

A meeting of the Palisades Board of School Directors was called to order by President Oleksa on April 16, 2008, in the Palisades High School Library at 7:35p.m.

In attendance were: Director Clemens, Director Gehman, Director Hallowell, Director Kunkel, Director Lynch, Director Moyer, Director Oleksa, Director Smith, Superintendent Barnes, Student Representative Jacob-Freese, and Student Representative Lebo. Director Beerer was absent.

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS (* Denotes Committee Chairperson)

A. Student Representatives – Jennifer Jacob-Freese, Dominick Lebo

There were updates on Cybersonics, PSSSA, undefeated soccer team, walkthrough, competitions, and sports.

B. Athletic Committee – Michael Lynch, * James Hallowell, Stephen Kunkel,

This committee will meet on Wednesday, April 23 at the high school.

C. Education Programs & Services – Carol Clemens,* James Beerer, Stephen Kunkel, Theodora Moyer

Director Clemens reported that the Committee met on April 9. There was a presentation on the three administrator goals and a description of the action plan for improving student achievement. There was an opportunity the Board members to sit with administrators to learn first-hand what was being achieved at Palisades. It was an extremely successful meeting.

D. Facilities Management– H. Dennis Smith,* Christopher Gehman, James Hallowell

The Facilities Management Committee will meet on April 22 in the library..

E. Fiscal Committee –James Hallowell*, James Beerer, Theodora Moyer

The Fiscal Committee met last Monday to review the bills and financial reports. The Board was reminded that there is a loss of funds of \$78,000 for this year's transportation budget.

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F. Intermediate Unit Representative – Carol Clemens

Brian Gessner from the IU was introduced.

Director Clemens reported that the IU Board met last evening. The IU provides 65 classrooms for 450 autistic children and there is another 50 classrooms run by school districts. The number of autistic children continues to grow. There was a reception for the student artists from the 13 school districts that make up the IU. Their work will at the IU for a year. Amanda Harding, from Palisades, presented her art and gave a great explanation of her work.

G. Policy Review Committee – David Oleksa, James Hallowell, Theodora Moyer

There will be a Policy Review Committee meeting soon.

H. Tincum Construction Ad-hoc Committee

Director Hallowell reported that there was an open house tonight to show plans for Tincum construction and answer questions. The documents went out for bids. April 22 will be the next meeting.

I. Vocational Technical School Representatives –

James Hallowell – 2008

Theodora Moyer – 2009

H. Dennis Smith – 2010

Director Moyer reported that the Vo-tech meeting is tomorrow evening. There are 72 students with first honors at the Vo-tech. They will discuss the strategic plan, the feasibility study of the building, and policy revisions.

J. PSBA Liaison – David Oleksa, Stephen Kunkel

Director Kunkel gave the Board a packet from the PSBA regional meeting.

President Oleksa announced there would be an executive session on negotiations and on personnel issues later this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ACTION AGENDA

A. Upon a motion by Director Moyer, seconded by Director Kunkel, with eight votes aye, the consent agenda was approved, in accordance with Board Policy 006

Approval of minutes of the meeting held on March 5, and March 19, 2008

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Enclosure #1

Approval of financial reports for the month of March.

Enclosure #2

Personnel recommendations

Enclosure #3

B. Upon a motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Lynch, with eight votes aye, the Board approved the Transfer of Funds as described in enclosure #4, in accordance with Section 687 of the Pennsylvania School Code

Enclosure #4

C. Upon a motion by Director Kunkel, seconded by Director Lynch, with eight votes aye, the Board approved August 28, 29, 30, 2007 as Act 80 days for seniors only and file the appropriate documents with the Department of Education.

D. Upon a motion by Director Kunkel, seconded by Director Lynch, with eight votes aye, the Board approved August 28, 2007 as 1/2 Act 80 day and August 30, 2007 as an Act 80 day for Tincum Elementary School only and filed the appropriate documents with the Department of Education.

E. Upon a motion by Director Moyer, seconded by Director Lynch, with eight votes aye to change February 14, 2008 from a 1/2 Act 80 day to a day used for relocation preparation due to construction for Tincum Elementary School only and file the appropriate documents with the Department of Education.

F. Upon a motion by Director Kunkel, seconded by Director Smith, with eight votes aye, the Board approved Resolution #5-2007-08 pursuant to Act 1 of 2006 permitting taxpayers with eligible homestead or farmstead properties to pay school real estate property taxes in installment payments, and setting forth the requirements and procedures related to the payment of property taxes by installment as described in enclosure #5.

Enclosure #5

G. Upon a motion by Director Moyer, seconded by Director Lynch, with eight votes aye, the Board awarded bids for the purpose of art supplies as described in enclosure #6.

Enclosure #6

H. Upon a motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Lynch, with eight votes aye, the Board approved Resolution #6, 2007-2008 which indicates the School District's opposition to Senate Bill 1063 in its current form, seeks Senate Bill 1063's amendment to include consolidation of earned income tax collections on a school district level, and authorizes the School District Secretary to so notify the School District's local State

Senators of the importance of this issue and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (“PSBA”) of the School District’s recognition of the importance of this issue.

Enclosure #7

DISCUSSION AGENDA

Graduation Competency Assessments

H. Upon a motion by Director Gehman, seconded by Director Moyer, with eight votes aye, the Board approved Resolution #7, 2007-2008 opposing proposed High School Graduation Competency Assessments by the Board of School Directors of the Palisades School District.

Enclosure #8

There was a discussion on the Math Study Recommendations. There are budget implications.

There was a discussion on convening future Regular Board Meetings at Tinicum and/or Springfield Schools. There will be further discussion on this.

INFORMATIONAL

Math Night – April 28th – 6-8:30 PM – PHS

Internet Safety – May 1st – 7 PM – PHS – Rep. Quinn and District Attorney.

Budget Workshop – Monday – May 5th at 7 PM – PHS Library

Proposed Budget Adoption – May 7th – PHS Library

UNFINISHED BUSINESS LIST

BOARD CONCERNS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Director Moyer, seconded by Director Kunkel, with eight votes aye, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol M. Clemens
Secretary