

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, September 21, 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 L. Eckert, James Ellis, Susan Hawkins, Donald Wagoner and J. Corie Biggs. Administration present was John Hasten, Sheila Mikeworth, and Joe Sornberger. Also present was: Diane Woolverton, Gene Purcell, Deb Brand, John Brand, Julie Brooks, Eva White, Mary Michael, Janice Wilson, Marilyn Fritchley, and Nicole Weskerna (RDN).

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Susan Hawkins to approve the agenda with the addition of the chorus trip to Millikin. 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 consent agenda. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Visitor Recognition:

Members of the Outer West Market Church of Christ presented their concerns with students having to choose between church activities and school activities due to events scheduled on Wednesday evenings and Sundays. Concerns noted by visitors have increased Board awareness of district scheduling for Wednesday evenings and Sundays.

PHS News:

Mr. Sornberger reported the high school computer lab is up and running, as well as, AR and RtI. The Homecoming festivities were a success. The P.I.G. Group will utilize a water spigot on the library/computer lab building for their needs. Millikin University choral festival is September 28 and 29th.

PGS News:

Mrs. Mikeworth reported that the PGS Labor Day float received 3rd place. Many staff members assisted in decorating the float along with Mr. McCrillis and Mr. Hess from the community. The Pioneer Band participated and sounded excellent in the parade also. The baseball and softball programs had 35 students participate. Fundraising efforts provided \$1482 to help pay for uniforms. It was positive for the school and the community. PGS had a successful in-house fire drill and bus fire drill for all students. The new parking drop-off and pick-up is going smoothly and has received many positive comments. PGS is hosting a fundraiser for the public library on September 27th. Girls' basketball begins on September 24th. An open house for teachers who wish to participate will be held on October 13th. PGS will have a Harvest Parade on October 7.

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Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Hasten gave the Board a handout of delegate assembly resolutions. The Delegate Assembly Meeting is November 21 in Chicago. Item #14 was submitted by Palestine regarding Standardized Test Procedures.

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It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by James Ellis to approve field trip to Millikin for five chorus students. 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 the Application for Recognition of School 2009-2010 for Palestine Grade School and Palestine High School. 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 the tentative budget for the 2009-2010SY. 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 Jim Bush to authorize the posting of the Administrators Salary Compensation report, the Tentative Budget, and the Collective Bargaining Agreement on the District's web site. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: Hawkins. Motion carried.

First reading of recommended policy changes for policies: 2:70-E, 2:100, 2:240, 2:260, 2:260-AP2, 5:180, 5:220, 4:170-AP5, 6:15, 6:15-AP, 6:15-AP1, 2,3,4 (delete), 6:15-E, 6:15-E2,3,4 (delete) 6:170-AP3, 7:70.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by James Ellis to accept a donation from the Boosters' Club for the purchase of shorts and shirts for the football team. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Donald Wagoner and seconded by Gary Buser to approve the procedures for special education as provided by SESE (South Eastern Special Education). Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, and Wagoner. Nay: Ellis and Biggs. Abstain: Hawkins. Motion carried

It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by Donald Wagoner to provide Jim Bush the direction to vote in favor of allowing East Richland to withdraw from SESE (South Eastern Special Education) co-op. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: Biggs. Motion carried. Continued;

It was moved by Donald Wagoner and seconded by Gary Buser to give direction to allow East Richland to receive services from SESE (South Eastern Special Education). Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Ellis, Hawkins, and Wagoner. Nay: Biggs. Abstain: Eckert. Motion carried.

It was moved by Donald Wagoner and seconded by Jim Bush to accept the resignation of Erika Coffman as Assistant High School Girls' Basketball Coach and post the position. 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 Donald Wagoner and seconded by Gary Buser to employ Sharon Gunn as a substitute bus driver, custodian, and cook pending the meeting of all necessary requirements. 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 Jim Bush and seconded by Susan Hawkins to employ Tangi Waldrop and Denise Dart as Title 1 tutors at PGS and Marcia Schmidlin as a substitute Title 1 tutor for PGS for the 2009-2010SY. 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 employ Teresa Neighbors as Junior High Cheerleader Sponsor pending the meeting 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. 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.

J. Corie Biggs, President

Shari L. Eckert, Secretary