

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 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: Jim Bush, Shari Eckert, James Ellis, Susan Hawkins, Donald Wagoner and J. Corie Biggs. Gary Buser was absent. Administration present was John Hasten, Sheila Mikeworth, and Joe Sornberger. Also present was: Marilyn Fritchley, Nicole Weskerna (RDN), and Larry Burdine of DBH & Associates.

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

Gary Buser entered the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

PGS News: Mrs. Mikeworth reported on the basketball season. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls both advanced to Regionals. LTC presented a music program at PGS. PGS had two student teachers in the fall and will have two more during the spring. She also reported that the first annual Science Fair will be held on January 7<sup>th</sup> with guest judges.

PHS News: Mr. Sornberger reported that both the boys' and girls' basketball teams won the annual Shrine games. Four state scholars from PHS were recognized between games. The Christmas concert was excellent. The Mason's provided the meat for the annual football banquet that was attend by 101 persons. PHS held their 1<sup>st</sup> annual pickle ball tournament. Mr. Sornberger also presented a handout on RtI.

Superintendent's report: Mr. Hasten presented a report of state and federal payments as of 12/17/09. He also provided an estimated tax rate for areas schools for 2009.

Board members attending the ISBE state board convention in Chicago also shared information on the meetings they attended.

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Larry Burdine of DBH & Associates presented the audit report. No findings were reported. Recommendations for improvement provided in separate letter.

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It was moved by James Ellis and seconded by Susan Hawkins to graciously accept the Greenhouse for the Grade School from the Academic Foundation. 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 Susan Hawkins to regretfully accept the resignation of Dessie Carr as a Junior High School Scholastic Bowl Team 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 Susan Hawkins and seconded by Shari Eckert to regretfully accept the resignation of Kathy Morrow as a classroom teacher effective at the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year. 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 James Bush to establish the Tax Levy as is recommended by the Finance Committee. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Donald Wagoner left the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

It was moved by James Ellis and seconded by Jim Bush to appoint John Hasten and Debra Armstrong to receive FOIA training. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The athletic co-op renewal was discussed. Hutsonville does not intend to re-establish the junior high baseball or softball programs. A community survey was suggested. There will be an athletic committee meeting and then a joint district athletic committee meeting with Hutsonville was also recommended.

An elevator maintenance agreement was discussed. Mr. Hasten will investigate options and report back next month.

The Ford tractor was discussed. An estimate of repairs and specs for a possible replacement were requested.

The annual board retreat was set for February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Susan Hawkins to participate in the Race to the Top program. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: None. Nay: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Biggs. Motion failed.

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It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Gary Buser to enter into Closed Session at 7:47 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, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Gary Buser to return to Open Session at 7:57 p.m. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Hawkins, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 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, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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J. Corie Biggs, President

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Shari Eckert, Secretary