

**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, AUGUST 12, 2009 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, Cris Thompson, Jeff Jarboe, Shawn Young, Dean Swan, Dawn Bachtold, and Dave Dowling.

Others present were Cliff McClure, Amy Teske, Tara Tighe, Mike Brehm, Marilyn Weber, Christine Williams, Andy Bennett, Jeff Graham, Barry Wright, Trent Eshleman, John Rawdin, Scot Vogel, Rick Brackmann, Hillary Sawyer, and Bob Maney.

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

Dean Swan read a letter dated July 31, 2009 from Ron Morrison requesting a one year leave of absence for the 2009/2010 school year.

Dean Swan read a letter dated July 29, 2009 from Jan Weston resigning as High School Junior Varsity softball coach for the 2009/2010 school year.

Dean Swan read a letter from IHSA addressed to John Rawdin, PBL High School principal, congratulating the High School softball, baseball, boys track, and girls track teams for their team academic awards.

Mr. McClure introduced Hillary Sawyer to the Board. Ms. Sawyer is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at PBL, and two years ago she received the Golden Apple Award and also earned a sabbatical. Ms. Sawyer explained the Golden Apple Award process and how she was nominated. During her sabbatical, she attended the University of Illinois for the 2009 spring and summer semesters. She explained the different courses she took and stated she is very excited to begin implementing all the ideas she has learned into her classroom. She has now completed her Reading endorsement. She also stated she will be the Junior High ELL Coordinator.

Hillary Sawyer left the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that the Finance Committee met prior to tonight's board meeting and discussed the FY 2010 budget. Mr. McClure went through the Budget with the Board and stated the District did get an increase in State Aid for the 2009/2010 school year. The District, however, did take some hits with regard to things not budgeted such as textbook loans; early childhood will show a slight decrease, Ag grant will be ninety percent funded over last year, Reading Improvement grant is seventy-five percent of what was last year, and Safety Block grant is twenty-five percent of what it was last year. Mr. McClure went over the estimated fund balances with the Board and stated the Operations and Maintenance

Fund balance is less than last year, but the District had a number of projects last year. The Finance Committee decided that State Aid funds should be transferred into this fund to help sustain the balance. The Transportation Fund is significantly less than last year due to State is behind on payments. The State owes the District approximately \$108,000.00 in Transportation payments and \$140,000.00 in Education Fund payments. Mr. McClure advised that the Transportation Fund could be an issue this fiscal year, however everything else looks in good shape as long as we watch our balances. Mr. McClure stated he talked with a lobbyist while at his conference in Nashville, and there is no silk lining to next fiscal year. The State is talking about getting hit hard and hoping for level funding for the 2010/2011 school year.

Mr. Brackmann addressed the Board with regard to the executive meeting of the Ford County Special Education Cooperative. He stated there was a fund surplus at the end of the fiscal year, so as a result the Committee decided to return the over-payments to GCMS and PBL. PBL will be receiving approximately \$67,000.00. The budget for the 2009/2010 school year has been on display, and a budget hearing is set for this coming Monday. The budget is approximately 3.09% more than last year's budget. Mr. Brackmann explained that a good portion of their budget is Federal money, and the rest of the money comes from tuition payments from PBL and GCMS. Federal grants for the 2009/2010 school year have been approved, and PBL will be receiving \$216,000.00 which will be used to help pay for salaries and benefits of paraprofessionals. Mr. Brackmann also stated that PBL has an additional \$360,317.00 in ARRA funds to spend until September 30, 2011. There are some limitations with the ARRA funds and how the money can be spent as the money is geared towards special education. Mr. McClure stated the District will more than likely not use ARRA funds for salaries. Mr. Brackmann mentioned to the Board that Sid Schaffer will be accepting a new position at GCMS High School as a secretary.

Ms. Williams advised the Board that there were 151 students enrolled in summer school at the beginning, and summer school ended with 145 students enrolled, and attendance on average was at ninety-three percent. With regarding to academic progress, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Reading was 2 out of 9 students increased and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Reading was 2 out of 5 increased. Ms. Williams stated that she enjoyed the experience very much and enjoyed working with other PBL staff members.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board approve placing the 2009/2010 Budget on display. Shawn Young made a motion to approve placing the Paxton-Buckley-Loda CUSD No. 10 budget for the 2009/2010 school year on display. Dawn Bachtold seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Ms. Tighe addressed the Board regarding Kaplan Spell Read and Text Connections training sessions over the summer. She stated that she received very positive comments from staff on these training sessions. Ms. Tighe said that teacher orientation day was a very productive day and a nice experience for new staff. NWEA for map assessment training was yesterday which consisted of two teachers from each grade level. Mr. McClure added that Skyward training also occurred during the summer months.

Mr. Bennett addressed the Board regarding summer maintenance projects. The Clara Peterson kitchen project is near completion. The High School restroom project will be completed by the time school starts, and Eastlawn Office renovation project is pretty close to completion but will not be ready by the time school starts. Mr. McClure advised that the Building and Grounds Committee should meet within the next couple of months to look at projects for next summer and Health/Life Safety projects.

Mr. Eshleman reported to the Board that there are 335 students in Grades K – 2 and 50 Pre-K students for a total of 388 students housed at Clara Peterson Elementary. This is approximately 9 students than last year.

Mr. Wright stated there are 114 students in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, 106 students in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, and 120 students in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade for a total of 340 students. This is approximately 10 students less than last year.

Mr. Graham reported there are 122 students in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, 112 in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, and 114 students in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade for a total of 348 students. This is approximately 5 students more than last year.

Mr. Rawdin advised the Board there are 137 students in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, 110 students in 10<sup>th</sup> Grade, 93 students in 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, and 102 students in 12<sup>th</sup> Grade for a total of 442 students in the High School. Mr. Rawdin said this is approximately 15 students less than last year.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that August 17<sup>th</sup> is an all staff institute, and the Board is welcome to attend. August 18<sup>th</sup> is for certified staff only for Skyward training and meetings. The first day of student attendance is August 19<sup>th</sup> with August 20<sup>th</sup> being the first full day of student attendance.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board approve the budget hearing date and time to be September 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Dean Swan made a motion to approve the budget hearing date and time to be September 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Dawn Bachtold seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Mr. McClure advised the Board that discussions have happened at different times with the Board regarding Tara Tighe and John Rawdin's concerns about class status at the High School and how students can accumulate credits in non-core subjects and still move along in class status. Mr. McClure stated it is unfair to have students to take the PSAT/ACT tests without them having passed an English or Math class prior to their Junior year. Mr. McClure stated that RTI, credit recovery, summer school, and online Virtual High School are four opportunities the District can utilize to help students. This could potentially hurt the non-core classes for students who are struggling with Math and English, however the District needs to provide extra opportunities to students, and it is the District's obligation to do it's best to help them pass and succeed. A lengthy discussion was held regarding class status at the High School and the benefits/disadvantages. Mr. McClure recommended the Board approve class status for one year of English and one year of Math for Freshman to move to Sophomore status and stair-step requirements as they advance. Dawn Bachtold made a motion to approve class status for one year of English and one year of Math for Freshman to move to Sophomore status. Dean Swan seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Mr. McClure informed the Board there will be no student attendance on September 7<sup>th</sup> which is Labor Day, and he has been approached by the PBL Booster Club regarding another project. The District's auditor stated the audit looked good, and next week is scheduled for a State audit of several State and Federal programs.

Jeff Jarboe addressed the Board with regard to Scholastic Bowl, and a lengthy discussion was held regarding this matter. It was decided the Extra-Curricular Committee should look into this matter and to have as many coaches and sponsors present at this meeting to discuss schedules.

Dave Dowling made a motion to go into closed session to discuss to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, performance of specific employees of the public body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)1 and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)2, and to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 and discuss the destruction of audio recordings that are 18 months or older pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)21. Dawn Bachtold seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Closed session began at 9:07 p.m.

Dawn Bachtold made a motion to come out of closed session. Jeff Jarboe seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Closed session ended at 10:08 p.m.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board affirm Lacey Guillaume as a volunteer High School volleyball coach, Clint Schwartz as a volunteer High School football coach, and Rob Pacey as a volunteer Junior High cross country coach. Jeff Jarboe made a motion to affirm Lacey Guillaume as a volunteer High School volleyball coach, Clint Schwartz as a volunteer High School football coach, and Rob Pacey as a volunteer Junior High cross country coach. Shawn Young 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 Ron Morrison's request for one year leave of absence for the 2009/2010 school year. Dean Swan made a motion to approve Ron Morrison's request for one year leave of absence for the 2009/2010 school year. 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 approve Jan Weston's resignation as High School Junior Varsity softball coach. Dave Dowling made a motion to approve Jan Weston's resignation as High School Junior Varsity softball coach. Dawn Bachtold 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 Patty Page as the High School Physics and Chemistry teacher for the 2009/2010 school year to fill a one year leave-of-absence. Jeff Jarboe made a motion to approve Patty Page as the High School Physics and Chemistry teacher for the 2009/2010 school year to fill a one year leave-of-absence. Dean Swan 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 Britney Gass as an elementary teacher for the 2009/2010 school year. Dean Swan made a motion to approve Britney Gass as an elementary teacher for the 2009/2010 school year. Shawn Young 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 Clint Schwartz as a paraprofessional for the 2009/2010 school year. Dave Dowling made a motion to approve Clint Schwartz as a paraprofessional for the 2009/2010 school year. 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 Lisa Brocato as a paraprofessional for the 2009/2010 school year. Jeff Jarboe made a motion to approve Lisa Brocato as a paraprofessional for the 2009/2010 school year. Dawn Bachtold 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 Lynnette Rudin as a paraprofessional for the 2009/2010 school year. Dawn Bachtold made a motion to approve Lynnette Rudin as a paraprofessional for the 2009/2010 school year. Shawn Young 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 Debra Kennedy as a paraprofessional for the 2009/2010 school year. Jeff Jarboe made a motion to approve Debra Kennedy as a paraprofessional for the 2009/2010 school year. 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 destruction of audio recordings that are eighteen months or older. Dawn Bachtold made a motion to approve the destruction of audio recordings that are eighteen months or older. 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 adjourn the meeting. Dean Swan seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education