

**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,
DECEMBER 11, 2013 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: Cris Thompson, Dean Swan, Doug Wolken, Allen Johnson, Shawn Young, and Dave Dowling. Dawn Bachtold was absent.

Others present were Cliff McClure, Amy Teske, Barry Wright, Trent Eshleman, Amanda Wetherell, Josh Didier, Tara Tighe, Mike Brehm, Nancy Streitmatter, Dawn Houser, and Will Brumleve.

Shawn Young made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous month. Doug Wolken 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 Treasurer's Report. Cris Thompson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Allen Johnson made a motion to approve payment of all current bills. Doug Wolken seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Dean Swan read a letter dated November 15, 2013 from Kendra Good resigning as Unit Office bookkeeper effective January 15, 2014.

Dean Swan read a letter dated November 14, 2013 from Katrina Reber requesting a maternity leave beginning on March 17, 2014 through the end of the first quarter of the 2014/2015 school year.

Dean Swan read a note from PBL Junior High Student Council thanking the Board for allowing the purchase of a cooler.

No visitors addressed the Board.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that the Policy Review Committee recently met to discuss the latest policies submitted by PRESS. He stated the Board needs to review these policies which will be up for approval at next month's meeting.

Ms. Tighe advised the Board that the High School is proposing an integrated math sequence program beginning with the 2014/2015 school year. She stated that High School math teachers have been working with Cathy Carter-Shide and propose calling the courses Math I, Math II, and Math III for the first three years of High School with an optional Math IV course for seniors. Ms. Tighe explained that with integrated math sequence the concepts of Algebra, Algebra II, and Geometry are learned in relation to one another as opposed to being learned in isolation.

Josh Didier entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

She stated that the Math IV option would include pre-calculus, advanced stats, etc. Ms. Tighe stated that to meet the needs of students that want to take five years of math the High School is proposing that Math I, II, and III be taken in years which would be beneficial for students who want a fifth year of math. She explained that every student would have the opportunity of four years of math and some getting five years. Ms. Tighe advised that some local schools are going with integrated math as opposed to the traditional isolated math. ISBE is pushing school districts towards integrated math programs. Ms. Tighe stated that this will assist with Common Core State Standards and will also take a lot of work on the front end for this initiative. She advised that staff members are working on designing lesson plans and the District will need to provide some professional development for math teachers this summer should the Board decide to approve this program.

Ms. Streitmatter addressed the Board regarding the proposed new English course for seniors. She stated that this course allows students to address a problem, ask questions, and work towards answering the question. Ms. Streitmatter advised the name of the course would be Senior Inquiry, which is a third option of English which allows students to have voice and choice in the curriculum. She explained that students could choose to take a semester or full year for this course. The student would have the ability to create a course of study under the teacher's guidance, create two to three major assessments per semester, and involved in a writing workshop. A discussion was held regarding whether this course could be considered dual credit and what Parkland College's requirement are for dual credit. Ms. Streitmatter stated that a student could take four years of English, a communication course, and senior inquiry which would be six years of English if a student wanted this.

Ms. Tighe informed the Board that the High School is recommending adding Chemistry II as a course for the 2014/2015 school year. She stated that this would allow advanced science for those students that are interested in science as a career. With the addition of Chemistry II, Ms. Tighe stated that the High School would more than likely drop the Chem-Phys course. A discussion was held regarding the current science courses offered in the High School.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that the High School is recommending adding an Art elective for freshman students for the 2014/2015 school year. He stated that several students would like to take this course. This course would allow for expansion to add a fourth year of art.

Mr. McClure thanked the High School administration and staff as they are striving to take students further. He informed the Board that we are just discussing these proposed new courses at this time and will look for the Board to potentially approve them at the January board meeting.

Ms. Tighe advised the Board that the District recently took a trip to Glen Ellyn School District. She stated that several administration, teachers, and Board members attended this trip. Ms. Tighe stated that the Glen Ellyn School District was very accommodating, and it was a very worthwhile trip. She explained that Glen Ellyn is focusing on teacher specialization in their elementary grades, such as ELA teachers or STEAM teachers. Ms. Tighe advised that the rigor of Common Core State Standards is so different now, and if you have teacher specialization, the teacher can spend more time honing their craft and becoming a more effective teacher. She stated that Glen Ellyn also has WIN time which is similar to RtI block and identifying particular needs of students.

Andrew Rolsten entered the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Ms. Tighe stated that Glen Ellyn has laptops for each student, and their facilities are not any better than PBL's facilities. Their classrooms are not set up like standard classrooms, and the students seemed very engaged in the learning process. Mr. Dowling added that the Glen Ellyn teachers were more than willing to provide information as to what they were doing, and the PBL teachers that attended this visit seemed excited about the possibility of going 1-to-1 and specialization of teachers. Mr. McClure stated that it was good to see what other school districts are doing, and it validates our thoughts in moving forward.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that no changes to the levy have occurred since last month and recommended the Board approve the levy. Doug Wolken made a motion to approve the 2013 Paxton-Buckley-Loda CUSD No. 10 levy. Allen Johnson 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 he and Tara attended a half day workshop at the Triple I Conference in Chicago regarding different assessment models. He stated that it validated a lot of what PBL is already doing and confirms that PBL is right there with other school districts. Mr. McClure stated that he also attended a session about Senate Bill 7. Mr. Young advised that he attended a pension session and a session on 1-on-1 initiative. He stated that three different school districts commented on some good and bad points with regard to the 1-on-1 initiative session. Mr. Dowling added that regarding the comments given in this session two of the school districts were larger schools and one was a smaller school district. Mr. Dowling advised that he attended a session on remodeling or building a new school. He stated that new designs include adding doorways between classrooms, 3M coding for windows, natural light classrooms, different classroom furniture, irregular shaped classrooms, skylights, and courtyards. Ms. Tighe stated that she attended a session on RtI in the high school which included creative scheduling to utilize study halls and Link Crew for this purpose. She stated that the Glen Ellyn School District utilizes a short school day and long lunch hours by starting school at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:15 p.m.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that the administrator and superintendent evaluation period begins. He stated that a Board member needs to be appointed to collect the superintendent evaluations from all Board members and combine all the information into one evaluation. Doug Wolken was chosen to be the appointed Board member for this purpose.

Nancy Streitmatter and Dawn Houser left the Board meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Mr. McClure advised that each year the Board needs to select two Board members to present diplomas to the senior class at graduation. The Board members selected to present diplomas were Dean Swan and Cris Thompson.

Mr. McClure informed the Board that Dr. Brehm's semi-annual technology report has been uploaded to the Board's website for their review. Dr. Brehm stated that he connected to the new ICN today, and the District has tripled its amount of band width. He explained that he is trying to get the District ready for the 1-to-1 initiative and maintain the District's good infrastructure. Dr. Brehm advised that E-Rate will cover approximately sixty percent of this cost, and he is working with Conxxus to make the elementary buildings a second provider so the District does not have limitations. He stated if Conxxus will not assist the District, then the District will need to look into wireless networks for the elementary buildings which will give them plenty of band width.

Mr. McClure advised the Board that three applications have been uploaded to the Board's website regarding the PBL Hall of Fame Selection Committee member nominations. He explained that the three applications are from community members from Buckley, Loda, and Roberts. Mr. McClure stated that Justin Swan will be representing the PBL Education Foundation and Jeff Graham will be representing the District and feels that Paxton will be represented well by both of these Committee members. Dean Swan made a motion to approve Justin Swan, Jeff Graham, Travis Duley, Ruth Jones, Greg Rueck, and Beckie Green as members to the PBL Hall of Fame Selection Committee. Cris Thompson 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 Mr. Overstreet has been having discussions with members of the Sangamon Valley Conference and Kankakee Valley River Conference on creating a Twin Valley Conference for soccer, wrestling, golf, and cross country. He stated that the District currently has an agreement with RTHS for a golf cooperative, and the District does not offer soccer. Mr. McClure explained that this would allow Districts to have greater participation, option to have an all-conference meet, and provides more competition for the athletes. A discussion was held regarding the new conference, scheduling, and potential added events and costs.

Mr. McClure advised the Board that different area businesses have inquired about advertising at District sporting events and activities. He explained that the District has not done this in the past but would like to get the Board's thoughts on this possibility and if the Board would like for him to research this matter further. Mr. McClure stated if the Board wants to pursue this that he would begin checking with other school districts to see what they are doing as far as advertising is concerned. The Board agreed to have Mr. McClure begin researching this possibility.

Mr. McClure stated the additional questions for the Illinois Youth Survey have been uploaded to the Board's website and is recommending the Board approve them. Allen Johnson made a motion to approve the additional questions to the Illinois Youth Survey. Cris Thompson 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 would like to schedule Personnel, Building and Grounds, Finance, and Extra-Curricular Committee meetings for some time in January. He also advised that the Junior High and High School athletic reports have been uploaded to the Board's website for their review.

Dave Dowling made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, performance of specific employees of the public body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)1 and 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 discuss the destruction of audio recordings that are 18 months or older pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)21. Doug Wolken seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Closed session began at 8:18 p.m.

Shawn Young 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 9:04 p.m.

Mr. McClure recommended the Board approve the hiring of Christine Johnson as Unit Office bookkeeper effective January 6, 2014. Dean Swan made a motion to approve the hiring of Christine Johnson as Unit Office bookkeeper effective January 6, 2014. 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 the hiring of Weston Henry as High School assistant football coach. Doug Wolken made a motion to approve the hiring of Weston Henry as High School assistant football coach. Allen Johnson 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 the resignation of Kendra Good as Unit Office bookkeeper effective January 15, 2014. Shawn Young made a motion to affirm the resignation of Kendra Good as Unit Office bookkeeper effective January 15, 2014. Doug Wolken 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 maternity leave request of Katrina Reber. Doug Wolken made a motion to approve the maternity leave request of Katrina Reber. Allen Johnson 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 Casey Sanders as a volunteer coach for Junior High volleyball and Natalia Gross-Michalak as a volunteer coach for High School girls' basketball. Cris Thompson made a motion to affirm Casey Sanders as a volunteer coach for Junior High volleyball and Natalia Gross-Michalak as a volunteer coach for High School girls' basketball. Doug Wolken seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Allen Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug Wolken seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.