

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, MARCH 11, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE PAXTON-BUCKLEY-LODA BOARD ROOM IN PAXTON, ILLINOIS.

Vice-President Dave Dowling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Upon roll call, the following board members answered present: David Dowling, Phillip Duling, Jeff Jarboe, Shawn Young, Dawn Bachtold, and Dean Swan. Mike Short was absent.

Others present were Cliff McClure, Amy Teske, Jeff Graham, John Rawdin, Trent Eshleman, Barry Wright, Tara Tighe, Marilyn Weber, Mike Brehm, Rick Brackmann, Marvin Barger, Wayne Gensler, Kevin Deck, Catherine Larimore, Doug Anderson, Mike White, Sheila Pickens, Sara Jane Bretzman, Bob Maney, FFA Students, and Rob Jameson.

Dean Swan 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.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that the State of Illinois is sixty days behind on payments to the District, or approximately \$277,000.00. So far, the District has only received one Transportation payment this fiscal year. Mr. McClure stated the District is supposed to have received categorical grant payments this week.

Jeff Jarboe made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous month. Phillip Duling 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 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.

Dean Swan read a thank you letter from the Max Elliott family.

Dean Swan read a letter from the IHSA stating the High School boys basketball, girls basketball, and cheerleading teams were all recipients of the academic award by achieving an average grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Mr. McClure advised the Board that the Junior High received an academic improvement award from the State of Illinois and congratulated Mr. Graham and his staff on a job well done.

Mr. Anderson and Mr. White introduced the PBL FFA student members to the Board. The FFA students advised the Board of their various activities and accomplishments for the 2008/2009 school year.

Doug Anderson, Mike White, FFA students, and Sara Jan Bretzman left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Stan Daro entered the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Catherine Larimore and Kevin Deck addressed the Board with regard to the District's retention pond and flooding issues she is encountering when it rains. Ms. Larimore stated she has lived in the same residence for ten years and believes the District's retention pond is not deep enough. She did not encounter flooding

problems prior to the District building the retention pond. She advised the Board that she has had to purchase flood insurance. Mr. McClure asked Ms. Larimore if the flooding is occurring due to the District's retention pond or the City's drainage ditch. Ms. Larimore stated she is coming to the Board as a starting point and asked for guidance where to start or go next regarding this problem. Mr. McClure asked Ms. Larimore to provide the District with copies of her pictures so we can share them with the District's architect and engineer.

Catherine Larimore and Kevin Deck left the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Mr. Eshleman addressed the Board with regard to the Policy Review Committee's recent meeting. The policies given to the Board this month are for review only and will be approved at the April Board meeting. Mr. Eshleman noted that 7.150 and 7.190-AP have been reviewed by the District's attorney.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that he has been in contact with Ron Ray regarding the District's health insurance for the 2009/2010 school year. Health Alliance's rate increase for the 2009/2010 school year will be 7.69%. Personal Care stated they will not offer a renewal to the District for its HMO plan for the 2009/2010 school year. Their renewal would be too high. Personal Care is only willing to offer a renewal if they are the sole carrier. Mr. Ray has been working with both Health Alliance and Personal Care regarding the sole carrier option. This would mean that the District would use all doctors within Health Alliance and Personal Care but would have one hospital, either Carle Hospital or Provena Hospital, depending upon which carrier the District enters a contract with.

Ms. Tighe informed the Board on the District's proposed Reading intervention program stating that it is a very intense program. This program requires one hour per day five days per week. The program requires a five day training session for the teacher. Ms. Tighe stated the District will likely train approximately fifteen teachers and/or paraprofessionals for this Reading program. The instruction ratio will be one teacher to five students. The District is looking to serve approximately fifty students next school year with this new Reading program.

Ms. Tighe stated Spell Read is a Canadian company that Kaplan purchased. Lots of research states this program is very successful. Mr. McClure stated that the District could potentially pay for some training of staff through Title I and Title II monies.

Ms. Tighe informed the Board the MAP test will replace the District's Stanford 10 Achievement Test. This test will be given to students at least three times per year, and the information from these tests will be received the next day. Mr. McClure stated this is almost immediate feedback to the District. A discussion was held regarding the number of times the test will be administered to students per school year. Ms. Tighe stated the Stanford test will be given at the High School level.

Ms. Tighe stated Text Connections is an 8th grade/Freshman year English course and will be instructed in an English support classroom. Some Board members questioned what would happen if staff left the District. Ms. Tighe stated the District plans on training two or three teachers for the Text Connections program.

Ms. Tighe advised that Lexia is a Reading intervention program that will be piloted at Clara Peterson and Eastlawn Elementary this spring.

Mr. McClure stated that Ms. Williams is currently asking staff who would like to participate in instruction of summer school and is also working on curriculum. Mr. McClure suggested the District offer summer school for High School students during the same time of K-8 summer school. Phillip Duling made a motion to approve the dates for High School summer school to be July 8, 2009 through August 6, 2009. Dawn Bachtold seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Mr. Tighe informed the Board that the 2009/2010 school year will be the 20th year of PBL as a District. The District has been gathering stakeholder information. Mr. McClure and Ms. Tighe have met with all staff regarding their vision of the District's future and have also met with some Junior High and High School students regarding their input as well. Ms. Tighe stated she has compiled all of this information and has placed this information into three categories: rigor, relevance, and relationships.

Mr. McClure advised the Board that the Unit Office staff will be meeting with Russ Leigh on March 31st to go through the audit questionnaire and will have more information for the Board at the April meeting.

Mr. McClure stated that he and Stan Daro have met regarding the District's 2009/2010 school calendar. Mr. McClure advised that most of the calendar has been selected by staff. The only difference is the final calendar stated the District will be in session on April 5, 2010, the day after Easter. Shawn Young made a motion to approve the 2009/2010 school calendar. 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 Rob Schmidt, CFO of Gibson Area Hospital, has been in contact and advised a full-time nurse for the District would cost approximately \$30,000.00 for 180 days for the 2009/2010 school year. Mr. McClure feels this is affordable to the District and wants to check into a few particulars regarding this position. Mr. McClure stressed to the Board that the District has a great deal of oversight with regard to student health plans, and the District could utilize a nurse five days per week during the school year. Mr. McClure added that there is a good possibility this position could be funded through the stimulus package.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board reject all student transportation bids due to cost and suggested the District re-bid for student transportation services. Mr. McClure stated he has talked with the District's attorney regarding this matter, and the District has sixty days to consider these bids. Dean Swan made a motion to reject all bids received for student transportation services for the school years 2009/2010, 2010/2011, and 2011/2012. Phillip Duling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board release bids for student transportation services for the 2009/2010, 2010/2011, and 2011/2012 school years. Mr. McClure stated he has added a couple of lines to the transportation bid document to include a bus aide and dispatcher. The supplemental transportation mileage is based upon the 2007/2008 school year's mileage and hours, and the minimum trip bid option has been left out of the transportation document. A discussion was held regarding the new transportation bid sheet. Shawn Young made a motion to approve the release of bids for student transportation services for the 2009/2010, 2010/2011, and 2011/2012 school years. Dawn Bachtold seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Wayne Gensler left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board approve the District's Reading intervention program and formative assessments, namely Kaplan Spell Read, Tex Connections, and MAP assessment. Dawn Bachtold made a motion to approve Kaplan Spell Read, Text Connections, and MAP assessment. Jeff Jarboe 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 there could be some savings if all students had the same school supplies. However, the District might encounter storage problems and difficulties in distributing the supplies. Mr. McClure stated that administration needs to review the supply lists for grade levels and talk with their staff regarding affordability and purpose. School projects can become very expensive to parents and students and could be a hardship with regarding to transportation and finances.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that at last month's meeting we discussed the possibility of lengthening the District's instructional school day and High School advisory. The PBL Education Foundation has given the District \$3,000.00 in seed money which will allow three staff members to be trained for the High School advisory program. Ms. Williams, Elsie Riddle, and Michelle Lillibridge will be attending this seminar. Mr. McClure discussed with the Board an example schedule for the High School showing the last period of the day would leave 28 minutes towards either advisory or study hall. Mr. McClure suggested that Juniors and Seniors that are on track for graduation be dismissed for the last 28 minutes of the day, and all Freshmen would have an advisory classroom. Sophomores would also be assigned study hall at this time. Juniors and Seniors not meeting graduation and GPA requirements would be assigned a study hall. Freshman advisory would meet a couple of times per month. A discussion was held regarding electives and how students have to meet core subjects first before electives are an option. Mr. McClure stressed to the Board that no extra-curricular activities will be going on during the last period of the day. A lengthy discussion was held regarding what to do with Juniors and Seniors that do not leave during the last period of the day but are eligible to leave. Dean Swan made a motion to approve lengthening the District's instructional day and High School advisory 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 reduction in force of all Addendum "C" positions regarding Eastlawn playground supervision. Mr. McClure stated the Eastlawn staff has been informed about this reduction in force in person. Dave Dowling read the Resolution aloud. Dean Swan made a motion for the reduction in force for Addendum "C" position for Susan Michele Coe. 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 for the reduction in force for Addendum "C" position for Judith Schneider. Phillip Duling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed. Shawn Young made a motion for the reduction in force for Addendum "C" position of Anna Talbert. Phillip Duling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed. Phillip Duling made a motion for the reduction in force for Addendum "C" position of Donald Horn. 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 for the reduction in force for Addendum "C" position of Cheryl Pitman. Phillip Duling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed. Shawn Young made a motion for the reduction in force for Addendum "C" position of Nancy Hall. 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 Dr. Brehm has a three TZ 170 Sonic Walls and one Barracuda spam and virus filter that are no longer useful to the District and would like to sell on behalf of the District. Dawn Bachtold made a motion to approve the sale of three TZ 170 Sonic Walls and one Barracuda spam and virus filter on behalf of the District. Shawn Young 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 Dr. Brehm to advertise the items no longer useful to the District at his discretion. Shawn Young 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 Jeff Graham is recommending Jessica Hendershot as the Junior High assistant track coach. Phillip Duling made a motion to approve Jessica Hendershot as Junior High assistant track coach. Dean Swan 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 the District's spring break is scheduled for March 23-27. ISAT tests have been taken. The District has received two FOIA requests, one from Illinois Institute Policy and one from Illinois Central School Bus. The PBL Education Foundation has donated \$20,000.00 to be utilized towards technology and \$5,000.00 towards opportunity grants.

Shawn Young addressed the Board with regard to the Junior class prom committee. Mr. Young asked the Board if they would be willing to provide two parking spots to give away to the Junior class at post prom for next year. The post prom committee would like to take two front spots for Seniors. The Board advised Shawn Young to have John Rawdin work with the committee.

Mr. Rawdin addressed the Board with regard to the recent announcement of Baltimore Aircoil closing. Mr. Rawdin would like for the District to reach out to the community and people affected by the closure of Baltimore Aircoil. Parkland representatives have called regarding retraining, and they would like to access our facilities for this purpose. Baltimore Aircoil is providing \$600.00 per employee for this opportunity. Mr. Rawdin stated that Parkland will provide instructors for this purpose, and they will be providing training in Office Excel, resume writing, and interview processes. Mr. Rawdin stated he has a meeting at Baltimore Aircoil next Thursday regarding this.

Mr. McClure reminded the Board that next month two meetings will be held – canvas the election results and re-organization and the regular meeting.

Dawn Bachtold 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 9:05 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education