

A meeting of the Palisades Board of School Directors was called to order by President Oleksa on March 19, 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

COMMITTEE REPORTS (* Denotes Committee Chairperson)

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

There were updates on walk-through, scavenger hunt, Cybersonics, trips, registering to vote, tests, and sports.

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

No report

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

Director Lynch reported that the Committee met on March 12. The entire meeting was dedicated to the review of the K-12 mathematics study final report. They discussed goals, action plans and recommendations. There will be a board presentation on April 2 to discuss this information.

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

The Facilities Management Committee will meet on March 25.

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

The Fiscal Committee met earlier this evening to discuss the budget. There was a good discussion on budget items. The next budget discussion will be May 5 at 7 o'clock.

F. Intermediate Unit Representative – Carol Clemens

Charlotte Fennel from the IU was introduced.

Director Clemens reported that the IU Board met last evening. The IU is working to become more efficient with spending money and using staff. There will be a conference on helping the “quirky” student in June.

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 the committee met on March 11. Permits, code review, geo-tech, geo-thermal, repots and carpet were discussed. The construction is on target and on budget.

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 farm show, competitions, and the state VICA Conference. The Bella Vista has great baked goods and sandwiches.

J. PSBA Liaison – David Oleksa, Stephen Kunkel

Director Kunkel reported that the legislature is working on the budget, the health care plan, and an adequacy funding formula.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ACTION AGENDA

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

Approval of minutes of the meeting held on February 6 and February 20

Enclosure #1

Approval of financial reports for the month of February.

Enclosure #2

Personnel recommendation Thomas Burrows is related to a Palisades employee and this was announced as per Board Policy.

Enclosure #3

B. Upon a motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Gehman, with nine votes aye, the Board approved an out of state field trip for the fifth grade class at Durham

Nockamixon Elementary School to Ellis Island and the Statute of Liberty, as described in enclosure #4.

Enclosure #4

C. Upon a motion by Director Lynch, seconded by Director Hallowell, with seven votes aye and two votes nay by Director Moyer and Director Gehman, the Board approved the School Calendar for the 2008-2009 school year as described in enclosure #5.

Enclosure #5,

D. Upon a motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Lynch, with nine votes aye, the Board accepted the lowest responsible bid from Southern Bleacher Company to supply and install a wheelchair ramp for the home bleacher in the Walter T. Rohrer Stadium for a contract price of \$16,635.00.

E. Upon a motion by Director Kunkel, seconded by Director Moyer, with nine votes aye by roll call vote, the Board included and entered into the minutes PLANCON PART J for Springfield Elementary School (Project #2798), Palisades High School (Project #2799) Additions/Alterations and accompanying Audit Reports as described in enclosure #6.

Enclosure #6

F.. Upon a motion by Director Kunkel, seconded by Director Smith, with nine votes aye by roll call vote, the Board approved for submission to PDE PLANCON Part F and Construction Documents for Tincum Elementary School as described in enclosure #7.

Enclosure #7,

DISCUSSION AGENDA

INFORMATIONAL

- 1st Snow Make Up Day – March 24th
- 2nd Snow Make Up Day – June 18th
- Proposed Final Budget – May 7, 2008
- Final Budget Adoption – June 4, 2008

UNFINISHED BUSINESS LIST

BOARD CONCERNS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Director Beerer, seconded by Director Moyer, with nine votes aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol M. Clemens
Secretary