

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 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, Cris Thompson, Shawn Young, Dawn Bachtold, Dean Swan, Jeff Jarboe, and Dave Dowling.

Others present were Cliff McClure, Amy Teske, Tara Tighe, Mike Brehm, Jeff Graham, Trent Eshleman, John Rawdin, Eric Brackmann, Molly Steiger, Andy Bennett, Stan Daro, John Rawdin, Jeremy Werner, Luke Schroeder, Marilyn Weber, and Barry Wright.

Shawn Young made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for December and corrected treasurer's report for July, August, September, October, and November 2009. 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 approve payment of all current bills. Cris Thompson 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. Dawn Bachtold seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Dean Swan read a letter from IHSA congratulating the PBL High School girls volleyball and boys and girls cross country teams who both qualified for the academic achievement award.

Mr. Eshleman advised the Board that the Policy Review Committee recently met and stated there are four policy recommendations for tonight. Mr. Eshleman stated the policy that stands out the most is the FOIA policy in which there could be some future changes, but the Board should approve this policy based on the law and Open Meetings Act requiring a District official is required to receive training. The Committee will continue to review the policies contained in the PRESS releases and its recommendations. Mr. McClure stated he has received an email concerning extra-curricular and athletic eligibility, and this will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that the Ford County Special Education Association held a meeting at 4:00 p.m. prior to tonight's Board meeting. The cooperative agreement between PBL and GCMS will be amended in some areas, and Mr. Brackmann will have these proposed amendments ready for the Board to review at the February Board meeting and approve at the March Board meeting.

Mr. McClure suggested the Finance Committee could meet again for a work session prior to the next Board meeting. A discussion was held regarding possible dates to meet.

Ms. Tighe addressed the Board regarding the upcoming school improvement day on February 17, 2010. The mission of the day is Kindergarten – 8th grade staff will focus on rigor, 9th – 12th grade will focus on rigor and relevance, and paraprofessionals will focus on relationships. Gretchen Courtney will be the guest

speaker for the High School staff on that day and will focus on reading across the content areas and comprehension strategy instruction. NWEA/MAP representatives will be the guest speakers for K-8 staff with a focus on stepping stones to using data. Rick Brackmann, Director of FCSEA, and Jen Wilson, Vital Education instruction, will be the guest speakers for paraprofessionals and will focus on CPR/AED training and non-violent crisis intervention training.

Ms. Tighe then addressed the Board with regard to test results for the High School which are ACT Explore for Grade 9 and ACT Plan for Grade 10. These tests show how our students performed compared to the national norms and gives the District good feedback. Ms. Tighe showed the Board how 9th grade students compared to national norms. An interesting point is that 79.2% of 9th grade students indicated plans to attend a post-secondary institution with 12 students having undecided plans at this time. Ms. Tighe then showed the Board how 10th grade students compared to national norms. Seventy-five percent of 10th grade students indicated plans to attend a post-secondary institution with 11 students undecided. Mr. McClure stated that the District has looked at achievement through gender, and females are out-achieving the males which is a national trend. The District needs to take steps to address this trend.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board approve the Policy Review Committee's recommendations of School Board Policy Nos. 4:10, 4:10-AP, 5:10, 6:60, 7:10, 7:20, and 7:180. Dawn Bachtold made a motion to approve the Policy Review Committee's recommendations of School Board Policy Nos. 4:10, 4:10-AP, 5:10, 6:60, 7:10, 7:20, and 7:180. Dave Dowling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Mr. McClure stated that he has met with John Overstreet and Kelli Vaughn regarding the coaches' handbook and exemplary programming. He would like the Board to read through the drafted handbook. Mr. McClure pointed out that Mr. Rawdin and Mr. Graham will need to be included with the drafting of this handbook as the Junior High and High School co-curricular activities need to be included in this handbook.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that he has drafted a 2010/2011 school calendar. He has discussed this calendar with Mr. Aubry at GCMS and will be meeting with Mr. Daro to discuss this calendar in the next couple of days. Tentative discussions with Mr. Aubry reveal that GCMS would like to start at a later date in August. A discussion was held regarding starting school the week of August 23rd instead of August 17th and to have student attendance on Columbus Day and Veterans Day.

Mr. McClure stated that the 2010 summer school will offer credit recovery for High School English and Math. The District needs to focus on High School failure rates in English and Math, especially Freshman. The District could offer Jump Start for students in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade and Reading only for 7th and 8th grade students for two weeks in August. This could be funded through Title I. Mr. McClure stated he would prefer the District offer summer school for free and provide transportation, however this depends upon the State and how many payments they are behind on to the District. Those students that would attend summer school would be prioritized upon need and will not be a full scale summer school program for K-8 students.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that PSAT test dates are April 28-29, 2010 and ISAT testing will be the weeks of March 1-12, 2010.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board approve the Walmart grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 in which Mr. Nieman applied for and received to help purchase technology equipment. Jeff Jarboe made a motion to approve the \$1,000.00 Walmart grant to purchase technology equipment. 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 he signed the District's Race-to-the Top Memorandum of Understanding application. By signing this document, the District will be in consideration to be given money. The District has ninety days after April to decide if it wants in this race or not. In April, the State will notify the District of what the next step is in this process.

Dean Swan 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, discussion of 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 to discuss the destruction of audio recordings that are eighteen 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 8:05 p.m.

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

Closed session was suspended at 8:23 p.m.

Dave Dowling made a motion to suspend the regular Board meeting. Jeff Jarboe seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The regular Board meeting was suspended at 8:24 p.m.

President Mike Short called the expulsion hearing to order at 8:25 p.m.

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

Others present were Cliff McClure, Amy Teske-Board Secretary, Jeff Graham, Luke Schroeder, and Parent of Student A.

Dave Dowling made a motion to appoint Mike Short as the presiding officer for the expulsion hearing. Dawn Bachtold 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 go into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)9 student disciplinary cases. Jeff Jarboe seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Closed session began at 8:26 p.m.

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

Closed session was suspended at 9:01 p.m.

President Short advised the parent of Student A that the Board has found Student A to be guilty of possessing a weapon on school property and striking another student.

Dave Dowling made a motion to approve the violation of school rules by Student A by striking another student and for possessing a weapon on school property. 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 go into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)9 student disciplinary cases. Dawn Bachtold seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Closed session resumed at 9:04 p.m.

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

Closed session was suspended at 9:32 p.m.

Dawn Bachtold made a motion to ratify the ten day out-of-school suspension of Student A for striking another student and possessing a weapon on school property, and that Student A will receive an additional fifteen (15) days out of school. Dean Swan seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Jeff Graham, Luke Schroeder, and Parent of Student A left the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Jeff Jarboe made a motion to reconvene the regular Board meeting. Dave Dowling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The regular Board meeting reconvened at 9:38 p.m.

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

Closed session began at 9:39 p.m.

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

Closed session ended at 10:34 p.m.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board approve Lindsey Alred, Sharla Waugh, Lisa Niewold, Ed Nieman, Katrina Reber, Scot Vogel, and Daron Johnson as tenured teachers at the close of the 2009/2010 school year. Dave Dowling made a motion to approve Lindsey Alred, Sharla Waugh, Lisa Niewold, Ed Nieman, Katrina Reber, Scot Vogel, and Daron Johnson as tenured teachers at the close of the 2009/2010 school year. 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 Jacob LeClair as High School assistant baseball coach for the 2009/2010 school year. Jeff Jarboe made a motion to approve Jacob LeClair as High School assistant baseball coach 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 Kelli Vaughn as Junior High assistant softball coach for the 2009/2010 school year. Dave Dowling made a motion to approve Kelli Vaughn as Junior High assistant softball coach 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 the destruction of audio recordings prior to July 2008. Dean Swan made a motion to approve destruction of audio recordings prior to July 2008. 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 affirm Emory Alred as a volunteer coach for High School softball and Mark Prina and Pat Prina as volunteer coaches for High School baseball for the 2009/2010 school year. Shawn Young made a motion to affirm Emory Alred as a volunteer coach for High School softball and Mark Prina and Pat Prina as volunteer coaches for High School baseball 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.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education