

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, October 16, 2006. 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: Jim Bush, Shari Eckert, James Ellis, Susan Hawkins, Donald Wagoner and Corie Biggs. Gary Buser was absent. Administration present was Mr. John Hasten, Mrs. Arlene Lindsay and Mrs. Sheila Mikeworth. Others in attendance were as per the attached Attendance Sign-In Sheet which becomes a part of these minutes.

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

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

Gary Buser arrived at 6:43 p.m.

Recognition of Visitors:

Mrs. Lindsay reported on events at PHS. Mrs. Woolverton has revived the Science Club at PHS. It is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors who maintain a C or above in all academic courses and must be in at least their second year of science. The Academic Foundation is again sponsoring Celebrating Great Things this year at PHS. It will be held quarterly during the school year with the first one on October 31.

Mrs. Mikeworth, PGS Principal, recognized student and teacher achievements from the PGS building. Matthew Schmidlin traveled to "Missions in Space" in Huntsville, Alabama as part of a 4-H group. He gave a short presentation and shared how they built and launched rockets.

Mrs. Coffman, Jr. High Science teacher, shared information on the 7th and 8th grades dissecting of frogs and worms.

The Board of Education recognized the August/September Character Education winners by presenting them with a certificate of achievement. The Character Education word was Respect and 120 coupons were awarded during the month. Winners of the drawing

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awarded with a bookmark, a breakfast and a T-shirt were: Alexis Oatman, Grace Correll, Madison Montgomery, Parker Michael, Tarryn Monti, Chase Crampton, Ronnie Drum, Devon Morgenstern, Lucas Burton, Brandon Redman, Samuel Calvert, Matthew Schmidlin, Stephen Hilderbrand, Jacob Miller, Kimmy Gordon, and Payton Woodward.

Mrs. Coffman spoke on Character Education Week with a food drive and door decorating contest being planned. They will be sponsoring a pancake dinner on November 16 at Parents Night for Jr. High Girls' basketball. Mrs. Mikeworth will be traveling to National Character Education Conference to receive an award for our Purple Hands Project. Palestine will be mentoring Oblong CUSD 4 as they begin their program on Character Education.

Following a review of the audit completed by Jodi Truitt of Kemper CPA and presented by Brian Bradbury, it was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Gary Buser to accept the review of the audit as presented by Kemper CPA Group. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Application for Recognition of Schools was approved as presented 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.

Jim Bush made a motion to approve the Budget Reduction Plan as presented with a second 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.

President Biggs made new committee appointments as per the attached listing which becomes a part of these minutes.

Susan Hawkins made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 7:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of employment, appointment, resignation, evaluation of personnel and matters relating to an individual student. Shari Eckert 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 8:59 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.

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It was moved by Susan Hawkins and seconded by Donald Wagoner to accept the resignations of Kendra Butler and Tangi Waldrop as Jr. High Scholastic Bowl coaches and to post the position.

Erika Coffman was employed as Assistant Junior High Girls' Basketball coach with stipend as per contract effective immediately 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.

Kendra Butler and Tangi Waldrop were employed to supervise the After-School Individualized Tutoring Program with stipend paid by Title 1 effective immediately on a motion by Susan Hawkins 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.

It was moved by James Ellis and seconded by Gary Buser to approve a salary increase for Richard Lowe to \$13.25 per hour as maintenance supervisor effective immediately. 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 Shari Eckert and seconded by Jim Bush to approve a leave of absence for Michelle Smith 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 James Ellis to accept the resignation of Karen Boden as part-time custodian effective immediately. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Keith Nash was employed as a substitute bus driver and a substitute custodian effective immediately and pending the completion of the necessary requirements 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.

Bob Sornberger was indemnified as Volunteer Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball coach pending completion of required paperwork effective immediately on a motion by Susan Hawkins 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.

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Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. 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, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Corie Biggs, President

Shari Eckert, Secretary