

The Board of Education of Pana Community Unit School District #8 of the Counties of Christian, Shelby and Montgomery, Illinois met in Regular Session on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Unit Office Board Room at 14 Main St, Pana, IL.

Meeting called to Order/Roll Call

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. The following board members were present: Anderson, Hadowsky, Moon, Dorn, and Blackwell. Beyers arrived at 6:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Consent Agenda

Superintendent Bauer discussed 2 FOIA requests received since the last regular meeting. The first was from Katherine Casey from Science of Reading Illinois, requesting names of the core curricula used to teach reading in K-3 (Benchmark Advance), the grade levels these were used (K-5), the date that the curricula was purchased (May 21, 2018), and if there are plans by the District to purchase a different literacy curricula in the future. The second FOIA request was from Michael Rust, Founder and CEO of Allium Data. He requested a copy of the last property and casualty insurance renewal summary and a copy of the last employee benefits insurance renewal for health, dental, and vision plans.

A motion was made by Hadowsky and seconded by Casner to approve the consent agenda inclusive of payables totaling \$1,722,028.31 and payroll totaling \$745,614.77 for a total of \$2,467,643.08.

Motion

ROLL CALL: Anderson, Beyers, Dorn, Blackwell, Moon, Hadowsky, Casner. Motion Carried.

Roll Call

VISITORS

Principals: McDonald, Mayhall, Metzger, Wysong

Teachers: Ellen Anselm (Out at 6:39pm), Terry Cothorn (Out at 6:39pm), Travis

Media: T Latonis, S McGrath

Students: MacKinsey Perry (Out at 6:39pm)

Guests: Adrienne Perry (Out at 6:39pm), Tommey Perry (Out at 6:39pm), Stephen Lig (Out at 6:39pm), Penny Perry (Out at 6:39pm), Kordance Perry (Out at 6:39pm)

Pana High School student MacKinsey Perry was recognized by her teachers, friends and family for receiving the first ever perfect score on IAR testing for reading comprehension and writing at Pana CUSD.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities

Jeff Stauder gave an update from the November 8th meeting. Construction is a couple of weeks ahead of schedule, except for a delay with a couple of windows. Will have heat by the end of the week. The decision was made to not spend \$24K on staining mortar joints. Maintenance grants were discussed. The grant application has been completed. The plan is to use it to replace some old interior doors at the Junior High School and hardware for doors at the High School. Bus Leases were also discussed with the plan to make decisions early enough they are available by next school year.

A motion was made by Casner and seconded by Hadowsky to approve and submit the Maintenance Grant to the Illinois State Board of Education. Motion was approved.

Motion
Roll Call

ROLL Call: Beyers, Dorn, Blackwell, Moon, Hadowsky, Casner, Anderson

Finance

Superintendent Bauer stated that there was nothing new for the 1st quarter financials. The Pana tax rate review will be discussed later in this meeting. Next Meeting: Friday, January 19, 2024 @ 6:30am – Pana Unit Office

Curriculum Committee

Did not Meet this month. Next Meeting Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. – Pana High School Library

Policy Committee

Did not meet this month. Next meeting - December 13, 2023 at 5:00pm - Pana Unit Office

Pana Education Foundation

Superintendent Bauer stated that TV's were placed in the Common area at the High school and the historical PEF boards that were there previously will be moved to the Board Room at the Unit office. PEF's funds are high therefore they are considering the purchase of CD's. Next meeting Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 7:00 a.m.

Strategic Planning Committee

Did not meet this month. Next meeting TBD

Technology

Did not meet this month. Next meeting: TBD

I.D.E.A.S. Committee

Did not meet this month. Next meeting: TBD

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principals

The Principals were all in attendance. Each principal provided information and discussion on each of their buildings.

Washington, Cheri Wysong handed out books to the Board Members that were made by the children. Attendance was above 92% for all grade levels. Pre-K and K are typically lower but they are working on it. The response to the parent Teacher Conferences went very well.

Lincoln, Adam Metzger - Stated enrollment is steady. The parents seem to be very supportive and flexible. Attendance is up 2%. He thanked the School Board for their support and dedication.

Jr High, Lisa Mayhall - Stated chronic absenteeism went down which leads to scores going up. She delivered an appreciation poster to the School Board signed by the students.

High School, Kevin McDonald – Stated Graduation rate fell from 86.5% to 83.3%. There has been a 5% loss of students to home-schooling. The blood Drive held was successful and helps provide scholarships. The Sister School in Germany is sending 10-12 students to Pana this year and they expect to be able to send some of our students to Germany next year.

Curriculum and Instruction

Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Paul Donahue, gave his report on curriculum and instruction. All schools were commendable. The High School increased by 5 points, which is unusual at that level.

Buildings and Transportation

Jeff Stauder was in attendance and gave his report. He hired a new bus driver, but still is in need of 2 more.

SUPERINTENDENT

Tentative FY21 Tax Levy Report

Superintendent Bauer discussed the need to schedule a Truth in Taxation Meeting based on the projected EAV values.

A motion was made by Hadowsky and seconded by Blackwell to approve the review of the District's Tentative Levy Report and to schedule a Truth in Taxation Hearing for Monday December 18th at 6:15 p.m. Motion was approved

Motion

ROLL CALL: Dorn, Blackwell, Moon, Hadowsky, Casner, Anderson, Beyers. Motion Carried.

Roll Call

FY23 District Audit

Superintendent Bauer stated the results of the audit have not been received yet. The auditing firm is experiencing a staffing shortage.

School Board Members Day Resolution

Superintendent Bauer stated that a resolution has been proposed to recognize the Pana CUSD #8 School Board members. He stated our school board is professional, respectful, and always looking out for the best interests of our students and our district,

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Moon to approve the November School Board Members Day Resolution. All Aye.

Motion

NPT Special Education Report

Superintendent Bauer gave a brief overview from the October 17, 2023 Meeting. Next meeting Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Casner and seconded by Hadowsky to enter executive session at 7:36 p.m.

Motion

ROLL CALL: Moon, Hadowsky, Casner, Anderson, Beyers, Dorn, Blackwell. Motion Carried.

Roll Call

Return to Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Hadowsky and seconded by Casner to return from the Executive Session to the Regular Meeting at 8:52 p.m. All Aye.

Motion

Approve executive session minutes

A motion was made by Hadowsky and seconded by Moone to approve executive session minutes as read in executive session.

Motion

ROLL CALL: Casner, Anderson, Beyers, Dorn, Blackwell, Moon, Hadowsky. Motion Carried.

Roll Call

Personnel Recommendations

A motion was made by Blackwell and seconded by Casner to approve the Superintendent's personnel recommendations as reviewed in executive session.

Motion

ROLL CALL: Anderson, Beyers(A), Dorn, Blackwell, Moon, Hadowsky, Casner . Motion Carried.

Roll Call

Communications

- A. Alliance Legislative Report
- B. Capitol Watch
- C. Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools (AIRSS)

D. Other Board Correspondence

Board Member Considerations

School Board Convention 2023 was discussed

Adjournment

A motion was made by Blackwell and seconded by Beyers to adjourn the regular meeting of November 20, 2023 at 8:56 p.m. All aye, motion carried.

Motion

Secretary

President