

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

PEKIN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 303 BOARD OF EDUCATION MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2005 6:30 P.M.

The Pekin Community High School Board of Education met on Monday, August 22, 2005 in the Board of Education Room located in The Holman Career and Technical Education Building of Pekin Community High School, City of Pekin, County of Tazewell.

Call to Order

President Howard asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Howard called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present upon roll call were: Jim Mangan, Mark Rossi, Gary Lowe, Karen Hohimer, Betty Scott, Joe Alesandrini, and Larry Howard.

Approval of Minutes

President Howard addressed the regular, closed and policy committee minutes of July 25, 2005.

Motion by Alesandrini, second by Lowe to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, the Closed Session and the Policy Committee Meeting of July 25, 2005.

Motion passed by roll call vote: Ayes – Alesandrini, Lowe, Mangan, Rossi, Hohimer, Scott and Howard; Nays – none.

Communications, Public Comments and Participation

President Howard presented Joseph T. Alesandrini with the gavel he used as President of the Board of Education from April 7, 2003 to April 25, 2005 as a token of appreciation from his fellow Pekin Community High School Board members and the district that he served so well.

Board Applause

Member Scott said she was impressed with Dragon Day and the parent orientation later in the evening.

Member Alesandrini welcomed the students and faculty back and said he was glad to see the students from Mc Cabe's class in the audience.

Member Rossi congratulated staff on a very well run registration process.

Member Hohimer said the Student Council lunch on Tuesday was super and is very proud of the kids.

President Howard announced that Steve Huey, who stands behind the students who video tape these meetings, was this year's recipient of the Outstanding Contributor Award as chosen by his peers. He was awarded this honor at the Board-sponsored Staff Luncheon on August 15, 2005.

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Student Council

Matt Spialek said the Student Council is very busy with the opening of school. On Tuesday they arranged for food at the Faculty Appreciation Lunch. This Friday will be the First Annual Football Frenzie beginning at 5 p.m.

Approval of Warrants

Motion by Alesandrini, second by Scott to approve the monthly warrants in the amount of \$1,517,877.42 as per summary information found on pages 10 & 11 of the agenda and in detailed information under separate cover.

Motion passed by roll call vote: Ayes – Alesandrini, Scott, Mangan, Rossi, Lowe, Hohimer and Howard; Nays – none.

Financial Reports as of July 31, 2005

Bank Balances	\$15,150,289.32
District Investments – Principal	\$14,690,190.72
Health Care YTD	(\$ 77,148.36)

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

President Howard called for a closed session regarding information on the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity and the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. Those attending the closed session are Members of the Board, Administrators, Recording Secretary and anyone else deemed necessary to the process. The Board will return to open session at the conclusion of the closed session to conduct further business.

Motion by Scott, second by Mangan to adjourn to closed session.

Motion passed by roll call vote: Ayes – Scott, Mangan, Rossi, Lowe, Hohimer, Alesandrini and Howard; Nays – none.

Board adjourned to closed session at 6:40 p.m.

The minutes of the closed session are recorded and filed separately.

The Board returned to open session at 7:15 p.m.

Consent Agenda

President Howard read the items contained in the Consent Agenda.

Employment:

Certificated: **Regina Cooley** as a BD Teacher in the Special Education Department for the 1st semester of the 2005-2006 school year at a salary of BA + 15-6 as per contract; **Jeff King** as a teacher in the PE/Health Department for the 2005-2006 school year at a salary of BA-1 as per contract; **Nicole R. Hoyle** as a teacher in the Mathematics Department for the 2005-2006 school year at a salary of BA-1 as per contract; **Theresa Wike** as a teacher in the English Department for the 2005-2006 school year at a salary of BA-1 as per contract.

Differential Positions: **Mary Beth Roffman** - Scholastic Bowl at a differential of 6% as per contract; **Eric Larson** – Boys Assistant Soccer Coach at a differential as per contract.

Non Certificated: **Nathan Polson** – Custodian beginning August 1, 2005 at a salary of \$8.50 per hour as per contract; **Diane Owens** – Clerical Substitute.

Resignations:

Non Certificated: **Carrrie Connor** and **Carmen Swain** – Personal Assistants for the Special Education Department effective at the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year.

Motion by Scott, second by Mangan to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 & 2.

Motion passed by roll call vote: Ayes – Scott, Mangan, Rossi, Lowe, Hohimer, Alesandrini and Howard; Nays – none.

Tentative Budget

Assistant to Superintendent for Business Operations Larry Carr handed out a hard copy of the information contained in his slide presentation of the 2005-2006 Tentative Budget. He indicated that the District received a total of \$640,000 more than anticipated in tax revenues last year from corporate and personal property taxes. The district received \$360,000 in revenue for the Education Fund, \$246,000 for the O & M Fund and \$40,000 more in the Transportation Fund. He informed the members that the Education Fund spent 100% because of health care costs; the O & M Fund under spent the budget by \$200,000 because the Life Safety program did not come when expected; the Transportation Fund spent 90% of its budget; and the IMRF Fund spent 100% of its budget. He reviewed the non-operating funds stating the revenue fund is where anticipated, that \$1.2 million was saved in the expense fund, and that there is a deficit in the Bond & Interest Fund as \$130,000 was used to buy down principal on the refinancing – thereby reducing the debt. He reviewed the printed budget pointing out that it shows results of budgets from the last 10 years and a summary of all funds. He continued with a slide presentation of the revenues and expenditures for the 2005-2006 school year. He concluded with a 2005-06 Budget Summary noting that all Operating Funds are balanced.

Tentative Budget (cont'd.)

The District expects to spend approximately \$760,000 for Life Safety required projects. He noted that the Non-operating funds will show a deficit of \$416,000. He asked the Board to only approve the placing of this Tentative Budget on display in the District Office until the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on September 26, 2005. Members' questions during the presentation were answered by Mr. Carr.

President Howard asked for a motion.

Motion by Scott, second by Alesandrini to approve placing the 2005-2006 tentative budget on display in the District Office until September 26, 2005.

Discussion took place on the budget. Member Mangan suggested that the district give students and parents a break by not charging fees, such as book fees, and asked the members to give this some consideration. Member Alesandrini suggested that the District could look at some type of an abatement given to the entire taxing body sometime next spring.

Members discussed the \$77.50 book fees charged by PCHS as opposed to the much higher fees charged by neighboring schools. It was noted that PCHS has not raised their fees in several years and that parents can ask for a waiver if they are unable to pay the fees. This also entitles their student(s) to get a free or reduced lunch and many families qualify for this program.

Member Mangan asked about attendance and was told that the 6th day count comes out tomorrow, the 23rd of August.

Motion passed by roll call vote: Ayes – Scott, Alesandrini, Mangan, Rossi, Lowe, Hohimer and Howard.

Reports

Policy Committee

Chairman Alesandrini reported they did not meet this month, but will be meeting in September as material has been received from PRESS, the IASB Policy Subscription Service.

O & M Committee

Chairman Rossi reported they have not met but will need to meet to go over the 10 year plan.

Summer Work Completion

Superintendent Davis commended the Buildings & Grounds Department for all the work they did over the summer. Painting, updating, installing air conditioning units, carpeting, tile, etc.. She said the district is very pleased with all that was accomplished this summer. She announced that the camera system is up and operational and is working well. Member Mangan inquired as to what the camera system has shown. Superintendent Davis explained that now students can be tracked when they leave a class, as it shows where they go.

Discussion continued on the camera and their usefulness to the campus. Discussion also took place on how staff members or students could identify and/or report someone unusual in the building.

Announcements by President

President Howard noted that Colleen Kahl was in the audience as President of the Pekin Teachers Alliance.

President Howard announced that District 303 is going to have a visit from Illinois State Governor Rod Blagojevich on Wednesday afternoon, and he will be signing Senate Bill 575 regarding higher standards for graduation requirements. It will require students to take algebra and geometry, an additional year of science and two writing courses.

President Howard called for a closed session with members of the Board, Administrators, Recording Secretary and anyone else deemed necessary to the process. The Board may return to open session to conduct further business with action taken.

Motion by Alesandrini, second by Lowe to adjourn to closed session regarding information on the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity and the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

Motion passed by roll call vote: Ayes – Alesandrini, Lowe, Mangan, Rossi, Hohimer, Scott and Howard; Nays – none.

Board adjourned to closed session at 8:10 p.m.

The minutes of the closed session are recorded and filed separately.

The Board returned to open session at 10:45 p.m. for adjournment.

Motion by Alesandrini, second by Scott to adjourn until the next meeting of the Board of Education on Monday, September 26, 2005.

Motion passed by voice vote: Ayes—Alesandrini, Scott, Mangan, Rossi, Lowe, Hohimer and Howard; nays—none.

President Larry Howard

Secretary Mark Rossi