

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, December 17, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Wagoner at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary Eckert called the roll with the following members answering present: Gary Buser, Shari Eckert, James Ellis, and Donald Wagoner. Jim Bush, Susan Hawkins and Corie Biggs were absent. Administration present was Mr. John Hasten, Mrs. Arlene Lindsay, and Mrs. Sheila Mikeworth. Also present were: Josh Brown (RDN), Karen Pifer, Marilyn Fritchley, Michele Mendenhall, Stuart Smith, Reta Waggoner, Renee Campbell, Jason Wright (ADG), Tim Raibley (ADG) and Beth Ann Fritchie.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by James Ellis and seconded by Gary Buser. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Eckert, Ellis, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Faculty and Staff Recognition:

Mrs. Michele Mendenhall and Mrs. Karen Pifer gave the Character Education update. Students are wearing the new Character Ed shirt design and the staff will be soon. They will be having a chili supper on January 18 prior to the basketball game with New Hebron.

PGS Building News:

PGS had their Christmas programs the week of December 10th. They also held a Reading Bowl with students from 4th, 5th, and 6th grades participating. PGS will be hosting the 7th/8th grade boys basketball LIC tournament in January. A Masonic Blood Drive will also be held at PGS.

Mrs. Schmidlin will be teaching a ROE workshop on Teacher Expectation on Student Achievement. ThinkLink testing will be conducted for 2nd and 3rd grades.

Christmas cheer will be shared with week of December 17th by providing special activities for the primary grades during lunch with music specials, Christmas carols and reading stories.

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PHS Building News:

PHS hosted a blood drive on November 27th. The Construction Trades class has been recognized for their construction work in downtown Palestine. Robinson Daily News will be interviewing Mr. Enigk and his students for an article.

PHS would like to thank the Academic Foundation for approving the purchase of a symposium for Ms. Morrow's classroom and a document camera for Mrs. Ryan-Catt's classes. Twin Rivers will also be purchasing two symposiums for use in the vocational education classrooms.

Marathon gave a generous gift of \$1000 for use in the Math and Science classes.

Superintendent's report:

Mr. Hasten reported on the district plan for Title One plan and asked for the Board's approval as presented.

A motion was made by Gary Buser and seconded by James Ellis to approve local Title One report as presented. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Eckert, Ellis, and Wagoner. Nay: none. Motion carried.

James Ellis made a motion seconded by Gary Buser to proceed with ADG for next step of construction and bidding documents for high school elevator. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Eckert, Ellis, and Wagoner. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Beth Fritchie, PTO member, was in attendance to ask permission from the Board to accept the gift of a \$35,000 sign from First Robinson Savings Bank. There will be no cost to the district. PTO will set up an account for upkeep including replacement of panels. Mrs. Fritchie will set up a meeting with Mr. Hasten, the electricians, and the architects to discuss the plans. It was moved by James Ellis and seconded by Gary Buser to accept the gift from the PTO and proceed with installation of the sign. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Eckert, Ellis, and Wagoner. Nay: none. Motion carried.

First reading for the following policy revisions: 1:20-AP, 2:125, 2:140-E,4:180, 4:180-AP1, 4:180-AP2, 5:10-AP, 5:35-AP3, 5:120-AP2, 5:130,5:130-AP, 5:180, 6:40,6:120-E, 6:235, 6:310,7:60-E3, 7:90, 7:100, 7:190-AP3, 7:190-AP4.

Attendance information was presented by the building principals. The absentee rates for PHS and PGS were discussed. Chronic absences are reported to the truancy board.

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It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by Shari Eckert to approve the 2007 Tax Levy, Collected in 2008 as presented. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Eckert, Ellis, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Superintendent was appointed the Ethics Advisor for the District as indicated in Policy 2:105. It will be indicated in the handbooks when they are revised.

James Ellis made a motion to establish an administrative procedure for succession as per Policy 3:70-AP as presented. Gary Buser seconded the motion. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Eckert, Ellis, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Gary Buser made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 7:38 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of employment, appointment, resignation, evaluation of personnel, matters relating to an individual student and negotiations. Shari Eckert seconded the motion. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Eckert, Ellis, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:17 p.m. on a motion by Gary Buser and seconded by James Ellis. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Eckert, Ellis, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by James Ellis to accept the resignation of Marcie Hilderbrand effective 12/15/2007. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Eckert, Ellis, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Deloris Lowe was employed as an afternoon-evening shift custodian at the high school effective 12/18/07 at \$10.00 per hour and pending the meeting of all necessary requirements. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Eckert, Ellis, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. on a motion by Gary Buser and seconded by James Ellis. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Eckert, Ellis, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Donald Wagoner, Vice President

Shari Eckert, Secretary