

Pana CUSD #8

December 16th, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Board President Kyle Anderson called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 06:25 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Board Members Present: Anderson Dorn, Blackwell, Moon, Hadowsky-Absent Beyers, Casner

Consent Agenda

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda inclusive of payables totaling \$426,723.01 and payrolls totaling \$2,417,370.18 for a total payables and payroll of \$2,844,093.19. Motion was made by Moon and seconded by Dorn Motion was approved.**

**Visitor, Teacher, & Support Staff Consideration-** Media-, Thomas Latonis Staff: Stile Smith, Kim Hahnekamp Jeff Stauder, Paul Donahue, Kevin McDonald, Lisa Mayhall, Adam Metzger, Allison Swisher, Kari Medler.

Committee Reports

**Facilities-** James Moon, Jeff Stauder, and Dr. Lett provided an overview of the meeting held on 12.4.24. They discussed the best option for Washington and Lincoln School was demolition. During this meeting the committee decided upon auctioning off the contents of the schools they will be using Price-Spracklen to help complete this task. There was also discussion about purchasing the old Walmart building with the partnering of the City. Jessica Miller will be attending the meeting at City Hall tonight December 16th to further discuss this opportunity Next Meeting: TBD

**Motion to accept the proposal with Price-Spracklen Auction Group to conduct an Auction of the contents of Washington & Lincoln Elementary Schools. Motion was made by Blackwell and seconded by Dorn Motion was approved. Moon abstained.**

**Finance-**Did not meet. Next Meeting: Mon., Jan 13th at 6:30am

**Curriculum-**Mr. Donahue, Mr. McDonald, and Kyle Anderson provided an overview of the meeting held on 12.09.24. Mr. McDonald went into detail about what the changes mean for the students, they will be able to choose courses that interest them and are relevant to their future goals. This change will start with the incoming freshman class.

**Motion to accept the H.S. Course Guide Changes for 2025-2026 and the recommendation to phase out Valedictorian and Salutatorian recognitions and replace those with Latin Honors Recognition at the conclusion of the 2027-2028 School Year. Motion was made by Hadowsky and seconded by Moon. Motion was approved.**

**Pana Education Foundation –** Mrs. Miller provided an overview from the meeting held on, 11.20.24. Next Meeting: Wed., Nov. 20th @ 7:00 am

## Administrative Reports

**Principals:** All three of our principals were present and provided an update from each of their buildings.

**PHS:** Kevin McDonald explained how the High School is partnering with OKAW. They have submitted a College and Career Pathway Endorsement plan that will allow next year's juniors to enter into a two year program at OKAW to earn a Career Pathway Endorsement and 13 college credits specific to education. The four classes will transfer as ED 100, 101, 216 and 224.

**Jr High:** Lisa Mayhall talked about how their SIP Day teachers participated in the Thanksgiving Escape Room created by Ashley Keeling. Each Team had to work together and complete four different tasks. They had a ton of fun in doing this, great student teacher interaction!

**PES:** Adam Metzger expressed how great their Music and Art event went in November. This was something new they tried instead of doing it after school hours, it allowed for all students to attend. They had a great turn out!

**Athletic Director:** Stile Smith provided highlights on our fall sports, as well as gave a preview/comment on the upcoming winter sports.

**Buildings and Transportation:** Jeff Stauder provided updates on each school and the projects going on. He also made a recommendation for the district to sell the 3 buses and a forklift.

**Motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Two School Buses, One Minibus, and One Forklift That is Property of the Board of Education of Pana Community Unit School District No. 8. Motion was made by Moon and seconded by Blackwell Motion was approved.**

**Curriculum and Instruction-**Paul Donahue informed us that the preparation for state testing in the spring is underway. He also touched on some of the changes that will be happening in how each school will test.

## Superintendent

**Tax Levy-** Dr. Lett explained Last month we provided in-depth analysis of the levy request. In summary we are recommending an overall levy increase of 13% from the previous year. Despite this aggressive increase the overall rate is not projected to increase 4.79 (2024 Est.) vs. 4.80 (2023 Actual).

**Motion to approve the District's 2024 Tax Levy. Motion was made by Hadowsky and seconded by Moon. Motion was approved.**

**Resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay debt service on the General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2019, and General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2023, of Community Unit School District Number 8, Christian, Shelby and Montgomery Counties, Illinois** -Dr. Lett Spoke on this topic and explained Passage of this resolution is now an annual procedural step needed to be taken by the Board until the alternative revenue bond principal and interest is paid off. The 1% sales tax revenue has been pledged to make our annual bond payments for the PES project

**Motion to approve the resolution(s) abating taxes heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay debt service on the General Obligation School Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2019, and General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2023, of Community Unit School District Number 8, Christian, Shelby and Montgomery Counties, Illinois. A motion was made by Blackwell and seconded by Moon. Motion was approved.**

**NPT Special Education Cooperative Report** - Dr. Lett provided an update from the meeting held on 11.19.24. Next Meeting: Tuesday December 17, 2024.

**Executive Session – 7:12**

**Motion to enter executive session for the discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, student discipline, litigation, the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District, and collective bargaining matters, as well as employment/compensation/resignation recommendations. A motion was made by Dorn and seconded by Moon to enter motion was approved.**

**Return from Executive Session – 8:09**

**A motion was made by Moon and seconded by Hadowsky to return from executive session. Motion was approved.**

**Executive Session Minutes as Read**

**A motion was made by Hadowsky and seconded by Blackwell to approve executive session minutes as read. Motion was approved.**

**Personnel Recommendations**

**A motion was made by Dorn and seconded by Hadowsky to approve the Superintendent's personnel recommendations. Motion was approved.**

**Communications**

**Board Member Considerations**

**Adjournment – 8:19pm** A motion was made by Moon and seconded by Hadowsky to adjourn the December 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

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School Board President

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School Board Secretary

