

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PAXTON-BUCKLEY-LODA COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT NO. 10 BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FORD, CHAMPAIGN, VERMILION, IROQUOIS AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2003 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE PAXTON-BUCKLEY-LODA HIGH SCHOOL 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: Steve Bloomstrand, David Dowling, Jean Schwartz, Al Schweighart, Mike Short and Dean Swan. Jeff Jarboe was absent.

Others present were Marvin Barger, Andy Bennett, Rick Brackmann, Mike Brehm, Will Brumleve, Nancy Dewey, Trent Eshleman, Jim Flaherty, Bill Lee, Cliff McClure, John Rawdin, Lynn Rubarts, Brian Taylor, Jean Thackery, Tara Tighe, and Marilyn Weber.

David Dowling moved to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Jean Schwartz seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye, there being no nay votes the motion carried.

Dean Swan moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Steve Bloomstrand seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye, there being no nay votes the motion carried.

Al Schweighart moved to approve payment of all current bills. Jean Schwartz seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye, there being no nay votes the motion carried.

A letter was read from Chris Jones resigning as freshman football coach and freshman basketball coach.

A letter was read from Stan Daro resigning as High School Class Sponsor.

A letter was read from Jennifer Allen requesting a leave of absence for maternity leave.

A letter was read from Jessica Hendershot requesting a leave of absence for maternity leave.

A thank you letter was read from the family of Clarence Weber for remembering them in their time of sorrow.

A thank you letter was read from Jay and Connie Ross thanking the board for their support throughout their years of teaching.

Mr. McClure introduced Andy Bennett to discuss the summer maintenance projects. Mr. Bennett reported that all the major projects have been finished and the schools are ready for the first day of school.

Mr. McClure informed the board that he still has not received any information about when the Governor will be signing the bill to release the construction funds. A problem that could occur with the governor waiting until the 27th to sign the bill is that the 60 days are going to be up on the bids for the contractors to hold their bid prices, which is August 22, 2003. Mr. McClure asked their feelings on what should be done regarding this issue. The contractor's do not have to hold their bid prices past 60 days. One option is to approach the contractor and see if they would hold their bid past the 60 days. The other option is to just wait it out and see what happens. Brian Taylor told the board that his recommendation would be to wait until the time comes and see what happens. The board decided to go with Mr. Taylor's recommendation. Mr. McClure has sent out a letter to the parents and students of the PBL school district about the parking issue at the high school. Another issue that was discussed was the project budget and a tentative agenda for the ground breaking ceremony. Brian Taylor from Skillman explained the project budget to the board. He talked to the board about the project sign that will be put up in front of the project when it gets started and what graphics the board would want included on the sign.

Mr. McClure recommended that the board accept the proposal from Elson's Paxton Sanitary System for \$5,985.00 for garbage services, for the 2003-2004 school year. David Dowling moved to accept the proposal from Elson's Paxton Sanitary System for \$5,985.00. Dean Swan seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye, there being no nay votes the motion carried.

Mr. McClure recommended the board accept the proposal from Terminix for \$2,376.00 for pest control services for the 2003-2004 school year. Jean Schwartz moved to approve the proposal from Terminix. Al Schweighart seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye, there being no nay votes the motion carried.

Mr. McClure recommended the board approve the low bid for milk products and service from Watseka Dairy for the 2003-2004 school year. Steve Bloomstrand moved to approve the milk bid. David Dowling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye, there being no nay votes the motion carried.

Mr. McClure recommended the board approve the low bid for bread products and service from Interstate Brand Corporation for the 2003-2004 school year. Jean Schwartz moved to approve the bread bid. Dean Swan seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye, there being no nay votes the motion carried.

Mr. McClure summarized the 2003-2004 budget. The budget will be available for public viewing in the Unit Office from 8:00 - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday for 30 days. Mr. McClure recommended that the board approve the tentative budget to be displayed for 30 days. Jean Schwartz moved to approve the motion. Al Schweighart seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye, there being no nay votes the motion carried.

Mr. McClure informed the board about the possibility of having donations from the PBL staff deducted from their paychecks for the PBL Education Foundation. Robin Niewold contacted Mr. McClure about this issue and she has discussed this idea with Stan Daro, the PBLEA president, and the PBL Foundation Trustees and they both have their support. Steve Bloomstrand gave an update on the upcoming activities of the PBL Education Foundation. Mr. McClure asked the board for their approval for Ms. Niewold to address the PBL staff on August 19th, for the staff's approval and also approval for the PBL Education Foundation to be added to the payroll deduction list. Dean Swan moved to approve the PBL Education Foundation addressing the staff and for addition to the payroll deduction list. Jean Schwartz seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye, there being no nay votes the motion carried.

Mr. McClure recommended the board approve the prevailing wage rate for Ford County. Jean Schwartz moved to approve the prevailing wage for Ford County. David Dowling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye, there being no nay votes the motion carried.

Mr. McClure discussed the agenda for the beginning of school meeting on August 19th. All board members are invited to attend the first day of school meeting.

Mr. McClure introduced the principals to report on the registration process. Mr. Eshleman reported that 386 have registered at Clara Peterson and he anticipates more registering for a total of 402. Kindergarten numbers are up from last year. Mr. Eshleman reported that one of the reasons numbers are up could possibly be due to students registering at PBL from private schools. Mr. Lee reported that 203 students have registered and he anticipates 217. Mr. Rawdin reported that 329 have registered. There are 273 regular education students and 56 special education students. Mr. Flaherty reported that the following numbers have registered for each class, 120 seniors, 122 juniors, 104 sophomores and 124 freshman, for a total of 470.

Mr. McClure recommended the board establish a budget hearing time and date for Wednesday, September 17th, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. David Dowling moved to establish budget hearing time and date. Al Schweighart seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye, there being no nay votes the motion carried.

Mr. McClure discussed the PBL Unit #10 Goals for the next two to three years. The principals along with Tara Tighe and Mike Brehm met to form these goals. In the next couple of months Mr. McClure would like the board to approve these goals. Some of these goals include improving district wide communication, develop a district wide newsletter, and start a committee to develop a plan regarding our classroom space.

In other business, Mr. McClure handed out updated information to the policy manual and informed the board that the new policy manuals have been updated. As new policies are updated the Unit Office will provide you with those updates for insertion into the manuals.

David Dowling made a motion to go into closed session to discuss employment of specific employees and possible litigation. Dean Swan seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye, there being no nay votes the

motion carried.

Closed session began at 9:15 p.m.

Jean Schwartz moved to come out of closed session. Dean Swan seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye, there being no nay votes the motion carried.

Closed Session ended at 9:35 p.m.

Mr. McClure recommended the board accept the resignation of Chris Jones as High School Football Assistant Coach and Freshman Boys Basketball Coach. Jean Schwartz moved to approve the recommendation. Al Schweighart seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye, there being no nay votes the motion carried.

Mr. McClure recommended the board accept the resignation of Stan Daro as High School Class Sponsor. Jean Schwartz moved to approve the recommendation. Al Schweighart seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye, there being no nay votes the motion carried.

Mr. McClure recommended the board approve the requested maternity leaves for Jenny Allen and Jessica Hendershot. Steve Bloomstrand moved to approve the recommendation. David Dowling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye, there being no nay votes the motion carried.

Mr. McClure recommended the board hire Sheila Pickens as Math Team Coach at the High School. Dean Swan moved to approve the recommendation. Jean Schwartz seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye, there being no nay votes the motion carried.

Mr. McClure recommended the board hire Kim Brown as Lunch Supervisor at the Junior High. Jean Schwartz moved to approve the recommendation. David Dowling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye, there being no nay votes the motion carried.

Dean Swan made a motion to adjourn. Steve Bloomstrand seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye, there being no nay votes the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education