

**MINUTES
PEKIN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2006
6:30 P.M.**

The Pekin Community High School Board of Education met on Monday, October 23, 2006 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.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

Call to Order

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. Absent – none.

Approval of Minutes

President Howard addressed the minutes as outlined in the agenda.

Motion by Lowe, second by Hohimer to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 25, 2006, the Closed Session of September 25, and to make the O & M Committee meeting minutes and Policy Committee meeting minutes of September 25, 2006 a matter of record.

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

Communications, Public Comments and Participation

Board Applause

Betty Scott mentioned she was impressed with the Fine Arts Concert stating that the closing was worth it all to hear the combination of the band, choirs and orchestra.

Joe Alesandrini thanked the Student Council for inviting the Board Members to participate in the Homecoming Parade.

Gary Lowe also commended the music departments for their Fine Arts Concert. He commended the swim team for their 10-1 record and Charlie Swearingen who won both the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle events.

Karen Hohimer commended Alyssa Ruwe and Christopher Castle for receiving the Lite Rock 107 award for the month of October.

President Howard Congratulated Coach Patton and the football team who made it to the playoffs.

Student Council – Caroline Lourgou, Student Council President, told the Board everybody was excited about the homecoming activities and everything went really well. She said they are now focusing on the canned food drive.

Approval of Warrants

Motion by Alesandrini, second by Lowe to approve the monthly warrants in the amount of \$1,735,932.21 as per summary information found on pages 14 & 15 of the agenda and in detailed information under separate cover.

Motion passed by roll call vote: Ayes – Alesandrini, Lowe, Mangan, Rossi, Hohimer, Scott and Howard; Nays – none. *Warrants attached as Exhibit A*

Financial Reports as of September 30, 2006

Bank Balances	\$15,605,660.62
District Investments – Principal	\$15,299,560.38
Health Care YTD	(\$ 51,997.34)

Unfinished Business

Board Policies For a Second Reading

Motion by Alesandrini, second by Lowe to delete Policy 2:90 as presented on page 20. and adopt four policies as presented on pages 21 through 36 in the agenda material.

- 2:120 – Board Member Development
- 2:250 - Access to District's Public Records
- 2:260 - Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 4:90 - Student Activity Fund Management

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

New Business

President Howard called for a closed session regarding *the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, 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 and for litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting*

Motion by Scott, second by Mangan to adjourn to closed session for the purposes previously stated.

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

The 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 7:06 p.m.

Consent Agenda

President Howard reviewed the Consent Agenda:

1. Employment As Per Contract For The 2006-2007 School Season / Year

Certificated Staff: **Melissa Bloom** as a substitute for Detention Hall at a salary of \$21.97 per hour;

Substitute Teachers: **Shanna Shipman, Cathy Largent, Nancy Keyes, Ellen Denler, Rebecca Dubreuil, and Paul Robertson** at a salary of \$14 per class period.

Support Staff: **Jill Brown** as a substitute teacher aide for Jennifer Johnson who is on maternity leave, beginning October 16, 2006 at a salary of \$6.50 per hour;

2. Volunteers: **Debra Hicks and Thomas Hicks** as JROTC Chaperones and Drivers during the 2006-07 school year and **Joel Peterson** as an assistant for the Boys' Basketball program during the 2006-07 season;

3. Resignations: **Nancee Custer** – BD Aide for Bethany Whittaker, effective September 29, 2006; and **Peggy King** – Cafeteria Supervisor, effective September 25, 2006;

4. Retirements: **Patricia D. Crosby** and **Janet Pavlons** retiring at the end of the 2008-09 school year in accordance with the School Board Early Retirement Incentive Policy 5:215; and

5. Donations: Accept a used car donated by the Marketing Department of Red Bull North America, Inc. to be used either in the Auto Mechanics Department or by Buildings & Grounds; accept the donation of ten new and used hospital beds from Pekin Hospital to replace the existing beds in the Health Occupations Department; and to accept a donation from Leslie Padgen, a former PCHS teacher, of a 2 ½ octave marimba for the Music Department.

Motion by Scott, second by Alesandrini for approval of the Consent Agenda items 1 through 5.

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

Board Policies For 1st Reading

Policy Committee Chairman Alesandrini presented five (5) policies for a first reading, the deletion of one (1) policy and the review of three (3) policies with no changes.

Policy 5:40	Communicable & Chronic Infectious Disease
Policy 5:150	Personnel Records
Policy 5:160	Release of Credit Information – to be deleted
Policy 5:170	Copyright – reviewed with no changes
Policy 5:300	Schedules and Employment Year
Policy 5:320	Evaluation
Policy 6:30	Organization of Instruction – reviewed with no changes
Policy 6:70	Teaching About Religions – reviewed with no changes
Policy 6:150	Home and Hospital Instruction

Motion by Alesandrini, second by Hohimer, for Board approval to lay Policies 5:40, 5:150, 5:160, 5:170, 5:300, 5:320, 6:30, 6:70 and 6:150 over for action at a future meeting.

Questions were asked about the language on policies 5:40 and 5:300. The Board was informed that the second paragraph of 5:40 falls under legislation and states what we can do. The language in Policy 5:300 is bringing us in compliance within the law.

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

Electricity Agreement

Larry Carr informed the Board that he has been working on our electricity rates beginning January 1, 2007. He said he received quotes from 5 different suppliers, and is recommending that the District go with the Illinois Energy Consortium. Their base price for electricity is 5.436¢ per Kilowatt Hour. He said the different companies ranged from about \$30,000 to \$200,000 higher than what we are getting from the IEC. There will still be about a 30% increase over last year. He did state that there is an agreement that if the legislature should freeze the current rates, then we have the right to stay with the current supplier – Ameren.

Members indicated Mr. Carr did a good job in getting 5.436¢ locked in and for getting the agreement to keep the 5.436¢ rate.

Motion by Lowe, second by Mangan to give the administration the authority to enter into an agreement with Illinois Energy Consortium to supply electrical power for the period beginning January 1, 2007 through May, 2008 at a per KWH cost of 5.436¢.

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

Consolidation

Superintendent Davis talked about the meeting held in the Board Room on October 12th with Michelle Heninger from the ISBE who presented information on consolidation and the new laws. Superintendent Davis said she is looking for direction and a motion from the Board to approve the process of beginning a consolidation study. There is a need to find out who will or will not sign off if we attempt to secure funding from the state. She said she does have information from the State Board on people who conduct these studies.

Members asked about the cost of a consolidation study. Superintendent Davis informed them that a figure has not been determined but District 303 and 108 have each budgeted \$7500 towards a study. All feeder districts must agree to the study in order to get funding from the State.

Motion by Alesandrini, second by Scott to allow the Superintendent to get consolidation study bids to be presented to this Board for review at a later date.

Members talked about the question on the ballot, the new law regarding consolidation, and conducting a study.

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

Close Up Trip

Superintendent Davis informed the Board of the Close Up Trip to Washington, D.C. sponsored by the Social Studies Department from March 25 – 31 of 2007. Since this trip is over 500 miles, according to Board Policy 7:327, the Board needs to approve this trip.

Motion by Alesandrini, second by Hohimer for approval of the Close Up Trip to Washington, D.C.

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

Band Trip to Florida

Superintendent Davis explained that updated information has been provided in the agenda material on page 55 which shows that for \$65 more, they can add an extra day to the trip. This would bring the total trip to \$880 per person. The trip is taken every four years and will take place during spring break. Since this trip is over 500 miles, according to Board Policy 7:327 the Board needs to approve this trip.

Motion by Alesandrini, second by Hohimer to approve the amended band trip to Florida during the Spring Break – March 30 – April 5, 2007 to add \$65 which adds an extra day to the trip.

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

Reports

Policy Committee – Chairman Joe Alesandrini reported that the committee met this evening and discussed the Extra Curricular Activities Code. Superintendent Davis will form a committee with staff members and members of the public to begin a review of the code. The committee continued their review of PRESS. They will bring for a first reading at the next meeting – policies 6:230, 6:280, 6:290, 6:330, 7:80, 7:90, 7:220, 7:310, 7:340 and 8:40. Policies 6:210 and 6:220 were reviewed but no changes will be recommended. That concluded the PRESS update from July, 2006, but a new PRESS has been received and the committee will begin their review of those policies at their next meeting.

O & M Committee - Superintendent Davis reported that progress is being made on the area outside the cafeteria. The committee will have to meet after figures for the theatre sound system have been received from Thompson Electronics. She reported that the additions to the scoreboard were started last Wednesday.

LMRC – Superintendent Davis reported this committee met on October 12th and talked about offering computer classes for non certified staff. They talked about setting up a survey to find out how these classes will be offered.

SAC – Superintendent Davis reported that this committee met on October 26th talked about the decline in attendance at curriculum night over the past few years. They talked about looking at different dates as there could be a conflict with the Marigold Festival going on at the same time. The committee talked about the Supplemental services and the need to offer these services once the test scores have been received. They also talked about a reading fluency program and were encouraged about what is being done. At their next meeting they will be talking about test scores if last year's PSAE test scores have been received by then.

Future Agenda Items

President Howard announced the CIV IASA dinner meeting on 10/25 in Dunlap where Leadership awards will be presented.

Announcements by President

His only announcement was to declare the meeting adjourned.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.