

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 13, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE PAXTON-BUCKLEY-LODA BOARD ROOM IN PAXTON, ILLINOIS.

President Dawn Bachtold called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Others present were Cliff McClure, Barry Wright, Josh Didier, Travis Duley, Amanda Styck, Tara Chandler, Travis Duley, Brian Mrozek, Molly Steiger, Dustin Franckey, Jason Dirks, Ross Brown, and Amy Teske - Board Secretary.

Shawn Young read a letter dated March 1, 2019 from Margaret Sparks resigning from her head cook stipend only at the close of the 2018/2019 school year.

Shawn Young read a letter dated February 19, 2019 from Kelly Rust requesting an FMLA beginning in April 2019.

Shawn Young read a letter dated February 22, 2019 from Rachel Dewey requesting an FMLA beginning in May 2019.

Shawn Young read a letter dated March 8, 2019 from Debra Kennedy as a paraprofessional at PBL High School effective March 22, 2019.

Mr. McClure recommended the board approve the consent agenda. Allen Johnson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Dave Dowling 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 the treasurer's reports for November 2018, December 2018, and January 2019. Dave Dowling 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 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.

Allen Johnson made a motion to approve payment of Add On 2 board bills. Dave Dowling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was 5 aye and 1 nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. McClure introduced Mr. Murray who would like to address the board of education. Mr. Murray stated that he received a phone call last week from the elementary school regarding problems with his son. He stated that he spent some time at the elementary school and had breakfast with his son one day. Mr. Murray explained that he was alarmed by everything that was on the menu. He stated the menu contained no protein and a lot of the students have ADHA and autism, and the district is basically poisoning them. Mr. Murray advised that no eggs or other normal breakfast items were offered to the students. He stated he witnessed a student putting chocolate milk on his Lucky Charms for breakfast.

Mr. Murray stressed that breakfast is a very important part of the day, and he hopes that the board could do better for our students. He stated that the breakfast items currently being served to our students could be leading to part of the classroom problems. Mr. Murray ended by stating that he has heard the breakfast items at the junior high and high school levels are not much different than the elementary level.

Mr. McClure took a moment to introduce Jason Dirks to the board. He explained that Mr. Dirks will be a write-in candidate for the school board.

Mr. McClure recommended the board wait until next month's board meeting to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the Paxton Park District. He explained that he has talked with Neal McKenry, who is the park district director, about this, and Mr. McKenry is fine with holding off on the agreement. Mr. McClure advised that the district has spent a lot of hours snowplowing and additional salting on Saturdays and Sundays this past winter due to park district activities. He stated that Mr. McKenry is open to discussing this issue, and the intergovernmental agreement may or may not much change.

Mr. McClure informed the board that the 2019 summer maintenance projects have been uploaded to the board's website. He stated that the current cost for these projects is \$150,000.00 which is no different than in past summers.

Mr. Mrozek addressed the board regarding the Clara Peterson Elementary addition and renovation project. He stated that they have made good headway this past month. The roof is on and 100% dry and water tight. Level I is 80% complete with drywall, and Level II will be complete with metal stud framing by the end of the week. Mr. Mrozek stated that next week all of the plumbing and rough-ins will be done so they can begin drywall on March 26. He stated the overhead duct work is complete, and the sprinkler system on Level I is complete. With regard to the Commons, drywall is beginning, work has begun on tiered seating areas, and they have painted the ceiling. Drywall is also beginning in the gymnasium. In the kitchen area, the exhaust hood is fully installed as well as the walk-in freezer. Mr. Mrozek advised that in mid-April they will have Iroquois Paving come back to do some sidewalks and site work. He stated at this point in time construction is on schedule.

Mr. McClure informed the board that the 2019/2020 school calendar has not changed much since last board meeting. He explained that there is a Bill and Amendment going through legislation, and he is recommending the board approve Calendar A for next school year. He stated that if things change through legislation, the district will need to do an amended school calendar. The only change would be moving a teacher institute day to a student attendance day. Steve Pacey made a motion to approve Calendar A as the 2019/2020 school calendar. Doug Wolken seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

Mr. Euwald, who is the architect working with Environmental Consultants, addressed the board with regard to Eastlawn Elementary asbestos abatement and demolition. He stated that bids were opened for the asbestos abatement and demolition of Eastlawn Elementary on March 8, 2019. He advised that the district received five bids all within a range of \$490,000, and the low bidder was Lee Farms Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$1,156,179.87. He stated that Lee Farms Excavating, Inc. provided the district with a bid bond and everything that was required of them. Shawn Young made a motion to approve Lee Farms Excavating, Inc. as the bid winner of Eastlawn Elementary asbestos abatement and demolition in the amount of \$1,156,179.87. 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 he would like to have a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting within the next couple of weeks to discuss Eastlawn Elementary demolition.

Mr. McClure recommended the board approve Russ Leigh & Associates contract for the FY 2019 audit in the amount of \$6,600.00. Steve Pacey made a motion to approve Russ Leigh & Associates contract for the FY 2019 audit in the amount of \$6,600.00. 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 the 2018/2019 seniority lists and honorable sequence of dismissal list. He stated that the district is required to do this every school year, and Amy Johnson (PBLEA president) has reviewed these lists. Shawn Young made a motion to approve the 2018/2019 seniority lists and honorable sequence of dismissal list. 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 the truck the maintenance department uses to spread salt and haul mowers is a 2000 model and is at the end of its life. He stated that he is recommending the district use the Illinois Purchasing Agreement through the State of Illinois to purchase a new truck for the maintenance department. He stated that Mr. Bachtold has completed the paperwork for this purchase which shows how the truck will be equipped. Mr. McClure advised that the district can get this vehicle through Rick Ridings with a ninety day turnaround. He stated that he would like to order the vehicle on this year's contract pricing so the district will need to act fairly quickly. Mr. McClure advised that the maintenance department plans to make the next oldest truck to be the salt truck. Shawn Young made a motion to approve the purchase of a new truck for the maintenance department through the State of Illinois Purchasing Agreement in the amount of \$41,859. 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 it is the recommendation of Brock Niebuhr, high school athletic director, that the board RIF the high school wrestling coach and eliminate the wrestling program. He stated that the high school does not have the level of participation that is needed to keep the program going. He further stated that IHSA is realigning all cooperatives to be on the same year which would mean that PBL would need to commit to two more years in its wrestling cooperative with RTHS. Mr. McClure advised that most of the students that did participate are either juniors or seniors. He stated that Mr. Niebuhr has already contacted the high school wrestling coach and the high school athletic director and wrestling coach at RTHS. Steve Pacey made a motion to reduce the high school wrestling coach position for the 2019/2020 school year and to not renew the wrestling cooperative with Rantoul Township High School. Dave Dowling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed. Mr. Pacey stated that he feels the Extra-Curricular Committee should meet to discuss creating a policy for any student who wants to participate in the State series in which PBL does not have a team that the district could enter them into the series.

Mr. McClure informed the board that over the past three months Dustin, Tara, Mike Brehm, and he have been gathering information together regarding the district's I-to-I initiative. He stated they are working on the number of devices the district needs to purchase in the lease agreement. He also stated they are working on student handbooks and any other issues that might go along with this initiative. Mr. McClure advised that Mike Brehm has done a nice job helping the district pull this project together. He stated that he hoped the district would be I-to-I by August 2020.

Mr. McClure informed the board that two board members are needed to hand out high school diplomas. President Bachtold and Steve Pacey stated they would hand out diplomas this year.

Mr. McClure informed the board that the PIT Crew and Band Parents minutes 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, 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. Steve Pacey seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

Closed session began at 6:47 p.m.

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

Closed session ended at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. McClure recommended the board approve the hiring of Katie Kurtz as an ELA teacher at PBL Junior High for the 2019/2020 school year. Shawn Young made a motion to approve the hiring of Katie Kurtz as an ELA teacher at PBL Junior High for the 2019/2020 school year. 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 hiring of Debra Johnson as a special education teacher at Clara Peterson Elementary for the 2019/2020 school year. Dave Dowling made a motion to approve the hiring of Debra Johnson as a special education teacher at Clara Peterson Elementary 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.

Mr. McClure recommended the board approve the hiring of Teri Siddall as a paraprofessional at Eastlawn Elementary. Shawn Young made a motion to approve the hiring of Teri Siddall as a paraprofessional at Eastlawn Elementary. 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 the hiring of Susan Kelly as a custodian at PBL Junior High. Shawn Young made a motion to approve the hiring of Susan Kelly as a custodian at PBL Junior High. 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 hiring of Josh Trammell as a custodian at PBL Junior High. Dave Dowling made a motion to approve the hiring of Josh Trammell as a custodian at PBL Junior High. 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 the termination of Tonya Strong as a custodian at PBL Junior High. Allen Johnson made a motion to approve the termination of Tonya Strong as a custodian at PBL Junior High. 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 FMLA requests of Kelly Rust and Rachel Dewey. Allen Johnson made a motion to approve the FMLA requests of Kelly Rust and Rachel Dewey. Dave Dowling 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. Dave Dowling seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all board members being present, the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education