

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, JANUARY 12, 2011 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, Josh Didier, Jeff Graham, Barry Wright, Tara Wienke, Marilyn Weber, Stan Daro, Mike Brehm, David Snider, Molly Steiger, Jeff Faust, Eric Brackmann, Will Brumleve, Stacia Johnson, Nicole Shields, and Greg Frichtl.

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.

Jeff Jarboe made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Dawn Bachtold 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 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.

There were no written communications for the Board Secretary to read.

President Short asked if there were any visitors that were not on the agenda that would like to address the Board, and Greg Frichtl stated he would like to address the Board. Mr. Frichtl began to state his reasons for addressing the Board, and President Short interrupted advising that he needed to address the Board with regard to a student and/or staff member during closed session only.

Mr. Didier addressed the Board with regard to the recent meeting of the Policy Review Committee. He stated the policies for the Board to review are highlighted, in particular Policy No. 5.250 which concerns professional personal leave of absence. The Committee needed to update this policy to reflect the District's current negotiated contract language for both ESP and Certified personnel. Mr. Didier stated with regard to Policy No. 7.150AP, the District's attorney will need to review this policy and update Mr. McClure as it concerns agencies and police reviews. He explained there is new language added that discusses the possibility of student arrests and interviews without parental consent. In closing, Mr. Didier advised that the Committee is caught up with policy revisions/changes until it receives notification from Press.

Mr. Brackmann advised the Board that the Coop is in good financial shape. He stated revenue is at 52%, and expenditures are at 43%, and he is hopeful these percentages will hold true until the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Brackmann advised the Federal grant monies are flowing again. However, there are big changes in how grants will be paid next school year. He stated next year the District will have to spend the money before the State will give the District funds instead of the District receiving quarterly payments on the grants.

Mr. Brackmann stated that the December 1st child count number is at 211. He stated this year's numbers are not official with the State but feels it is accurate. Mr. Brackmann stressed to the Board that this is the lowest percentage of special education students the District has had in the past twenty years. He stated this may be due to over-identification in the past and that RTI initiatives are having a positive impact on special education students as well. Mr. Brackmann does not feel there is any one factor for the low percentage.

Mr. Brackmann informed the Board that there is a small number of students who need a lot more special education support than others, and there are a number of students at Clara Peterson this school year and Eastlawn next year. He stated that with current staffing the District cannot properly serve these students which could mean adding another special education position at Eastlawn next school year.

Mr. Brackmann left the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Mr. Jeff Faust of Environmental Consultants addressed the Board with regard to the indoor air quality survey results. He thanked the Board and administration for selecting their firm. The goal of the program is to establish a baseline so they can understand how effective the buildings are functioning and their indoor air quality. He explained that they looked at pollution sources and mechanical systems that are in each building. Mr. McClure suggested to Mr. Faust that the indoor air quality results should be given to the District architect. Mr. Faust stated after walking through all the buildings, the good news is that all the buildings are in really good shape as a whole.

Mr. Faust did not identify any specific problems in the building at Clara Peterson. He said Clara Peterson has some mechanical systems that are antiquated, but they are well maintained. Mr. Faust stated that air monitoring results within Clara Peterson were quite good, and there is very little on the maintenance side to be done.

Mr. Faust stated that Eastlawn Elementary is in decent shape. He did not identify any current water problems in the school. He noted there is an antiquated fan-housing unit that supplies air throughout the building, and he suggested that it needs to be cleaned and maintained to get a few more years out of it. Mr. Faust advised that there are some minor maintenance issues as well.

Mr. Faust advised there is a design concern in the commons area at the Junior High. He stated the ducting in the commons area can carry a lot of water and debris. Mr. McClure stated that Mr. Faust had asked him to consult with our District architect, and in doing so, the District architect felt it was an "oops". Mr. McClure stated that FGM will come to look at the concern and address it. Mr. Faust stated the rest of the Junior High is in great shape.

Mr. Faust stated the ventilation at the High School is not as good as it should be. He advised the meter readings determine this, and he identified numerous places in the High School, especially on the second floor, are high but not dangerous levels for carbon dioxide. Mr. McClure stated that the District needs to discuss this matter with the District architect to litigate this problem. Mr. Faust stated there are also a couple of health/life safety issues at the High School that were brought up as well.

In closing, Mr. Faust stated the District is in pretty good shape and that water samples were taken at all four buildings.

Mr. Faust left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Ms. Wienke addressed the Board with regard to MAP testing that is taking place in Grades K-8. The District is not testing in the High School until the spring. She stated that Clara Peterson has just finished their DIBELS testing, and preliminary they are at 83% Tier I. Ms. Wienke advised the numbers are right where they should be. She stated that she has received the Explore and Plan data for 9th and 10th grades respectively. The Explore test will be administered to 8th grade students this year instead of 9th grade and will be taken next Wednesday.

Ms. Wienke explained the Explore test scores and how they compared to the national norms. She stated there are significant differences in gender groups as far as scores are concerned, especially in 9th grade. She also stated that Science is a concern at a national level since PBL is at 17%. Ms. Wienke advised that a large percentage of students stated they plan to attend college and/or military and that very few students stated they were not going on to some type of secondary training.

Ms. Wienke stated the Plan test scores were basically the same as the Explore, except that gender groups are not as significant as in the 9th grade scores. She advised that Science continues to be a concern with 10th grade student scores.

Ms. Wienke advised that February 18th is the next school improvement day. Pre-K through 6th grade staff will be focusing on differentiated instruction with Jan Leonard; 7-8 grade staff will be focusing non-fiction reading studies with Gretchen Courtney and Associates; and High School staff will be focusing on reading across content areas with Gretchen Courtney and Associates.

Ms. Wienke informed the Board that she and Mr. McClure have drafted some goals and expectations from the Board to administration and staff for 2010-2013. She stressed that this is just a working document and would appreciate any feedback that the Board could offer. Ms. Wienke also stated that she plans to take this to the upcoming Curriculum Committee for input. Ms. Wienke informed the Board that goals are good to help keep everyone focused and helps to bring everyone's thinking and drive together.

Mr. McClure stated that he met with Nicole Shields, Kristina Schuler, and Stacia Johnson at the end of last school year with regard to bullying, and they made plans to instruct all students about bullying. They then wrote and administered a bullying survey. Ms. Johnson stated that the survey was limited to ten questions and was taken by all students in the PBL District. Ms. Johnson informed the Board that she was very pleased with the results of the survey. Mr. McClure thanked Ms. Johnson, Ms. Shields, and Ms. Schuler for their work with regard to the progress that has been made with the students.

Ms. Johnson and Ms. Shields left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Jeff Jarboe made a motion to approve School Board Policy Nos. 2.20E, 2.150, 2.260, 4.10, 4150, 5.30, 5.30AP1, 5.30AP2, 5.90, 5.120, 5.120AP, 5.185, 5.220, 5.220AP, 5.260, 6.110, 6.210, 6.300, 7.50, 7.60, 7.190AP3, 7.270, 7.270E, and 7.310. 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 at last month's meeting the High School English Department suggested adding Journalism and Speech and Mr. Eshleman suggested blocking Algebra. He stated those discussions have taken place, and the Guidance Department is working with the High School Math Department on scheduling the block time for Algebra. Mr. McClure also advised the Board that Mr. Brackmann mentioned earlier in the meeting that the District will need to add a special education position at Eastlawn Elementary for those students that need more support for next school year. He suggested advertising for this position as well as Sue Harber's position since she will be retiring at the close of the 2010/2011 school year. Dawn Bachtold made a motion to approve adding Journalism and Speech as electives for High School English. 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 advertising for an additional special education position at Eastlawn Elementary for the 2011/2012 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 stated at last month's meeting Dr. Brehm presented the Board with information about RevTrack. Dr. Brehm feels that RevTrack would be beneficial with regard to the reduction in cash for personnel to handle and bad check debt for the District. Mr. McClure advised there is a fee associated with RevTrack of approximately \$2.00 per transaction, and it is Dr. Brehm's recommendation that the District absorb half the cost of this charge and charge \$1.00 per transaction to the community. A discussion was held with regard to the per transaction amount and whether to charge a user fee. Dean Swan made a motion to approve RevTrack with a convenience fee of \$1.00 per transaction to be implemented with the 2011/2012 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 advised the Board that Dr. Brehm presented the Board with information regarding Gaggle at last month's meeting. This is a social network limited to the District staff and students only, is a highly filtered and secure network, and comes with the most current version of Office. Mr. McClure stated he would like to have 2-3 classrooms per building pilot this software to see if it is something that would be utilized. The District could then make a better determination about this software prior to the start of next school year. Mr. McClure pointed out that E-rate would pay for approximately half of the cost of this software if the District would decide to purchase.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that he has prepared two different options for school calendars for the 2011/2012 school year. He has spoken with Mr. Daro about these calendars and with Mr. Aubry at GCMS. He explained that both calendars have the same registration dates and start dates. Mr. McClure went through both calendars with the Board highlighting school holidays, school improvement dates, and holiday breaks. He stated that one calendar shows spring break in April and the other calendar shows spring break in March. Mr. McClure stated the District is looking at High School graduation being June 1, 2012 due to emergency days that could be used throughout the school year. President Short asked why the District is

proposing coming back from winter break on Wednesday, January 4th, instead of starting school on Tuesday, January 3rd. Mr. Daro stated he would prefer the school calendar to start school earlier in August, and he stated he is okay with the District returning from winter break on Wednesday, January 4th. A discussion was held regarding the reasons why Wednesday, January 4th, was chosen as a return date from winter break.

Mr. McClure advised that the 2011 summer school will consist of High School credit recovery courses in English and Math, and Drivers Education would be offered again during the summer for a fee. High School students would pay \$125.00 for each course, and if they are successful in completing the course the student would be reimbursed the cost. Mr. McClure stated the District may want to consider looking into providing lunch to those students that are attending both morning and afternoon sessions for summer school.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that ISAT tests are scheduled for February 28, 2011 – March 11, 2011 and PSAE test is scheduled for April 27-28, 2011.

Mr. McClure stated that Kevin Heid from First MidState called him yesterday and said he would prefer to wait on the bond refunding until next month or schedule a special board meeting if he could find that the bond refunding would be more advantageous to the District on a specific date. Mr. McClure advised that Mr. Heid feels the bond market is improving, but it is not quite where he would like it to be.

Mr. McClure advised that Paxton Park District and PBL negotiations are beginning. He stated he spoke with Bob Martensen and negotiations would more than likely begin next week with Dean Swan and Mr. McClure.

Mr. McClure stated that he has been contacted by Benefits Planning Consultants to approve a resolution in order to be in compliance with Federal law. President Short read the resolution aloud. Jeff Jarboe made a motion to approve the Resolution for Amendment and SMM for Section 125 Premium Only Plan. Dave Dowling 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 High School volleyball and girls and boys cross country teams received IHSA all academic team recognition.

Mr. McClure suggested setting up a date for having the Transportation, Finance, and Personnel Committees meet. A discussion was held, and it was agreed to have these Committees meet on Tuesday, February 1, 2011.

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). Cris Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Closed session began at 8:40 p.m.

Dave Dowling made a motion to come out of closed session. Dean Swan seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Closed session ended at 9:50 p.m.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board affirm Emory Alred as volunteer coach for High School softball. Dean Swan made a motion to affirm Emory Alred as a volunteer coach for High School Softball. 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. Jeff Jarboe seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education