

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, APRIL 13, 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, Dean Swan, Shawn Young, Dave Dowling, Jeff Jarboe, and Cris Thompson.

Others present were Cliff McClure, Josh Didier, Jeff Graham, Barry Wright, Tara Wienke, Trent Eshleman, Amy Teske, Marilyn Weber, Stan Daro, Mike Brehm, Tom Mertes, Dave Snider, Doug Wolken, Molly Steiger, and Rick Brackmann.

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). 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 7:02 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 7:52 p.m.

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.

Shawn Young made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Dean Swan 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. Dawn Bachtold seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Dean Swan read an invitation to the Junior/Senior Prom from the Junior Class.

Dean Swan read a letter dated April 13, 2011 from Don Horn resigning as an elementary teacher at the close of the 2010/2011 school year.

Dean Swan read a letter dated April 11, 2011 from Mark Coplea resigning as High School assistant basketball coach.

Dean Swan read a letter dated April 8, 2011 from Samantha Howell resigning as High School Spanish teacher at the close of the 2010/2011 school year.

Dean Swan read a letter dated March 29, 2011 from Greg Wood resigning as High School Physical Education teacher at the close of the 2010/2011 school year.

Dean Swan read a letter dated March 28, 2011 from Kevin Floress resigning as High School Guidance Counselor at the close of the 2010/2011 school year.

Dean Swan read a thank you letter dated March 28, 2011 from Jean Schwartz.

No visitors addressed the Board.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that Mr. Snider and Ms. Wienke have been working on summer school. Ms. Wienke stated that High School summer school will be a different model, namely Ed Options, an online curriculum. She explained this is a self-paced course with a pre-assessment, and at the end of the course, there is a final assessment. Math and English will be offered and staffed with two regular education teachers and one special education teacher. Ms. Wienke stated she feels this will be a good thing for our students. Mr. McClure added that he would like the District to pursue this option.

Mr. Snider informed the Board with regard to High School alternative education. The rationale is the District has some students that do not function well in a normal school setting. The District is looking to enhance its graduation rate and prevent drop-outs. Mr. Snider feels this may keep some students in school longer to obtain their diploma from PBL High School in a different setting. He stated that an intervention-type committee will need to be established and a full-time teacher would need to run the program. Mr. Snider advised that this type of program would be for students later in their High School career and not incoming Freshmen. Mr. McClure stated that Mahomet-Seymour has this program onsite with similar graduation requirements, and Mr. Snider visited this school to get information on this program. He feels the District would start out this program with approximately 5-6 students, and these students would take one regular instructional setting course if necessary. Mr. Snider explained that students would need to apply to enter into this program. A discussion was held regarding the lunch hour for students, graduation ratio, and if the program would be successful.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that Ron Ray has successfully negotiated a 2% decrease in the District's health insurance rates compared to last month's rates. The rates for next school year will increase by 7% with the exact same health insurance plan, and Mr. McClure recommended the Board approve these rates. Dean Swan made a motion to approve the 2011/2012 health insurance rates. Dave Dowling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Dean Swan read aloud the Board of Education's statement of intentions with regard to the Paxton Park District. Mr. Swan advised that they left the negotiations with a handshake agreement, and it was reached in good faith between the representatives of both entities. The Paxton Park District Board unanimously voted the tentative agreement down. Mr. Swan further stated that he feels the District should move forward with negotiations. Mr. Young stated he wants the two entities to come a resolution in a timely fashion, and the two entities need to have a final meeting and place a stipulation of take it or leave it. Mr. Young feels the District does not need to drag this situation on for another six months. Mr. Swan agreed with Mr. Young's statement and stated the Paxton Park District sent another proposal to Mr. McClure which is extremely vague. Mr. McClure advised this agreement needs to be negotiated and agreed upon through the two entities' representatives. Mr. Young stated he would prefer a 30 or 45 day time limit to complete this agreement so that both entities can move forward. President Short stated that last year the Board

stated it needed to have an agreement in place for the 2011/2012 school year by April 1st of this year, and we have not met this deadline. He feels there needs to be a deadline for an agreement to be met in the very near future. The full Board was in agreement with this statement. President Short advised that the intergovernmental agreement between the Paxton Park District and the PBL Board of Education needs to be completed by the May 11, 2011 Board meeting, otherwise the School District will move forward. The full Board was in agreement with this statement.

Mr. McClure advised the Board that the ventilation bids were opened on Friday, April 8, 2011. FGM is recommending the District go with the lowest bidder, Reliable Plumbing and Heating, in the amount of \$43,100.00 for the High School and Eastlawn Elementary ventilation work. Cris Thompson made a motion to approve Reliable Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$43,100.00 for High School and Eastlawn Elementary ventilation work. 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 that Olympus Locker was the lowest bidder for the High School student locker replacement project at the bid opening held on Friday, April 8, 2011. Their bid was in the amount of \$72,261.00, and FGM is recommending the District add to the bid Alternative A2 in the amount of \$3,456.00 which is a heavier gauge locker and has more depth in the locker. Mr. McClure stated the bid total bid would be \$75,717.00 with the alternative bid included. Dave Dowling made a motion to approve Olympus Locker for the High School student locker replacement project in the amount of \$75,717.00 which includes Alternate A2. Shawn Young seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Mr. McClure advised the Board of the summer maintenance schedule. Mr. Mertes is busy coordinating work load schedule. Mr. McClure stated that he and Mr. Mertes met with the contractors about the softball concession stand with cost savings recommendations. Western Waterproofing will look at Eastlawn Elementary to advise the District on water infiltration into the Eastlawn auditorium and gym.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board approve the 2011/2012 school calendar with early dismissal times included. He stated the first early dismissal will be August 30, 2011 and that the District will be piloting the early dismissal times for one school year. Mr. McClure advised that he moved the early dismissal time back by ten minutes. Dave Dowling made a motion to approve the 2011/2012 school calendar with early dismissal times. 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 that there are no updates for the acceptable use policy for the 2011/2012 school year.

Mr. Snider stated that he has talked with Mr. Overstreet, and he feels there are no revisions necessary for the athletic code of conduct for the 2011/2012 school year.

Mr. Didier advised the Board with regard to Clara Peterson Elementary student handbook changes for the 2011/2012 school year. The changes include adding language with regard to RevTrak, new school calendar, daily schedule updates, gifted language, attendance procedures, volunteer section with background check, utilizing percentages for grades, student health information, acceptable treat list, and classroom building maps.

Mr. Wright advised that Eastlawn Elementary student handbook changes for 2011/2012 are peanut-free information, student breakfast/lunch section updated, physical exam and dental exam information, medications/head lice information, gifted information, RevTrak, staff changes, and acceptable treat list for classroom parties.

Mr. Graham stated the Junior High student handbook changes for 2011/2012 are RevTrak language, gifted, eligibility explanation update, eligibility requirements for year-long curricular classes, target class instead of I-Read class due to highly qualified reasons, unexcused absences language update, deleting the word forbidden to may be considered inappropriate, and new technology devices language update.

Mr. Eshleman stated the High School student handbook changes for 2011/2012 are early graduation language, English courses updated, general attendance information, absence guidelines updated, illness while at school, college visits update, make-up work for suspensions, physical/immunization policy, disciplinary guidelines, possession of cellular devices, Saturday school update, and half day student attendance requirement to attend student functions/activities the same day.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that the District will be sending out an informational letter to parents/guardians regarding head lice and medications.

Mr. McClure advised the Board the faculty handbook changes for the 2011/2012 school year are staff updates, language updates with regard to fieldtrips, District vehicle language update, fundraising language update, listing the PBL dashboard information, communications with students language update, continuing education language update, chronic illnesses, food allergies, medications, and indoor air quality language update.

The extra-curricular handbook changes for the 2011/2012 school year are athletic director responsibilities update, no contests held on holidays language, summer camp flyer language deletion, volunteer coaches language update, injury language update, practice schedule language update, team gear language update, and communication with students language update.

Mr. McClure advised that he has spoken with the High School Guidance Department, and this Department is suggesting the District increase its advanced placement fee to \$85.00 per class to cover the advanced placement test costs. A discussion was held regarding this suggested increase, and after this discussion, the Board decided to leave the advanced placement fee the same with no increase. More information regarding advanced placement will be brought back to the Board at next month's meeting.

Mr. McClure explained to the Board that each year the IHSA and IESA contract must be approved. There is a \$50.00 fee for the IESA contract and no fee for the IHSA contract. Jeff Jarboe made a motion to approve the IESA and IHSA contracts for the 2011/2012 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 informed the Board that the rates for student insurance for the 2011/2012 school year are \$159.00 for economy, \$259.00 for basic, and \$355.00 for deluxe coverages. He suggested the Board continue with its contribution towards this insurance of \$75.00 for football insurance only. Mr. McClure stated that student insurance participation this school year was very limited. Shawn Young made a motion to approve the student insurance rates for the 2011/2012 school year and the Board's contribution towards

student insurance for football only at \$75.00. 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 has prepared a tentative calendar of meetings for the Board of Education for the 2011/2012 school year. He advised this tentative calendar takes into consideration the budget and levy process. Mr. McClure suggested the Board review this calendar and approve it at the reorganizational meeting.

Mr. McClure advised the Board that PSAE testing will be taking place next week, no student attendance on April 22 and April 25, school improvement day is scheduled for May 2nd, High School year-end schedule, and scheduling a reorganizational meeting for the Board.

Mr. McClure introduced Douglas Wolken to the Board. Mr. Wolken is a new Board member and will be taking his Oath of Office at the reorganizational meeting.

Mr. McClure advised the Board that the tentative date for Marilyn Weber's retirement dinner party is scheduled for Friday, July 8, 2011 at the 103 Restaurant in Buckley.

President Short informed the Board that a petition for detachment has been filed by the Martins requesting their property be detached from Iroquois West School District to PBL School District. He stated the hearing is scheduled for May 24, 2011.

Dean Swan read a letter dated March 17, 2011 from Lacey Smith resigning as an elementary teacher at the close of the 2010/2011 school year.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board affirm the resignations of Donald Horn, Lacey Smith, Kevin Floress, Mark Coplea, Samantha Howell, and Greg Wood. Dave Dowling made a motion to affirm the resignations of Donald Horn, Lacey Smith, Kevin Floress, Mark Coplea, Samantha Howell, and Greg Wood. 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 Charley Kietzman as Junior High cheerleading sponsor. Dawn Bachtold made a motion to approve Charley Kietzman as Junior High cheerleading sponsor. 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 Lindsey Curry as a special education teacher for the 2011/2012 school year. Dawn Bachtold made a motion to approve Lindsey Curry as a special education teacher for 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 recommended the Board approve Caitlin Heap as a special education teacher for the 2011/2012 school year. Shawn Young made a motion to approve Caitlin Heap as a special education teacher 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 recommended the Board approve Rebecca Kasten as High School librarian for the 2011/2012 school year. Dave Dowling made a motion to approve Rebecca Kasten as High School librarian for the 2011/2012 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 Nancy Hofer as Unit Office bookkeeper with a salary of \$32,500.00. Dawn Bachtold made a motion to approve Nancy Hofer as Unit Office bookkeeper with a salary of \$32,500.00. 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 reassignments of Kara Harrison to 7th grade Math, Heidi Punke-Brown to 5th grade, and Brandi Rogers to 1st grade for the 2011/2012 school year. Dawn Bachtold made a motion to approve the reassignments of Kara Harrison to 7th grade Math, Heidi Punke-Brown to 5th grade, and Brandi Rogers to 1st grade for the 2011/2012 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 the administration assignments of Jeffrey Graham to High School assistant principal with a salary of \$75,325.00 plus benefits and David Snider to Junior High principal with a salary of \$81,000.00 plus benefits for the 2011/2012 school year. Dean Swan made a motion to approve the administration assignments of Jeffrey Graham to High School assistant principal with a salary of \$75,325.00 plus benefits and David Snider to Junior High principal with a salary of \$81,000.00 plus benefits for the 2011/2012 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 Jeffrey Graham as High School head football coach. Dean Swan made a motion to approve Jeffrey Graham as High School head football 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 9:33 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education