

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PAXTON-BUCKLEY-LODA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FORD, CHAMPAIGN, VERMILION, IROQUOIS, AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE PAXTON-BUCKLEY-LODA BOARD ROOM IN PAXTON, ILLINOIS.

President Mike Short called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Upon roll call, the following board members answered present: Mike Short, Dawn Bachtold, Jeff Jarboe, Dean Swan, Shawn Young, Dave Dowling, and Cris Thompson.

Others present were Cliff McClure, Trent Eshleman, Stan Daro, Amy Teske, Marilyn Weber, Tara Wienke, Andy Bennett, Mike Brehm, Eric Brackmann, Bob Martensen, Eric Evans, Kay McCabe, Brad Ecker, Jeremy Putnam, Christine Ader, Beth Tabor, Jeff Graham, Denny Kingston, Kim Evans, Dan Evans, Jim Fox, Brad Strebeck, Cody Evans, Barry Wright, Josh Didier, Mark Prina, Jennifer Snelling, Jo Fox, Will Brumleve, Micheala Luca, and Molly Steiger.

President Short called the meeting to order and gave a brief explanation of events that have transpired between the School District and Park District in the past and the reasons why it is important to have a written agreement between the two entities now. President Short also stated the comment in the local paper about the District's fee from the Park District going from \$0.00 to \$10,000.00 is incorrect. He explained that in the past the Park District provided services to the School District, and the School District is not received these services anymore. President Short stated the proposal the School Board is offering to the Park District does not include the softball field. He read the proposal aloud which included:

- 1). Park District may use the School's equipment for a particular sport, such as basketball, softball, and the facilities to operate the programs.
- 2). Park District will perform background checks and CANTS checks on all personnel, coaches, and volunteers of the Park District.
- 3). Park District will carry a \$3,000,000.00 minimum liability policy naming the School as additional insured and provide the School with a copy of this policy.
- 4). The School will decide if Park District activities will be held in or on school facilities during inclement weather.
- 5). The agreement will be for one year, not three years. A successive agreement must be finalized by April 13, 2011 at which time the softball programs will be addressed.
- 6). A written 90 day notice of termination clause will be added to the agreement.

Mr. McClure asked the Park District Board how they felt about the School Board's proposal. Mr. Strebeck asked why the school only wants a one year agreement, and Mr. Swan replied that since this agreement is new between the two parties the School Board felt that one year was an appropriate length of time and if anything needed to be modified in the agreement that it could be done at the end of the year before the next agreement was entered into. President Short stated that the April 13, 2011 date is the Board of

Education meeting and allows ample time for both parties to review how things are going in the agreement. Mr. McClure stated that the District is not going to wait until April 13th to start discussing next year's agreement however. President Short asked the Park District Board if there were any sticking points to the proposed agreement, and the Park District Board did not respond. Mr. Martensen stated the Park District wants the School District to carry a liability policy naming the Park District as second insured. A discussion was held regarding the reasoning for this request. Mr. McClure stated that the District will need to discuss this matter with its attorney and/or insurance consultant to work on any language with regard to this matter.

Kay McCabe asked the School Board why a ninety day written notice of termination would be added to the agreement, and President Short stated that the two parties are not far away from that date, however this allows either side a way out of the agreement if they so choose. Mr. Putnam wanted to know if the Park District would get a refund should there not be a specific program offered, and the Board replied that they are not going to keep any revenue that the District has not incurred. A discussion was held with regard to what type of refund would be offered back to the Park District. Mr. Swan stated that this is one of the main reasons why the School Board wants the fee to be a flat fee and not a per person fee. The District does not want to get involved with setting up the Park District's fees and/or managing them. It is a flat fee structure that the District wants with the Park District. Mr. Putnam replied that the Park District wants the fees to be set up on a per person basis because the Park District has not appropriated any monies for rental fees. He stated the Park District is operating on a shoestring budget, and the only way for raising funds for this type of service is raising funds per participant in the adult programs. Mr. Putnam added that if the agreement is only for six months, he wished the School Board would work with the Park District on this issue. Mr. Jarboe stated that if the Park District had 200 participants in its adult programs last year that would be approximately \$4,000.00. Mr. Evans replied that the Park District is not guaranteed what their participation will be in its adult programs. Mr. Swan stated that the Park District's fiscal year runs differently than the School District. The Park District is in a tight timeframe right now because the winter sports fees have not kicked in yet and the summer sports fees are gone, but Mr. Swan stated that the School District is willing to wait on the Park District's payment sometime after the start of its fiscal year. Mr. Putnam replied that the Park District cannot afford to use one year's revenue to pay for last year's bills. Mr. Swan replied that he has reviewed some of the Park District's financial situation and understands that it is a very tight budget. He stated there are some line items that are within the Park District's current appropriation, and its softball program fund has budgeted \$7,000.00 which is no where near what will be expended so there are some funds available. President Short added that everyone has acknowledged there are costs incurred to the District for the Park District to run its programs, and he feels that the Board of Education is not looking to get rich on this situation but some reimbursement needs to happen. Mr. Swan added that the District can get the actual costs to the Park District as requested, but the District would have to have an engineer come in and calculate the percentage. President Short stated that the District incurs additional costs in water, paper products, wear and tear on the gym floors, snow plowing and salt, janitorial services, etc. He stated a lot of District's supplies and equipment are being utilized to run the Park District's programs. Ms. McCabe wanted specific numbers from the District, and Mr. McClure stated the costs would be beyond what the Park District is willing to pay and what it could afford. Mr. Dowling asked the Park District Board if the School District works with you what would the Park District be willing to pay. President Short interrupted and said that if the Park District is worried about the \$10,000.00 flat fee amount and not having enough participants that the School District is willing to not charge a flat fee if there is no participation. Mr. Swan added that the School District does not operate the Park District's programs. Mr. Evans asked if the School Board has a dollar amount set, and Ms. Bachtold stated that this is what Mr. Dowling just asked the Park District Board. Ms. McCabe reiterated that she wants to know what the actual costs are to the School District. President Short stated the School District will work off of the \$4,000.00. Mr. Putnam replied that

he is not comfortable with that amount, and Ms. Bachtold stated this amount does take the economy into account. Mr. Dowling asked the Park District Board if there is a financial baseline if it does not have enough participants that the Park District does not run its programs. A discussion was held regarding the Park District's financial baseline for running adult programs. Mr. Young suggested an amount of \$2,160.00, and Mr. Swan stated that this would be the absolute minimum amount if agreed upon. Mr. Strebeck asked if the Park District eliminated the adult programs would the School District still take a fee for the youth programs. President Short stated this is something that was not discussed. He also stated if the Park District wants to eliminate the adult programs and run strictly the youth programs this year that is fine for this school year. Mr. Martensen stated that the Park District does not have excess money to operate, and the monies it has will have to come from the programs themselves. He added that if programs do not generate the money, the Park District will not have the reserves to make up any difference. A discussion was held regarding the flat fee amount and if there would be a reduction in the amount owed by the Park District to the School District if there were not enough participants. Mr. Dowling stated if the School District said \$3,000.00 for the flat fee amount and the Park District had 200 participants, if the Park District chooses to charge the participants \$20.00 per person that is \$1,000.00 more than what the District is asking for in a flat fee. If the Park District decides it wants its registration fees to match the \$3,000.00 flat fee amount that is up to the Park District. Ms. Snelling asked the Board of Education if any of them participate in Park District activities, and if you did, would you feel differently about what is going on. Ms. Bachtold replied that she would not feel differently. She added that she has talked with several community members about this topic to see if the School District is going in the correct direction. Ms. Tabor stated that the winter sports do not begin until December and end in March. Mr. McClure suggested to the Park District that if they make one payment immediately and the other payment in the next year's fiscal year. Mr. Putnam replied that the fiscal year does not matter. President Short stated the \$3,000.00 flat fee is based upon 150 participants, and if the Park District has less than that the District will reimburse the Park District the difference.

The Park District Board left the meeting to discuss the proposed offer at 7:50 p.m.

Dawn Bachtold made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous month. Dean Swan seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Dave Dowling made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jeff Jarboe seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Jeff Jarboe made a motion to approve payment of all current bills. Dean Swan seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Mr. Swan read a letter dated October 13, 2010 from Donna Inman resigning as a cook effective October 15, 2010.

Mr. Swan read a letter dated October 12, 2010 from Theresa Carley requesting ten weeks of maternity leave with an anticipated beginning date of January 31, 2011.

Ms. Wienke addressed the Board regarding the recent school improvement day. She stated that Larry Bell was the guest speaker and gave each Board member a copy of the evaluation summaries that staff members completed regarding how the day went and how things can improve. Ms. Wienke advised that this was the best evaluation summaries the District has received thus far. She stated the teachers are very excited about this initiative and how a lot of things we did during the school improvement day will tie into the

District's school improvement plan. Mr. McClure added that the guest speaker kept everyone's attention for the entire three hours he spoke.

Ms. Wienke advised the District is going to be looking into its grading policy. She stated there are some inconsistencies within the District, and this is becoming quite evident now that we have Skyward. Ms. Wienke explained that Dr. Haggerty revisited Eastlawn Elementary today. He is a Reading specialist. The District needs to move away from the A, B, C grading and go towards skill acquisition and look at the standards-based reporting. She stated that the High School level is different than the elementary level when it comes to grading when asked about how this will affect students' GPA.

Ms. Wienke showed the Board the District improvement plan and explained the main points of the District's plan.

The Park District Board re-entered the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Martensen addressed the School Board and stated the Park District is contemplating the only programs that would take place between now and April 13, 2011 that would use the school facilities would be the volleyball and basketball programs both adult and youth. He stated the Park District would agree to Mr. Swan's proposal of \$3,000.00 which is based upon 150 participants, and if the Park District did not get 150 participants it would be reimbursed at the rate of \$20.00 per participant. Mr. Martensen stated the Park District would pay the School District the sum of \$3,000.00 on or before February 15, 2011. He also stated the Park District requested to eliminate the ninety day termination language in the agreement. The School Board suggested April 1, 2011 as a termination date. Mr. Martensen stated the youth activities for the Park District will begin in the very near future. Mr. McClure advised that he, Mr. Martensen, and Mr. Miller will work on the insurance language within the agreement.

The Paxton Park District Board left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

A discussion was held regarding parent involvement at the High School and Junior High level.

Mr. McClure advised that eight counties have passed the school facility tax. He would like to post a letter on the District's website with the Board's permission giving the community information with regard to what the school facility tax is and what it could mean to the District. Mr. McClure explained that this could be a significant amount of abatement. This will be on the ballot for the November election for Iroquois County. He stated if this passes the District would begin receiving funds in November or December 2011. Mr. Swan suggested a link on the District's website that would direct people to information about the school facility tax as opposed to a letter. A discussion was held regarding a letter on the District's website with regard to school facility tax.

Mr. McClure advised the Board if the District chooses to reissue its capital bonds it could save the District approximately \$250,000.00. He stated that after some discussions with First MidState and PMA that both of these companies are saying the market is good for refunding. Mr. McClure advised that both companies have similar fee structures, and he feels this is a very worthwhile option for the District to consider. Mr. Swan and President Short stated that First MidState has treated PBL fairly, and they would like to have this company handle the refunding. Mr. McClure stated that Kevin Heid from First MidState will be present at the December Board meeting.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board approve the District Improvement Plan. Jeff Jarboe made a motion to approve the District Improvement Plan. Dawn Bachtold seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that he needs to speak with Ron Richardson from FGM again with regard to the District's facilities planning and Health/Life Safety matters. He stated he has some additional questions and would prefer to discuss this topic at a later date.

Mr. McClure advised the Board that he has not received Iroquois County numbers yet with regard to the District's preliminary Levy. He stated that the District's overall rate is likely to be the same or down a little. Mr. McClure explained that the District needs additional funds in the Tort Liability Fund due to increased unemployment and workers compensation insurance. He added that he is going to take a look at the District's IMRF/FICA rates to see if the District can reduce those as well. Mr. McClure stated he feels the District will not need to hold a Truth in Taxation hearing.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that parent/teacher conferences will be held on October 27th and October 28th with no student attendance on October 29th.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board approve the District report card as well as the report cards of Clara Peterson Elementary, Eastlawn Elementary, PBL Junior High, and PBL High School. Dean Swan made a motion to approve the 2010 District report card. Dave Dowling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed. Jeff Jarboe made a motion to approve the 2010 Clara Peterson Elementary report card. Dawn Bachtold seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed. Jeff Jarboe made a motion to approve the 2010 Eastlawn Elementary report card. Dean Swan seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed. Dean Swan made a motion to approve the 2010 PBL Junior High report card. Cris Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed. Dawn Bachtold made a motion to approve the 2010 PBL High School report card. Dave Dowling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board approve the Knights of Columbus donation in the amount of \$1,781.14. He stated they have been very generous in giving the District their proceeds from the Tootsie Roll sales. Dave Dowling made a motion to approve the Knights of Columbus donation in the amount of \$1,781.14. Jeff Jarboe seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board approve the Paxton Chamber of Commerce monetary donation from their annual golf outing in the amount of \$3,150.06. He said the funds were used to help pay for the new softball scoreboard. Mr. McClure also thanked Mark Prina, Chamber President, for his work involved with this donation. Dean Swan made a motion to approve the Paxton Chamber of Commerce monetary donation in the amount of \$3,150.06. Dawn Bachtold seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that the end of the first quarter is Friday, October 22, 2010; no student attendance on Friday, October 29, 2010 for fall break, and the District received a FOIA request from Scott O'Connell.

Mr. McClure advised the Board that he recently attended a meeting and the State has promised the District will receive 2010 revenue by December 31, 2010. However, the State will not pay any of the 2011 categorical payments until they have completed 2010 payments.

Mr. McClure stated with First Energy as its vendor the District realized a savings of approximately \$20,000.00 the first nine months.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board affirm the resignation of Donna Inman as a cook. Jeff Jarboe made a motion to affirm the resignation of Donna Inman as a cook. Dave Dowling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board approve the maternity leave request of Theresa Carley. Dean Swan made a motion to approve the maternity leave request of Theresa Carley. Cris Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board approved Daron Johnson as 6th grade boys' basketball coach. Dave Dowling made a motion to approve Daron Johnson as 6th grade boys' basketball coach. Dawn Bachtold seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Dave Dowling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dawn Bachtold seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education