

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 Monday, August 17, 2009. 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 Corie Biggs. Administration present was John Hasten, Sheila Mikeworth, and Joe Sornberger. Also present was: Pamela Murphy, Marilyn Fritchley, Lisa Hyde, Renee Campbell, and Nicole Weskerna (RDN).

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

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

PGS News:

Mrs. Mikeworth reported that baseball and softball are going well. Band camp held August 10-14 also went well. PGS will be having a float in the Labor Day Parade. There will be a benefit dinner for the Public Library on September 27 in the PGS Commons. The PGS building is “student ready” for the year.

PHS News:

Mr. Sornberger reported on the various fund raising events recently held by PHS students for football, cheerleading and golf. Construction work at the PHS building has been completed.

Superintendent’s Report:

The Board was reminded of the September 15th Wabash Valley Division meeting in Hutsonville.

Mr. Hasten also advised the Board that East Richland School District has notified SESE of their intent to leave the co-op. There are several steps to the year long process. The effects on remaining districts will be considered.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Gary Buser to approve the posting of three Title 1 tutor positions to include two full-time positions and one substitute position. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The water tap for the PHS Courtyard was discussed. The connection fee is \$500. Unknown what the additional cost to the monthly billing would be. Group will investigate running from annex.

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Pam Murphy was present to discuss additional information regarding the greenhouse. Mr. Hasten will discuss operation and maintenance with other districts.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Donald Wagoner to accept the resignation of Darlene McQuaid effective immediately. 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 Jim Bush to accept the donation of a set of bleachers from the Chamber of Commerce for use at the football field. 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 Donald Wagoner to authorize the posting of the tentative budget. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Abstain: Hawkins. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by James Ellis to set a Budget Hearing on September 21, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. at the Grade School. Aye: Buser, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: Bush. Motion carried

The persons involved in the residency request advised that they are not ready to discuss it at this time. Parents are considering the best course of action.

It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by Donald Wagoner to enter into Closed Session at 7:42 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 Jim Bush and seconded by Gary Buser to return to Open Session at 7:59 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 Shari Eckert and seconded by Corie Biggs to employ Scott Mendenhall as full-time bus driver. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Abstain: Buser. Motion carried.

It was moved by Susan Hawkins and seconded by Gary Buser to employ Cara Kirk as Title One aide. 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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It was moved by Susan Hawkins and seconded by Jim Bush to employ Tony Ramsey as Volunteer Junior High Baseball Assistant Coach. 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 employ Melissa Williams as a Volunteer Junior High Softball Assistant Coach. 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 8:01 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.

Corie Biggs, President

Shari Eckert, Secretary