

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 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Unit Office at 14 East Main Street.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Allen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following board members were present: Allen, Beyers, Foor, Koontz, Metzger, Mizeur. Absent: Schafer.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Foor and seconded by Koontz to adjourn to executive session at 6:31pm for the purpose of Resignation/Employment/Compensation Recommendations and Student Discipline. ROLL CALL: Allen, Beyers, Foor, Koontz, Metzger, Mizeur. All aye, motion carried.

Executive Session ended and 7:31pm and open session began at 7:32pm.

The purpose of Executive Session was for discussing Resignation/Employment/Compensation Recommendations and Student Discipline. No action was taken.

Roll Call: Allen, Beyers, Foor, Koontz, Metzger, Mizeur. Absent: Schafer

A motion was made by Beyers and seconded by Koontz to approve the minutes as read in executive session.

ROLL CALL: Allen, Beyers, Foor, Koontz, Metzger, Mizeur. All aye, motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Foor and seconded by Metzger to approve the consent agenda, items III, IV, and V with payables totaling \$258,575.19, payroll totaling \$750,760.29 for a total of \$1,009,335.48. ROLL CALL: Beyers, Foor, Koontz, Metzger, Mizeur, Allen. All aye, motion carried.

VISITOR, TEACHER, & SUPPORT STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities

The Facilities Committee met and had a presentation from a local contractor on possible addition to the Lake Land College Western Center. They also reviewed the RFP and some basic repair items.

Finance

The Finance Committee's next meeting is Jan 15th.

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee's next meeting is scheduled for December 10th.

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee did not meet and the next meeting date is not set.

Pana Educational Foundation

The Pana Educational Foundation is set to meet this week. The Courtyard Marketing/Strategies Committee met on November 12th. They exchanged ideas, appointed members, and set up a blog.

Technology Committee

The Technology Committee did not meet but the next meeting is set for December 3rd at 4pm.

Strategic Planning Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee did not meet. No tentative meeting is scheduled at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principals -

Gayle McRoberts, High School

The Advanced American History Class had a mock election and the students really enjoyed it. The blood drive was successful and people were still giving blood when school was letting out.

Paul Lauff, Jr. High

The Jr. High also conducted a mock election with the help of Mrs. Hilbert's Civics class. They had election judges and registered kids to vote. About 2/3 of the Jr. High participated. Mr. Lauff also commended Mr. Dean, Mrs. Cole and their students for their participation in the IMEA festival. Mrs. Heather Strom is coordinating some activities that involve character traits.

Deb Zueck, Jefferson Middle School

Mr. Donahue helped prepare students for the election. They prepared signs and studied the issues like the War in Iraq and the economy. They made posters and had registration cards also.

Richard Nicolas, Washington/Lincoln Elementary School

Lincoln School also had a mock election. The 4th graders filled out voter registration cards and they all got to vote. This week is American Education week. Many activities are going on at Lincoln and Washington School. The 4th grade Christmas program is Tuesday, December 9th at 7pm in the Jr. High Auditorium.

Building and Transportation-Mr. Ron McMillen

Mr. McMillen reviewed his report that was included in the packets.

Assistant Superintendent-Mr. Dave Dively

Mr. Dively mentioned the Perkins Grant and reviewed the school and district report cards.

A motion was made by Metzger and seconded by Koontz to approve the posting of High School Tutors for afterschool tutoring that will be funded by the Perkins Grant.

Perkins Grant HS
Afterschool tutors
Roll Call

ROLL CALL: Foor, Koontz, Metzger, Mizeur, Allen, Beyers. All aye, motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT

Personnel Recommendations

A motion was made by Koontz and seconded by Beyers to accept the resignations of the following: Tim Keeling - HS Custodian, LeeAnn Dilley - Washington lunch aide and bus aide.

Resignation T.
Keeling, L. Dilley
Roll Call

ROLL CALL: Koontz, Metzger, Mizeur, Allen, Beyers, Foor. All aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Foor and seconded by Mizeur to approve the maternity leave of Stephanie Beyers as of November 4th through Dec. 19th.

S. Beyers
maternity leave
Roll Call

ROLL CALL: Metzger, Mizeur, Allen, Beyers, Foor, Koontz. All aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mizeur and seconded by Koontz to approve the 1 year leave of absence without pay for Dani Noland starting January 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2009.

D. Noland 1yr
leave of absence
Roll Call

ROLL CALL: Mizeur, Allen, Beyers, Foor, Koontz, Metzger. All aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mizeur and seconded by Foor to employ the following: Dawn Vanus as after school bus driver and Megan Griffith as a Lincoln 3 hour reading aide.

employ D. Vanus,
M. Griffith
Roll Call

ROLL CALL: Allen, Beyers, Foor, Koontz, Metzger, Mizeur. All aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mizeur and seconded by Koontz to employ the following: Volunteer Jr.High Cheerleading coaches Beth Miller and Marie Weddle and volunteer 5th grade basketball coach Karen Lett.

employ volunteers
B. Miller, M.
Weddle, K. Lett
Roll Call

ROLL CALL: Beyers, Foor, Koontz, Metzger, Mizeur, Allen. All aye, motion carried.

IMRF Executive Trustee(s)

A motion was made by Mizeur and seconded by Metzger to approve the resolution casting the District's vote for IMRF Executive Trustee for Gwen Henry 2-year term and William Stafford 5-year terms.

Roll Call

ROLL CALL: Foor, Koontz, Metzger, Mizeur, Allen, Beyers. All aye, motion carried.

2008 Tax Levy Discussion

After some review by Superintendent Lett, a motion was made by Foor and seconded by Beyers to approve the review of the tentative levy.

Roll Call

ROLL CALL: Koontz, Metzger, Mizeur, Allen, Beyers, Foor. All aye, motion carried.

Performance Contracting RFP Issuance

A motion was made by Koontz and seconded by Foor to approve the immediate publication of a performance contracting RFP for the District.

Roll Call

ROLL CALL: Metzger, Mizeur, Allen, Beyers, Foor, Koontz. All aye, motion carried.

JH Baseball

Dr. Lett discussed the possible addition of Jr. High Baseball. He addressed two concerns that need to be weighed. Mr. Lauff also shared some of his thoughts. Dr. Lett and Mr. Lauff think if the board should add a sport Jr. High baseball is the most logic but they each have some reservations. Dr. Lett asked the board to either add Jr. High Baseball, table until next month or table it indefinitely. No motion was made. The issue is dead.

School Message Alert System

Dr. Lett included in the packet some information about a school message alert system.

FY 09 School District Library Grant

A motion was made by Koontz and seconded by Mizeur to approve the District making application for the FY 09 School District Library Grant.

ROLL CALL: Mizeur, Allen, Beyers, Foor, Koontz, Metzger. All aye, motion carried.

Roll Call

Communications

Dr. Lett discussed the communication items included in board packet.

Board Member Considerations

President Donald Allen appointed Aaron Schafer to be the school board delegate at the School Board Convention.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Beyers and seconded by Foor to adjourn the regular meeting of November 17, 2008 at 8:48pm. All aye, motion carried.

Secretary

President