

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, December 15, 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, James Ellis, Susan Hawkins, Donald Wagoner and Corie Biggs. Administration present was John Hasten, Sheila Mikeworth, and Joe Sornberger. Also present were: Phyllis Parks and Joe Daughetee, and Amy Wells (RDN).

A motion to approve the agenda was made by James Ellis 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, 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 Building News:

Mrs. Mikeworth recognized Mrs. Carr for her organization of the PGS Book Fair. Over \$3000 in books was sold and \$1300 in vouchers were received for books and library supplies.

The District Christmas Festival had a good turnout and the students did a wonderful job. It showcased the K-12 grades. K-4 grades presented a musical, the JH and PHS choruses sang, and the 5th grade band, JH band and PHS band performed. Some of them also combined and presented selections. It ended with a community sing-a-long.

PGS received 22 Redbud, Red Maple and Norwegian Maple trees from the Village of Palestine. Palestine Academic Foundation also purchased a SMARTBoard for Mrs. Deckard and a portable printer for Mrs. Dart.

The Character Ed word for December is Caring. PGS students and staff participated in Toys for Tots organized by Mrs. Burkett and the 5th grade. They are also collecting books to send to children in Africa to help build three libraries. Mrs. Mikeworth also held a quarterly town meeting with 5th-8th grades for Character Ed.

Mrs. Mikeworth noted the PGS RtI Committee volunteered hours of hard work to prepare the plan.

PHS Building News:

Mr. Sornberger reported the PHS RtI team had identified their main weakness and prepared a plan to implement. Seven high school teachers volunteer to help with the plan.

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PHS participated in Team Quest with four teams. The freshman team received a 3rd place and will continue on. PHHS Girls Basketball team has been playing well and recently finished 3rd in the Edwards County tournament. HPHS Boys Basketball season has begun and have been putting forth a great effort.

Marathon has been gracious in the past month and has donated \$2500 to the PGS Math and Science Departments. The Parent Involvement Group has been raising money for the Pioneer Courtyard and have scheduled a Dodge ball Tournament on February 15th and a Brain Bowl on March 20th.

Superintendent's report:

Mr. Hasten advised he has been working on the District RtI plan which is due January 1st. He also advised that American Fidelity will be the provider for our 403B plan.

Representatives of Daughhetee and Parks Financial Services, LLC were in attendance to review the audit with the Board.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Gary Buser to approve the Tax Levy. 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 Susan Hawkins to approve the RtI (Response to Intervention) plans as presented. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The following policies had the first reading: First reading of the following policies changes: 2:80-E, 2:220, 4:60, 4:60-AP1, 4:70, 4:70-AP, 4:100, 4:160, 4:160-AP, 5:90, 5:100, 5:150, 5:150-AP, 5:240, 5:250, 5:290, 5:330, 6:10, 6:60, 6:60-AP, 6:120, 6:120-AP, 6:160, 6:230, 6:300, 6:320, 7:10, 7:20, 7:50, 7:100, 7:210, 7:230, 7:240, 7:290, 7:300 and 7:340.

It was moved by Susan Hawkins and seconded by Jim Bush to approve a request from PHS Chorus and Drama Club for a field trip to Chicago and fund any additional cost not funded by other means up to \$500.00. 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 Donald Wagoner and seconded by Gary Buser to approve installation of a shelter at Palestine Grade School pending receipt of stamped drawings. 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 Jim Bush and seconded by Susan Hawkins to enter into Closed Session at 8:12 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 Gary Buser and seconded by James Ellis to return to Open Session at 10:07 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 Gary Buser to employ Walter Fritchie as a substitute bus driver 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.

It was moved by James Ellis and seconded by Gary Buser to assign Joe Halter as volunteer assistant boy's basketball coach in the junior high school pending meeting all the necessary requirements. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, and Biggs. Nay: Susan Hawkins and Donald Wagoner. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m. on a motion by Corie Biggs 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.

Corie Biggs, President

Shari Eckert, Secretary