

A meeting of the Palisades Board of School Directors was called to order by President Oleksa on February 20, 2008, in the Palisades High School Library at 7:35p.m.

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

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

There was a Recognition of the successes of VoTech Students for the 2008 Skills USA Competition.

There was a Presentation of “Award Winning Robots in Bucks County” from Channel 6 News.

A new teacher at Tincicum was introduced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (* Denotes Committee Chairperson)

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

There were updates on Back to School Night, the musical, biology trip, spaghetti dinner, the language competition, and sports.

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

Director Lynch reported that the next Committee Meeting will be April 23.

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

Director Clemens reported that the Committee will meet on February 27. The Drop-Out Rate Report and MAP (Measurement of Academic Progress) will be on the agenda. The next meeting will be March 12 when we have a report from the Math Study Group.

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

The Facilities Management Committee will meet on February 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

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

Director Hallowell reported that the Committee met last Monday. They discussed bills, financial reports, budgetary changes, assessment changes, basic education funding, and requests for additional staff positions. The proposed budget will be on May 7, and the

final budget will be on June 4. There will be a budget presentation on March 19 before the Board Meeting.

F. Intermediate Unit Representative – Carol Clemens

Brian Gessner from the IU was introduced.

Director Clemens reported that the IU Board met last evening. There was a new Board Member Orientation. There are many new Board members who participated in this overview. IU Committees were announced. There is a free PA Technology Conference on April 8 at the IU..

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

No report.

H. Tincum Construction Ad-hoc Committee

Director Hallowell reported that the committee met on February 11. Classroom layout, carpets, interior finishes, boiler room, structural drawings, planning commission, supervisors, site issues, lighting, HVAC, plumbing and bid documents were discussed. The next meeting will be March 11 at 1:00 p.m. at the high school

I. Vocational Technical School Representatives –

James Hallowell – 2008

Theodora Moyer – 2009

H. Dennis Smith – 2010

Director Moyer reported that the Votech meeting is tomorrow evening. At the last meeting there were reports on the strategic plan process, sewer project, PDE waivers, and Career and Technology Education Week.

J. PSBA Liaison – David Oleksa, Stephen Kunkel

Director Kunkel reported that the government budget adjustment formula was not advantageous to Palisades. The Earned Income Tax Bill is on hold at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ACTION AGENDA

Director Hallowell made a motion seconded by Director Kunkel to destroy the 35 to 40 cases of beef bought from the company which had a beef recall. The beef will be a loss of about \$1300 to Palisades. This motion passes with a vote of nine votes aye.

A. Upon a motion by Director Beerer, seconded by Director Gehman, with nine votes

aye, the consent agenda was approved, in accordance with Board Policy 006

Approval of minutes of the meeting held on January 16, 2008.

Enclosure #1

Approval of financial reports for the month of January.

Enclosure #2

Personnel recommendation

Enclosure #3

B. Upon a motion by Director Moyer, seconded by Director Lynch, with nine votes aye, the Board approved the revised Board Policy 123, Interscholastic Activities, as described in enclosure #4.

Enclosure #4

C. Upon a motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Lynch, with seven votes aye and two votes nay by Director Moyer and Director Gehman, the Board approved the first draft of the calendar for the 2008-2009 school year as proposed by the District Calendar Committee, described in enclosure #5.

Enclosure #5,

D. Upon a motion by Director Beerer, seconded by Director Gehman, with nine votes aye, the Board approved the Transfer of Funds as described in enclosure #6, in accordance with Section 687 of the Pennsylvania School Code.

Enclosure #6

E. Upon a motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Lynch, with nine votes aye, the Board accepted our Solicitor's negotiated Settlement Agreement and Tortfeasor Release between S&H Landscaping and the Palisades School District to resolve the dispute regarding liquidated damages resulting from the Stadium Renovation Project. The School District will release a final payment of \$131,006.65 to S&H Landscaping and retain \$40,000.00 from the contract amount. This settlement also eliminates any further legal proceedings by S&H Landscaping.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

There was a discussion on the first Draft Calendar for the 2008-09 school year.

INFORMATIONAL

There will be a Library Event Thursday, March 6th. It is a Gardening Theme. The library opens to the public at 6 p.m.

The Education Programs & Services Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 27th.
The Snow Make-Up Day will be March 24th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS LIST

BOARD CONCERNS

Director Moyer inquired about rumble strips on the parking lots to “slow kids down.”
There is a program on April 17 to address driver safety.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Director Kunkel, seconded by Director Moyer, with nine votes aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol M. Clemens
Secretary