

A meeting of the Palisades Board of School Directors was called to order by President Oleksa on January 16, 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 and Student Representative Lebo.

#### RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

There was a Recognition of the Palisades School District Board of Directors.

There was a Recognition of Palisades winners of Keystone Awards

There was a Recognition of the Palisades Football team for the accomplishment of a championship season.

There was a Recognition and Presentation from the Tinicum Civic Association for the donation of funds for the library.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS (\* Denotes Committee Chairperson)

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

There were updates on alumni meeting, Purple and Gold Day, curriculum guides, fund raiser, and sports.

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

Director Lynch reported that the next Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the high school.

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

Director Clemens reported that the Committee met on Wednesday, January 9. There were presentations on two new courses at the high school. Digital Music would be a half year elective course which would be a hands-on education in music production. The committee recommends offering this course next school year. The other new course is LCTL (Less Commonly Taught Languages and Cultures.) The committee recommends conditional approval based on student enrollment, teacher certification, staffing availability, and scheduling. Three teachers shared how they used creativity in their elementary, middle school, or high school classrooms. We also reviewed upcoming topics.

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

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

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

Director Hallowell reported that the Committee met on January 14. They discussed bills, financial reports, bids, TitleV funding, retirement funds, and banking.

F. Intermediate Unit Representative – Carol Clemens

Director Clemens reported that the IU Board met last evening. After doing the business of the meeting there was a dinner provided by the WOW students from Upper Bucks Vo-Tech School. The Programs and Services Budget will be increased by 1.82 percent. Charlotte Fennel from the IU was introduced.

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

No report.

I. Tincum Construction Ad-hoc Committee

Director Hallowell reported that the committee met on January 8. The construction project is on schedule to break ground in June. It is close to being on budget.

J. Vocational Technical School Representatives –

James Hallowell – 2008  
Theodora Moyer – 2009  
H. Dennis Smith – 20010

Director Moyer reported that Mrs. Martin was elected Chairperson of the Joint Operating Committee for 2008. Mrs. Moyer was elected Vice Chairperson of the Joint Operating Committee for 2008. Dr. Yarnell was elected Treasurer of the Joint Operating Committee for 2008. There will be a VICA competition at Ag Hall in Allentown on January 30.

K. PSBA Liaison – David Oleksa, Stephen Kunkel

Director Kunkel reported that the graduation competency expectations will come out soon. There is a concern about language instruction and the sleep wake cycle and the start time for school. This discussion was referred to the Education Programs and Services.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ACTION AGENDA

A. Upon a motion by Director Moyer, seconded by Director Lynch, with nine votes aye,

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

Approval of minutes of the meeting held on December 3, 2007 and December 19, 2007.

Enclosure #1

Approval of financial reports for the month of December.

Enclosure #2

Personnel recommendation

As per Board Policy, it was announced that Kristin Labant is related to a Palisades employee.

Enclosure #3

B. Upon a motion by Director Gehman, seconded by Director Smith, with nine votes aye, the Board approved an out of state field trip for the fifth grade class at Springfield Elementary school to New York City as described in enclosure #4.

Enclosure #4

C. Upon a motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Kunkel, with nine votes aye, the Board awarded bids for the purpose of general supplies to the vendors listed in enclosure #5.

Enclosure #5

D. Upon a motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Lynch, 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 Hollowell, seconded by Director Lynch, with seven votes aye by roll call, one vote nay by Director Smith, and one abstention by Director Clemens, the Board approved the **Preliminary Budget for 2008-2009** as described in enclosure #7, in accordance with the requirements of Special Session Act 1,

Enclosure #7

## DISCUSSION AGENDA

The Pay for Play Recommendation will be ready for February.

The Snow Make-Up Day will be March 24<sup>th</sup>

There was a discussion of Fiscal Committee Meetings. It would be good to have a time for the meetings that meets the needs of staff, committee members, and the public. There will be evening Fiscal Committee Meetings in the months of February, May, and September. The Committee chairperson will work it out.

#### INFORMATIONAL

Athletic Committee Meeting will be January 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
ALERT NOW is now fully operational.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS LIST

#### BOARD CONCERNS

Director Kunkel was concerned about student information being released. The option to opt-out notice will go out before the July deadline. The information will be on the school calendar as changed for 08 – 09.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol M. Clemens  
Secretary