

PLEASANT PLAINS COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT NO. 8
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
June 16, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Pleasant Plains Community Unit District No. 8 of Sangamon, Menard, and Morgan Counties, Illinois, was held June 16, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at the middle school library, within the boundaries of the district. President Chestnut called the meeting to order and requested roll be called. The following members were present: Larry Pankey, Jerry Hicks, George Murphy, Mark Gebhards, Mary Reynolds, and William F. Chestnut. The following member(s) were absent: Tracy Weiters

Administrators present: Talbert, Ward, Dargert, Marsaglia, Theilen, Heise and Yates

Visitors Present: Members of Staff and community

The consent agenda was presented and included approval of agenda and approval of minutes, payment of bills, and receipt of treasurer's report.

Reynolds moved the following:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2008
3. Payment of bills, with additional \$237.84 to the bills to coverage mileage costs.
4. Receipt of Treasurer's Report

Gebhards seconded the motion and a roll was called.

Yea: Hicks, Murphy, Reynolds, Gebhards, and Pankey

Nay: None

Absent: None

The motion carried.

Murphy reported that work on the complex has been slow primarily due to the weather and all of the rain over the past few weeks.

Superintendent Talbert gave an update on the work related to the connection of the high school and south campus to the village sewer system. The bid plans are done and a bid opening is scheduled for June 19th at 2:00 PM. A special Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 23rd at the middle school to approve the sewer bid. The district expects work to begin on the project as soon as possible.

Superintendent Talbert discussed the need to schedule goal-setting meetings for the district. The Board agreed to scheduling 2 half day meetings (one on a weekend and one during an evening). The Board will schedule those meetings during September and/or October. Mrs. Talbert will work with the Illinois Association of School Board staff to arrange

the meeting dates.

Mr. Ward reported that the photovoltaic array has been installed at the south campus facility. Mr. Squires the district technology director will hook up the technology associated with its use. The array is funded through a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation. The grant will cover \$10,000 of the \$11,000 costs.

When completed the students will have an opportunity to study solar energy. Our industrial technology teachers will be able to integrate information provided by the PV array into a number of courses including Communication/Production, Energy, and the Project Lead the Way sequence.

The PV array will not only produce electricity for the building, but it will also provide output information that can be accessed through the Internet. Students will be able to monitor the effectiveness of the array and compare that information with output data from other schools also participating in the grant program.

A "solar day" will be scheduled during the 2008-2009 school year, which will allow students and community members an opportunity to learn more about solar energy.

A special thank you to Dave Koke and Mike Squires who served as contact people for SunAir, in order to work out the technical issues of this project.

Superintendent Talbert reported that the facility committee continues to meet and discuss/study issues related to the Pleasant Plains facility needs. At the last meeting, May 27, 2008, committee members met with representatives from the Sangamon County Regional Planning Board along with Dr. Robert Marshall from Western Illinois University. Committee members did a walk-through of the middle school site, and made note of the facility, using a building appraisal form designed for the evaluation of school facilities (looks at the site in general, structural and mechanical features, plant maintainability, building safety and security, educational adequacy, and the environment for education). Committee members will share the results of their individual surveys with the group at the June 26, 2008 meeting. The next facility to be evaluated will be the elementary school.

Superintendent Talbert reviewed the tentative budget for SASSED tuition for the 2008-2009 school year. At this time the district anticipates a 12-17% increase in costs (some pending issues related to program placement and IEPs). The 2007-2008 tuition costs for SASSED programs was \$729,767.94.

The District has formed a Response to Intervention (RtI) Committee made up of teachers and administrators. Their responsibility is to develop an RtI plan, that meets the federal and state guidelines by January 1, 2009, to be fully implemented during the 2009-2010 school year. Committee members include; Judy Riedl, Terri Miller, Carrie Risdon, Judy Mosher, Yajja Engel, Lisa Walter, Missy Knight, Heather Greer, T.J. Fraase, Pam Beckner, Robyn Smith, Julie Trimpe, Andrea Owen, Ben Theilen, John Marsaglia, Mike Ward, Jamie Yates, and Maureen Talbert. The committee will continue to meet during the summer, and

will engage parents in the process of plan development and information sharing.

Superintendent Talbert gave an update on the SASSED Decentralization Study that addressed questions related to the feasibility of full and/or partial decentralization from the SASSED coop. While the report returned to the SASSED Board of Directors was informative, it did not address all of the questions that area superintendents had requested it cover. The report will be discussed at the next SASSED Executive meeting.

Superintendent Talbert shared information with the Board about a recent Illinois State Board of Education Performance report for the district special needs programs. Two indicators in the study were identified as needing assistance. The SASSED service area coordinator will work with the superintendent and principals to respond to the needed changes and submit a plan to ISBE to address the concerns.

Preliminary AYP data has been made available to the school districts for review. Superintendent Talbert summarized the initial data and will provide a final to report to the Board when the test results have been finalized. Initial scores indicate that AYP has been achieved in reading and mathematics at the elementary and middle school level. In the subgroup of special education students at the middle school, reading scores did not meet the AYP criteria based on the 2008 assessment.

Recent IRS regulations require government agencies that offer 403(b) plans (tax-sheltered annuities) to develop a comprehensive plan for administration of accounts effective January 1, 2009. Superintendent Talbert and Jill Richmond (payroll bookkeeper) have attended several workshops on this topic. The District will develop a Request for Proposal for a "third party administrator" for the 403(b) plans. Mrs. Talbert will set up a meeting with the teacher and support staff representatives to discuss this further and to develop a timeline to complete the required plan.

Superintendent Talbert presented the amended FY 08 budget for board approval. Most budget items were in line with the original budget approved in the fall of 2007. Reynolds made the motion to approve the FY 08 amended budget and Murphy seconded it. A voice vote was called. All members present answered with an "Aye" vote.

The motion carried.

Murphy made the motion to approve early dismissal for the first two weeks of the school year to accommodate the heat during the later days of August. . School will be dismissed early from August 19 through August 29, 2008. A voice vote was called. All members present voted with an "Aye" vote.

The motion carried.

Murphy made the motion for the Board of Education to attend the Triple I Conference held in Chicago from November 21 through November 23, 2008. Reynolds seconded the motion.

Yea: Hicks, Murphy, Gebhards, Pankey, and Reynolds

Nay:

Absent: Weiners, Chestnut

The motion carried.

Pankey made the motion to approve the minimum bid for the building trades house at \$155,000. Reynolds seconded the motion. A voice vote was called. All members present voted with an "Aye" vote.

The motion carried.

Gebhards made the motion to approve the building trades home auction date for August 5, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Reynolds seconded the motion. A voice vote was called. All members present voted an "Aye" vote.

The motion carried.

Murphy made the motion to approve the job descriptions for the Operations Director, Transportation Manager and Assistant Transportation Manager/Mechanic. Reynolds seconded the motion. A voice vote was called. All members present voted an "Aye" vote

The motion carried.

Reynolds made the motion to approve a special board meeting for the approval of the sewer bids on the high school campuses. The special board meeting will be Monday, June 23, 2008 at 8:00 AM at the middle school library. Murphy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called. All members present voted an "Aye" vote.

The motion carried.

Murphy made the motion to enter into closed session pursuant to Chapter 5, Act 120 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes for the purpose of discussing employment or dismissal of staff, land acquisitions, negotiations, pending litigation and student discipline. Reynolds seconded the motion and roll was called.

Yea: Hicks, Murphy, Gebhards, Pankey, and Reynolds

Nay:

Absent: Weiners, Chestnut

The motion carried.

The Board entered closed session at 8:50 PM

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The Board returned to open session at 9:50 PM

Murphy made the motion to adopt IMRF Resolution 6.72 to cover employees who have been contributing to a section 125 plan since November 2003. Reynolds seconded the motion. A voice vote was called. All members present voted an "Aye" vote.

The motion carried.

Murphy made the motion to pass a resolution to rescind IMRF Resolution 6.72 for all new hires. Reynolds seconded the motion. A voice vote was called. All members present voted an "Aye" vote.

The motion carried.

Murphy made the motion to accept the resignation of the following educational support personnel: Benji Worthy, Farmingdale custodian. Reynolds seconded the motion. A voice vote was called. All members present voted an "Aye" vote.

The motion carried.

Murphy made the motion to accept the resignation from the following extracurricular personnel: Paul Kastner, Middle School Boys' Track, Luke Jason, Middle School Track Assistant, Nathan Essex, High School Pit Band, and Nathan Essex, Middle School Assistant Scholastic Team Coach. Reynolds seconded the motion. A voice vote was called. All members present voted an "Aye" vote.

The motion carried.

Murphy made the motion to approve the employment of the following educational support personnel: Melissa Myers, Athletic Director ½ time secretary, Cindy Marrs, Middle School Cook (4 hours), Carol Strowmatt, Individual Aide, Jacksonville, Cindy Carrier, Middle School Aide, Caren Ragan, Individual Aide, Middle School, Michelle Weckman, Individual Aide, CBE PORTA, Debbie Smith, Individual Aide, CBE PORTA, Michelle Bee, Individual Aide, Farmingdale, Chad Clough, Individual Aide, High School. Reynolds seconded the motion.

Yea: Hicks, Murphy, Gebhards, Pankey, and Reynolds

Nay:

Absent: Weiters, Chestnut

The motion carried.

Murphy made the motion to approve the employment of the following extracurricular personnel: Julie Schultz, 7th Grade Girls' Basketball, T.J. Fraase, "B" Softball, Chad Clough, 7th Grade Boys' Basketball, Chad Clough, Middle School Boys' Track. Reynolds

seconded the motion.

Yea: Hicks, Murphy, Gebhards, Pankey, and Reynolds

Nay:

Absent: Weiters, Chestnut

The motion carried.

Murphy made the motion to approve the employment of Bill Dargert as the District Operational Director, with an annual salary of \$75,038. Gebhards seconded the motion.

Yea: Hicks, Murphy, Gebhards, Pankey, and Reynolds

Nay:

Absent: Weiters, Chestnut

The motion carried.

Murphy made the motion to approve the employment of Roger Ruggless as Transportation Manager, with an annual salary of \$62,500. Reynolds seconded the motion.

Yea: Hicks, Murphy, Gebhards, Pankey, and Reynolds

Nay:

Absent: Weiters, Chestnut

The motion carried.

Murphy made the motion to approve the reappointment of the following spring coaches: Terry Heise, Middle School Girls' Track, Dave Greer, Head Coach High School Baseball, T.J. Fraase, Head Coach High School Softball, Greg Bryan, Head Coach Girls' Soccer, D'Wayne Peterson, J.V. Girls' Soccer. Reynolds seconded the motion.

Yea: Hicks, Murphy, Gebhards, Pankey, and Reynolds

Nay:

Absent: Weiters, Chestnut

The motion carried.

Murphy made the motion to approve the reappointment of the following extracurricular sponsors: Libby Jenkins, Freshmen Class Sponsor, Jenni Durbin, Junior Class Sponsor, Teri McElfresh, Senior Class Sponsor, Debbie Graven & Linda Lee, Student Council, High School, Patty Williams & Jackie Blemler, National Honor Society, Jim Boehme, High School Art Club, Fernando Ares, High School Spanish Club, John Langley, High School Yearbook, Dale Mason, High School Drama Club, Dale Mason, High School Assistant Musical Director, Erik Rich, High School Technical Director, Jim Boehme, High School Musical Director Art, Dale Mason, High School Play, Erik Rich, High School Play Assistant, Cathy Oedewaldt, High School Beta Club, Nathan Essex, High School Jazz Band, Nathan Essex,

High School Pep Band, Brian Conklin, High School Science Club, Aaron Gilbreth, FFA, Krista Crossland, High School Scholastic Bowl, Chris Martin, Middle School Art Club, Diane Bensko & Carrie Risdon, Middle School Beta Club, Dave Smith, Middle School Drama Director, Denise Dufour, Middle School Assistant Drama Director and Grade School Music, Chris Martin, Middle School Green Team, Carol Martin, Middle School Jazz Band, Yadja Engel & Linda Gunia, Middle School Literary Contest, Carol Martin, Middle School Pep Band & Middle School Scholastic Team, Jennifer Logan, Middle School Student Council, Debbie Greene, Middle School Yearbook, Yadja Engel, Farmingdale Yearbook and Amanda Cox, Farmingdale Music. Reynolds seconded the motion.

Yea: Hicks, Murphy, Gebhards, Pankey, and Reynolds

Nay:

Absent: Weiters, Chestnut

The motion carried.

Murphy made the motion to approve the following salary rates for the school district's exempt employees: Mike Squires, \$55,142.94, Diane Boehme, \$14.25 per hour, Jill Richmond, \$14.25 per hour, Tomi Frithsen, \$18.00 per hour. Reynolds seconded the motion.

Yea: Hicks, Murphy, Gebhards, Pankey, and Reynolds

Nay:

Absent: Weiters, Chestnut

The motion carried

Murphy made the motion to approve the Vanessa Pankey's annual salary rate at \$30,510.48. Reynolds seconded the motion.

Yea: Hicks, Murphy, Gebhards, and Reynolds

Present: Pankey

Nay:

Absent: Weiters, Chestnut

The motion carried

Murphy made the motion to approve the following administrative salaries for the 2008-2009 school year: Mike Ward, \$76,169.98, John Marsaglia, \$81,403.68, Jamie Yates, \$66,684.90, Angie Heise, \$55,408.05, Ben Theilen, \$48,555.00, and Maureen Talbert, \$105,311.93. Gebhards seconded the motion.

Yea: Hicks, Murphy, Gebhards, Pankey, and Reynolds

Nay:

Absent: Weiters, Chestnut

The motion carried.

Murphy made the motion to approve the purchase of property located at 105 West Route 125, Pleasant Plains, Illinois at a cost of \$120,000. Pankey seconded the motion.

Yea: Hicks, Murphy, Gebhards, and Reynolds

Nay:

Absent: Weiters, Chestnut

The motion carried.

Murphy made the motion to adjourn. Gebhards seconded the motion and a voice vote was called. All members present voted an "Aye" vote.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Reynolds, Secretary

ATTEST:

William F. Chestnut, President

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