

A meeting of the Palisades Board of School Directors was called to order by President Oleksa on March 5, 2008 in the Palisades High School Library at 7:30 p.m.

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

#### RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Certificates were awarded to Academy Students by the Upper Bucks Healthy Communities Healthy Youth Coalition

Congratulations were given to the Cybersonics students for their win at Trenton.

#### SELECTED COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Student Representatives reported on sports, trips, Cybersonics, fund raisers, and the high school musical.

Director Kunkel reported that Educational Programs and Services met on February 27. There was an excellent report on the Drop Out Rate and a report on MAP which is an adaptive test of academic progress. The next meeting will be March 12 and there will be a report from the math study group.

Director Smith reported that the committee met on February 26 and discussed bids for ramps, water monitoring, PALMS mural, and the recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Director Clemens collected ballots from the Board Members for the election of Intermediate Unit Board of Directors. The ballots will be sent to the IU.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### ACTION AGENDA

A. Upon a motion by Director Kunkel, seconded by Director Smith, with eight votes aye, the Board approved an out of state field trip for PALMS vocal music students to New York City as described in enclosure #1.

Enclosure #1

B. Upon a motion by Director Gehman, seconded by Director Beerer, with eight votes aye, the Board approved an out of state field trip for Tinicum 5th grade class to New Jersey as described in enclosure #2.

Enclosure #2

C. Upon a motion by Director Moyer, seconded by Director Beerer, with eight votes aye, the Board approved the Planned Courses listed below:

Revised

Drawing, Painting & 2-D I

Math K-5

D. Upon a motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Kunkel, with six votes aye and two votes nay by Directors Moyer and Gehman, the Board approved the revised draft calendar for the 2008-2009 school year proposed by the District Calendar Committee as described in enclosure #3. Final 2008-09 Calendar approval will be placed on the March 19 Board agenda.

Enclosure #3

E. Upon a motion by Director Kunkel, seconded by Director Gehman, with eight votes aye, the Board approved the Personnel Recommendations as listed in Enclosure #4.

Enclosure #4

DISCUSSION AGENDA

INFORMATIONAL

The Fiscal Committee Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19th before the regular board meeting. Please note: As previously agreed upon, there will be no recognitions/presentations at the March 19th board meeting, in the event the Fiscal Meeting runs a little longer than anticipated.

The Student/Staff Make-up Day will be March 24.

The Art Gallery is open Thursday mornings from 9 – 11:30 AM (PEARL volunteer is staffing)

Dr. Barnes read the ruling of the Secretary of Education on the Riegelsville petition for the formation of an independent school district. The ruling was that the petition did not have sufficient merit so it was denied.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS LIST

BOARD CONCERNS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Director Gehman, seconded by Director Beerer, with eight votes aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol M. Clemens  
Secretary