

**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 12, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE PAXTON-BUCKLEY-LODA BOARD ROOM IN PAXTON, ILLINOIS.**

Vice President Dave Dowling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Upon roll call, the following board members answered present: Dave Dowling, Steve Pacey, Allen Johnson, Shawn Young, and Doug Wolken. Dawn Bachtold and Craig Loschen were absent.

Others present were Cliff McClure, Barry Wright, Josh Didier, Travis Duley, Amanda Styck, Tara Chandler, Jesse McFarling, Brian Mrozek, Will Brumleve, Denny Kingren, Allie Loschen, and Amy Teske - Board Secretary.

Steve Pacey made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)5. 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 6:04 pm

Steve Pacey made a motion to come out of closed session. Shawn Young seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

Closed session ended at 6:33 p.m.

There were no notices or communications directed to the Board of Education.

Mr. McClure recommended the board approve the consent agenda. Steve Pacey made a motion to approve the consent agenda. 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 the November treasurers report will be presented to the board at their regular meeting in January.

Shawn Young made a motion to approve payment of current board bills except for Add On 2. Doug Wolken 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 Add On 2 board bills. Doug Wolken seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was 4 aye and 1 nay, and the motion passed.

Denny Kingren on behalf of the Paxton Fire Department addressed the board regarding a large flag display that he would like to be located on school property near I-57 interstate. Mr. Kingren explained that he is in the beginning stages of this project and advised that the Paxton Mayor and fire department are in support of this project. He stated that he is receiving a lot of support around town for the large flag display too. He asked the board to consider allowing the fire department to place the large flag display on school property. Mr. Kingren advised that that The Frederick Community Bank has opened a

bank account for this project through Paxton PRIDE. He explained the flag display to the board and advised the flagpole will be 150 feet and the flag will be 30' x 60'. Mr. Kingren advised that the City of Princeton has a large flag display that has four flag poles. He stated that the flag display is estimated to cost \$85,000 in which he would be soliciting local community members to assist with the installation. He stated the flagpole will be dug 15 feet in the ground with concrete and can withstand 90 mile per hour winds. Mr. Kingren suggested that perhaps some junior or senior students could assist with this project. He stated that the only obstacle with this project is the constant replacement of the flag which is estimated to be three to four times per year with a cost of \$1,900.00 each time. Mr. Kingren advised that the Paxton Chamber of Commerce stated they would assist with the cost. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the flag display and where to place it on school property. Mr. Kingren stated that at some point they would like to install a sidewalk that leads out to the flagpole and perhaps a memorial around the flag. He also stated as a fundraiser for the maintenance of the flag they may consider selling bricks to go around the sidewalk. Mr. Dowling stated that he thinks this is a good idea if the district can find an ideal spot. Mr. Young and Mr. Pacey also agreed that they feel it is a great idea. The only deterrent to this project is that this may become a tourist stop. Mr. Pacey stated that the district does not want people wandering around school property. He added that this will not be a problem during the summer months when school is not in session; however, during the school day or school year this could be problematic. The board agreed to work with Mr. Kingren on finding a mutually agreeable location on school property for the large flag display.

Mr. McClure advised the board that the Policy Review Committee has not officially met yet but is providing the board with the policies up for review. He stated that the Policy Review Committee will meet prior to the January board meeting.

Mr. McClure recommended the board approve the 2018 PBL CUSD No. 10 Levy. Shawn Young made a motion to approve the 2018 PBL CUSD No. 10 Levy. Doug Wolken seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

Mr. Mrozek addressed the board regarding the Clara Peterson Elementary addition and renovation project and the PBL High School renovation project. He stated that the high school renovation project is almost complete. The high school girls locker room lockers are being replaced and finishing the last punch items. At Clara Peterson Elementary, Mr. Mrozek stated that the masons are working and have made progress on the southside, and the steel deck is down on the gymnasium. He stated that they will be pouring concrete next week on the gym floor and hopefully have half of the second floor complete. Drywall and insulation is being installed in the kitchen area, and the vapor barrier should be completed soon with roofing beginning some time next week. Mr. Mrozek stated they are focused on trying to get the building completely enclosed and water tight. The board asked if construction is still on schedule, and Mr. Mrozek replied that they are currently on a recovery schedule and plan to be complete with construction by the end of the summer pushed backed to August 2, 2019. He stated they are working overtime with the steel erectors trying to bring the schedule back to original plan.

Mr. McClure informed the board that the Clara Peterson Elementary playground equipment bid will include installation, mulch, and moving the old playground equipment from Eastlawn Elementary to the new site and reinstallation. He stated the cost for the playground equipment is \$167,995.00 which is within the budget. Mr. McClure added that the district will have approximately \$30,000.00 worth of prep work for sidewalks and concrete work. He stated that he feels confident that all of this can be done within the stated budget. Steve Pacey made a motion to approve the purchase of Clara Peterson Elementary playground equipment in the amount of \$167,995.00. Doug Wolken 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 Clara Peterson Elementary furniture bid is approximately \$701,000.00. This amount is inclusive of both the addition, renovation side, and media center to Clara Peterson Elementary. Doug Wolken made a motion to approve the furniture purchase at Clara

Peterson Elementary not to exceed \$701,000.00. Allen Johnson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

Mr. McClure advised that Jeff Faust of Environmental Consultants has bids ready to go for asbestos removal at Clara Peterson Elementary and next month will be the bid opening.

Mr. McClure informed the board that the Clara Peterson Elementary technology bid will consist of CAT wiring and installation, and MCS is currently working on technology security installation and the rest will be used to purchase devices and servers. Shawn Young made a motion to approve the release of bids for technology at Clara Peterson Elementary. Doug Wolken seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

Brian Mrozek left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. McClure informed the board that diesel fuel bids were opened, and Ken's Oil Service who is the district's current provider was the low bidder again. He stated that two bids were received as opposed to three bids the last time diesel fuel was bid. Mr. McClure advised that the district will be paying a little higher in diesel fuel than the last time it was bid but feels it is still a good price. He advised the contract is for twenty-four months which locks in a fixed rate. Shawn Young made a motion to approve Ken's Oil Service as the diesel fuel bid winner with a twenty-four month fixed rate contract. Allen Johnson 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 been provided a lot of information over the past week with regard Novel Energy Solutions solar panel agreement. He stated that he has talked with references about Novel Energy Solutions and found that Novel is very responsive, professional, and quick to respond to find solutions. He stated that references have stated that they have no problems with fire or wind issues or damage to roofs. Mr. McClure informed the board that Chris Miller has recommended the district check with the roof manufacturers to see if they will stand behind their warranties if something is going to be placed on the district's roofs. He stated that the district will need to be named on Novel's liability and property insurance as second insured. A discussion was held regarding the interconnection agreement, and Mr. McClure advised that this agreement does not commit the board to anything. The board needs to be obligated by January 15, 2019, and Mr. McClure stated that he has moved the January board meeting up to Monday, January 14, 2019. Ms. Loschen stated that she has until January 30, 2019 to turn in the agreements. However, she stated the faster the district gets in line the better. She stated if the program fills up, then the district is out of luck. She explained the State lottery for the solar panel program. The board agreed to sign the interconnection agreement with Ameren. Shawn Young made a motion to approve the interconnection agreement with Ameren. Doug Wolken seconded the agreement. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was 4 aye and 1 abstention, and the motion passed.

Allie Loschen left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. McClure informed the board that he has drafted two school calendars for the 2019/2020 school year. He explained that both draft calendars reflect a late start to school due to construction. Mr. McClure also pointed out that the Illinois School Code states that there must be 176 student attendance days beginning with the 2019/2020 school year. He stated that the ISBE school calendar for 2019/2020 is not available online at the moment, but he needs to find out some additional information regarding the new rules. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the two draft school calendars and the late start date and late end date. Mr. McClure stated that he realizes this will be a quick turnaround the summer prior to the 2019/2020 school year.

Mr. McClure advised the board that the superintendent and administrator evaluation period has begun. He stated that the superintendent evaluation form has been uploaded to the board's website for them to complete. Mr. McClure advised that one board member needs to be selected to compile the superintendent's evaluation. Doug Wolken stated that he will compile the superintendent's evaluation.

Mr. McClure informed the board that he has prepared draft student transportation bid documents and have submitted them to Chris Miller to review. He stated the tentative bid opening date has been set for February 1, 2019 and approval of the student transportation bids at the February board meeting. Mr. McClure advised that he has gathered information regarding starting wages for bus drivers and monitors in the area. He stated that PBL is below the area average, and the district should probably consider increasing its base wage for bus drivers and monitors so that the district can remain competitive in the area. A discussion was held regarding alternative student transportation bids. Mr. McClure stated this would allow the district to save some money and utilize older bus equipment. He stated that the district's current fleet of buses has an average age of 8-12 years old and performs fine. Mr. McClure suggested that the district will need to purchase routing software. He explained this software will provide busing information to parents on inclement weather days and approximate arrival time, etc. Steve Pacey made a motion to approve the release of bids for student transportation services for the 2019/2020, 2020/2021, and 2021/2022 school years. Doug Wolken 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. Duley is recommending the board approve Art IV for the 2019/2020 school year. Mr. Duley stated the addition of this course will not affect the school day at all. He stated that Ms. Wood would like the flexibility so that student can do this course independently as this is not a classroom period course. Doug Wolken made a motion to approve Art IV for the 2019/2020 school year. Allen Johnson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

Denny Kingren left the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Mr. McClure recommended the board approve the Resolution for Internet Pay. He explained that the district is beginning to look into paying some invoices online and through wire payments as opposed to paper checks. He stated that this will allow for quicker payment to the vendor, reduce the number of checks written each month, and allow for repetitive monthly payments to be generated without issuing a check. Shawn Young made a motion to approve the Resolution for Internet Pay. Steve Pacey 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 PIT Crew minutes have been uploaded to the board's website along with the technology coordinator's report. He stated that the district will be amending its FY 2019 budget, and he, Dustin, and Tara are looking into a new communication platform through Apptegy. He explained that this platform would allow parents and students to use this app as well as administrators and teachers. Mr. McClure explained the different levels of users and approval of users and stated that any emergency call could be placed through this app and would go out in seconds. He stated that the district would no longer utilize School Messenger. Mr. McClure advised that they are meeting again with the representative from Apptegy. He stated that Mahomet-Seymour, Hoopeston, and Bismarck-Henning currently utilize this app, and this app would provide the district with a new district website.

Mr. McClure recommended the board approve Lindsey Alred as high school assistant softball coach. Doug Wolken made a motion to approve Lindsey Alred as high school assistant softball 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 approve destroying closed session electronic recordings that are eighteen months or older and not releasing any closed session minutes at this time. Shawn Young made a motion to approve destroying closed session electronic recordings that are eighteen months or older and not releasing any closed session minutes at this time. Doug Wolken seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education