though he's finished with his student teaching. Ms. Erin Sparks, Pre-K aide, was recognized for her care and concern in working with the Pre-K students and their parents. She is a welcome addition to PGS.

There were numerous special events at PGS during the month of May. There were several field trips and end of the year special events. Varsity Scholastic Bowl team place 2nd at Regional competition. Several members of the track team participated at the State track meet. Family Reading Night sponsored "Going Green at PGS" featuring activities on how to care for the environment.

PGS received a pear tree presented by Marathon, a pear tree was also presented in honor of Dr. John Taylor with a plaque, and benches were presented in honor of Mr. Jerome Jochim with a plaque.

PGS Reading Council development has been a positive. Themes are being planned for fall to incorporate into and enrich our reading program at PGS. Ideas have been shared and developed to add to the Pre-K thru 8th classrooms during the next school year.

Superintendent's report:

Mr. Hasten noted that Mrs. Lindsay and Mrs. Mikeworth are working together to promote education from K-12.

Mr. Ellis expressed concerns for lack of parking at PGS. He suggested setting a time frame for parents to be allowed on lot to pick up students. He also expressed concern with the drainage. The Superintendent was directed to evaluate options and seek bids.

The Board signed a letter of thanks to Fred McNair for all of his service through volunteerism to our district and his recognition as the "Voice of the Pioneers."

A discussion was held on the proposed handbook changes. It was moved by James Ellis and seconded by Jim Bush to approve the handbook changes for the high school and grade school as presented. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Donald Wagoner made a motion, seconded by Gary Buser, to approve the proposed policy changes for policies #7:290, 7:290-AP, and 8:70 as presented. 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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Superintendent John Hasten was authorized to prepare the 2007-2008 budget on a motion by Jim Bush and seconded by Shari Eckert. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A budget adoption date of September 24, 2007 was established on a motion by Jim Bush and seconded by Susan Hawkins. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Donald Wagoner and seconded by Jim Bush to approve the amended calendar for the 2006-2007 school year 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 James Ellis to authorize the Superintendent to supervise the placement of orange as a trim color on all new uniforms and other apparel worn by teams representing our coop. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

An interest study was conducted on students in 11th thru 8th grade. Students indicated an interest in chorus and band being offered at the high school. Options were discussed. Administration was directed to pursue establishing band and chorus at the high school.

A discussion was held concerning the needs of the lunch program at the high school. It will be necessary to offer breakfast and lunch at the high school next school year. A list of material needed to startup a high school kitchen was provided for review. The existing open campus policy is working well now. Problems relating to being tardy and truancy in the afternoon were down from last year.

A motion was made by Jim Bush and seconded by Shari Eckert to establish a cook position for the 2007-2008SY. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The 10 year Health Life Safety Survey completed by Huff Architectural on the high school was discussed. An estimate of \$79,000 was given to complete all items noted. Many items can be done by the district maintenance personnel that will lessen the cost. Health, Life, Safety funds can be used for the work.

Handicapped accessibility at the high school was discussed. All evaluations of the options point to an elevator. Architect has to be involved in the design. Elevator can not be part of life safety project.

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It was moved by Donald Wagoner and seconded by Jim Bush to continue membership in IESA. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Bush and seconded by James Ellis to allow Erika Coffman to enroll her daughter in preschool next fall. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Gary Buser made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 8:46 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of employment, appointment, resignation, evaluation of personnel, matters relating to an individual student and negotiations. Donald Wagoner seconded the motion. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:17 p.m. on a motion by Jim Bush and seconded by Donald Wagoner. 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 employ Jonathan Phillips as a substitute custodian at \$8.00 per hour effective 4/27/2007. 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 10:19 p.m. on a motion by Susan Hawkins and seconded by Gary Buser. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Corie Biggs, President

Shari Eckert, Secretary