

BUDGET HEARING

September 24, 2007

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A special meeting was held prior to the regular board meeting of the Board of Education of Palestine Community Unit School District No. 3 for the purpose of a BUDGET HEARING in the Palestine Grade School at 205 S. Washington Street, Palestine, Illinois on Monday, September 24, 2007. The meeting was called to order by President Biggs at 6:15 p.m.

Secretary Eckert called the roll with the following members answering present: Gary Buser, Jim Bush, Shari Eckert, James Ellis, Donald Wagoner and Corie Biggs. Susan Hawkins was absent. Administration present was John Hasten and Mrs. Lindsay. Others in attendance were as per the attached attendance sheet.

Mr. Hasten reported on a little more revenue in four places. In June, as the needs of the district are realized, the budget will be amended so that it expresses the monetary activity of the year.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:19 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, Wagoner and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Corie Biggs, President

Shari Eckert, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palestine Community Unit School District No. 3 was held in the Palestine Grade School at 205 S. Washington Street, Palestine, Illinois on Monday, September 24, 2007. 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, Donald Wagoner and Corie Biggs. Absent: Susan Hawkins. Administration present was Mr. John Hasten and Mrs. Arlene Lindsay. Also present were: Denise Dart, Stephanie Weaver, Marilyn Fritchley, Josh Brown (RDN), Marcia Schmidlin, Stephanie Schmidlin, Joseph Eckert, Matt Schmidlin, Neil Bantican, Jeri Elder, Lori Mieure, Diane Hodge, Edward Hodge, Janet Hodge, Leonard Daugherty, Lauren Wagoner, Michelle Wagoner, Todd Knoblett, Mary Gordon, Kimmy Gordon, Maye Keener, and Erin Buser.

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

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

Faculty and Staff Recognition:

Mrs. Schmidlin and students participating in the Rainforest Project were present to share some information about their trip during the summer. Matthew Schmidlin shared a story of fishing and floods. Erin Buser discussed habits of bats. Students shared types of wild life. Service projects were shared. Students also discussed medicinal plants and the effect of natural Novocain.

Recognition of and Communication with Visitors:

There were questions from visitors present regarding the drivers' education classes. The issue was briefly discussed. The Board noted their appreciation of the input provided.

Committee Reports:

Corie Biggs, Shari Eckert and Mr. Hasten attended the recent IASB regional meeting in Newton. Shari shared information on gaining community input and Corie attended a session on long range financial planning.

The Academic Foundation is pleased with the testing scores. They are in the process of planning for donkey basketball.

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PGS Building News:

Mr. Hasten presented Mrs. Mikeworth's report due to her absence. Special events at PGS during September were the beginning of the year open house which had good participation, visits by Rudy the Clown and Miss Rodeo, Mrs. Hodge held cheerleading tryouts, and the PGS building participated in a fire drill with the Fire Chief.

Beginning enrollment figures for 2007-2008SY were 289 students in PreK thru 8th represented by 162 boys and 127 girls.

PHS Building News:

Mrs. Lindsay reported enrollment of 130. Homecoming is this week.

The cafeteria is working well and averaging 52 for lunch.

PHS met AYP also with an increase to 62.5% in Reading and 58.3% in Math. The PHS SAC team received Level II training in July. ThinkLink testing is up coming.

Superintendent's report:

Mr. Hasten commented on the bomb threat at PHS today. Mrs. Lindsay and staff did an excellent job. Search turned up nothing.

School report cards were discussed. It was noted that snapshots of a group at a particular grade level does not provide indication of individual progress.

It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by Jim Bush to approve the 2007-2008 budget as presented. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jim Bush made a motion, seconded by Gary Buser, to approve the 2007-2008 Application for Recognition of Schools. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Bush and seconded by Donald Wagoner to increase salaries for substitute positions as presented effective 9/24/07: substitute bus driver \$13.00 per hour, bus driver wait time \$10.00 per hour, substitute cook \$8.00 per hour, substitute custodian \$8.50 per hour, substitute secretary \$8.00 per hour, substitute aide \$60.00 per day. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Bush and seconded by Gary Buser to approve the following policies: 2:170, 2:170-AP, 2:250-AP2, 4:50-E, 4:120, 4:120-AP, 4:170-E3, 6:145, 6:160, 6:170-AP3, 6:300-E1, 6:310, 6:310-E, 7:15-E, 7:20-AP, 7:130 and 7:190. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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Jim Bush made a motion, seconded by Gary Buser, to approve Don Wagoner to represent the district at the IASB Delegate Assembly. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Gary Buser made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 7:39 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of employment, appointment, resignation, evaluation of personnel, matters relating to an individual student and negotiations. Don Wagoner seconded the motion. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

It was moved by Shari Eckert and seconded by Jim Bush to approve Norma Trimble as a Volunteer Swim Coach. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Angie Hodge was employed as Junior High Cheerleading Coach for the 2007-2008SY on a motion by Shari Eckert and seconded by Donald Wagoner. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Don Wagoner and seconded by James Ellis to authorize Tangi Waldrop and Barbara Potts to fill the After School Tutor positions at the grade school pending posting of the positions and official appointments. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gary Buser and seconded by James Ellis to post two after school tutoring positions at the grade school. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

James Ellis made a motion, seconded by Jim Bush, to authorize the superintendent to seek applicants for position of full-time grade school aide. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Shari Eckert and seconded by Jim Bush to authorize administration to offer another section of drivers' education which meets all state requirements prior to January 1, 2008. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m. on a motion by Donald Wagoner and seconded by Gary Buser. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Buser, Bush, Eckert, Ellis, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Corie Biggs, President

Shari Eckert, Secretary