

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, May 19, 2008. 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, Susan Hawkins, Donald Wagoner and Corie Biggs. James Ellis was absent. Administration present was Mr. John Hasten, Arlene Lindsay, and Sheila Mikeworth. Also present were: Josh Brown (RDN), Marilyn Fritchley, Denise Dart, Michelle Wagoner, Calvin Wagoner, Marcie Hilderbrand, Karen Pifer and Jason Wright (ADG).

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

Susan Hawkins 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, Hawkins, and Biggs. Nay: Wagoner. Motion carried.

James Ellis arrived at 6:39 p.m.

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#### Character Ed Committee

Mrs. Pifer presented the Character Education summary for May. This month's pillar was Self-Control. She thanked the students and student advocates, Chrystal Cavin and Morgan Balderner. Recognition and thanks was given to Casey's and IGA for providing food for Character Ed breakfasts, Mrs. McCrillis for providing cinnamon rolls, the community for donations, the faculty and the Board. She also thanked Marathon for their field trip to tour Neil Pit which strengthened April's focus on Environment pillar.

#### Visitor's Recognition

Marcie Hilderbrand addressed the Board concerning field trip rules and her son's discipline that disallowed him from attending the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip. He had no previous discipline points. She would like the policy reviewed. She also questioned if he would be allowed to attend the AR field trip since he had earned all points each quarter. She was advised that students are able to remove one point for each month of good behavior.

### Committee Reports

The Policy Committee met to review suggested policy changes from IASB. The high school parking situation and the class and club meeting policy were also discussed. Mr. Hasten recommended the principals address these issues. Handbook revisions have already been submitted for this year.

*Donald Wagoner expressed concerns regarding questions about the balance of the senior class activity fund. The superintendent and principal were requested to review and report at next board meeting.*

### PHS Building News:

Mrs. Lindsay presented her report on PHS. Michelle Smith and Bob Enigk have been awarded outstanding teacher certificates in their fields of teaching. They were nominated by some of our students.

Awards Night was well attended. Several of our students were honored by their teachers, coaches, and community for outstanding work, dedication, and character. Commencement exercises will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

County high school students from PHS, OHS, and HHS met in Hutsonville on May 12 to listen to Miss Illinois speak on Character.

### PGS Building News:

Mrs. Mikeworth reported on PGS building events for May. There were several field trips, extra-curricular activities, and other special events.

Marathon and the U of I Extension Office sponsored a Bike Safety/ Health Fair and Crawford County Conservation Day. All grades also attended the Neil Pit field trip sponsored by Marathon.

The entrance to PGS has been landscaped. PGS thanked those providing assistance including Jon and Melissa Williams, the Jr. High boys for moving dirt, Lawrence Gravel Pit for donating top soil, and Steve Mitchell for hauling the dirt. Marathon also donated trees for the landscaping.

Conferences and workshops attended this month included a RtI Professional Development workshop, a Reading and Writing conference and a Math conference.

### Superintendent's report:

Mr. Hasten shared an article on the advantages of smaller schools.

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Donald Wagoner made a motion seconded by Jim Bush to reject the fire alarm bids. 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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The following policy changes from IASB were presented for first reading: 2:200-E2, 2:220-E3, 2:220-E4, 2:220-E5, 2:220-E6, 4:70-AP, 4:110, 4:150, 4:170-AP4, 4:170-E4, 4:170-E8, 5:190, 5:190-AP, 5:190-E1, 5:190-E2, 5:190-E3, 5:280, 5:330, 6:30, 6:50, 6:170, 6:210, 6:240, 6:240-AP, 7:10, 7:15, 7:30, 7:100, 7:165, 7:190, 7:250-AP1, 7:280-E1, 7:300-E2, 7:300-E3, 7:330, 7:330-E, 8:25, 8:25-AP, 8:30, and 8:30-AP.

Don Wagoner made a motion seconded by Gary Buser to set August 18 to make proposed budget public, set September 22 for adoption of budget, and set the Budget Hearing for 6:15 p.m. on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 7:29 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of employment, appointment, resignation, evaluation of personnel, matters relating to an individual student and negotiations. Jim Bush 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.

Corie Biggs left the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Vice President Don Wagoner presided over the remainder of the meeting.

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:00 on a motion by Jim Bush and seconded by Gary Buser. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Bush and seconded by Susan Hawkins to regretfully accept the resignation of Arlene Lindsay effective 7/30/2008. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by James Ellis and seconded by Shari Eckert to employ Greg Downes as District Band Director for the 2008-2009SY and pending meeting all necessary requirements. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: none. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Gary Buser to employ Adam Seaney as P.E. teacher for 2008-09 school year and Head Football Coach pending meeting all necessary requirements. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: none. Motion carried.

It was moved by Shari Eckert and seconded by James Ellis to post an assistant football coaching position. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by Jim Bush to hire Roselene Quick as District Guidance Counselor for 2008-09SY pending interim certification and pending meeting all necessary requirements. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: none. Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 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 Wagoner. Nay: none. Motion carried

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Corie Biggs, President

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Donald Wagoner, Vice President

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Shari Eckert, Secretary