

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palestine Community Unit School District #3 was held at Palestine Grade School, 205 S. Washington St., Palestine, Illinois on Monday, April 26, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Biggs at 5:39 p.m.

Secretary Hawkins called the roll with the following members answering present: Jeff Besing, Lloyd (J.R.) Dunlap, Shari Eckert, Susan Hawkins, Tara Vennard, Donald Wagoner, and Corie Biggs. Absent: None. Administration present was Jessica Sisil and Tangi Waldrop. Others present were: Jana Bayne, Autumn Burkett, Shari Eckert's Family, Holly, Tyler, Aubree, and Taylor Inboden, Becky McKinley, Michele Mendenhall, Scott Mendenhall, Brandon Sisil, Mary Beth Smeltzer, Stuart Smith, Damien Tingley, and Jessica Will.

It was moved by Shari Eckert and seconded by J.R. Dunlap to approve the agenda. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Dunlap, Eckert, Hawkins, Vennard, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Shari Eckert and seconded by Jeff Besing to approve the consent agenda. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Dunlap, Eckert, Hawkins, Vennard, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jeff Besing and seconded by Tara Vennard to approve the election returns of the April 6, 2021 election. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Dunlap, Eckert, Hawkins, Vennard, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Donald Wagoner and seconded by Shari Eckert to adjourn the meeting sine die at 5:43 pm. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Dunlap, Eckert, Hawkins, Vennard, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Corie Biggs, President

Susan Hawkins, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palestine Community Unit School District #3 was held at Palestine Grade School, 205 S. Washington St., Palestine, Illinois on Monday, April 26, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Pro Tempore Corie Biggs at 6:15 p.m.

Acting Secretary Susan Hawkins called the roll with the following members answering present: Jeff Besing, Susan Hawkins, Tyler Inboden, Damien Tingley, Tara Vennard, Donald Wagoner, and Corie Biggs. Absent: None. Administration present was Tangi Waldrop and Jessica Sisil. Others present were: Jana Bayne, Autumn Burkett, Shari Eckert's Family, Holly, Aubree, and Taylor Inboden, Becky McKinley, Michele Mendenhall, Scott Mendenhall, Brandon Sisil, Mary Beth Smeltzer, Stuart Smith, and Jessica Will.

The Oath of Office was administered to newly elected Board members Susan Hawkins, Tyler Inboden, and Damien Tingley.

President Pro Tempore Corie Biggs opened nominations for Board President with Susan Hawkins being nominated.

It was moved by Jeff Besing and seconded by Damien Tingley to elect Susan Hawkins to serve as Board President for a two-year term. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, Wagoner, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

President Hawkins opened nominations for Board Vice President with Corie Biggs being nominated.

It was moved by Jeff Besing and seconded by Tara Vennard to elect Corie Biggs to serve as Board Vice President for a two-year term. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, Wagoner, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

President Hawkins opened nominations for Board Secretary with Tara Vennard being nominated.

It was moved by Jeff Besing and seconded by Susan Hawkins to elect Tara Vennard to serve as Board Secretary for a two-year term. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, Wagoner, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jeff Besing and seconded by Corie Biggs to approve the agenda. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, Wagoner, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jeff Besing and seconded by Tyler Inboden to approve the regular Board meeting dates and times: May 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and June 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, Wagoner, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Damien Tingley to approve the policies and procedures, depository of funds with First Robinson Savings Bank, and honor contracts and obligations of the previous Board. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, Wagoner, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Jeff Besing and seconded by Corie Biggs to retain the current legal counsel of Miller, Tracy, Braun, Funk, and Miller. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, Wagoner, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jeff Besing and seconded by Corie Biggs to retain the current architectural firm of Architecture and Design Group (ADG). Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, Wagoner, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tyler Inboden and seconded by Damien Tingley to retain Marita Stoltz as District Treasurer. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, Wagoner, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Donald Wagoner left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Jeff Besing and seconded by Damien Tingley to approve the Title I School-Wide for Palestine Grade School for FY2022. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Tyler Inboden to approve the Consolidated District Plan for FY2022. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jeff Besing and seconded by Corie Biggs to approve a new Dual Credit Agreement with Lincoln Trail College/IECC. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, and Hawkins. Nay: Vennard. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tyler Inboden and seconded by Tara Vennard to approve updates to the Return to School Plan. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jeff Besing and seconded by Corie Biggs to approve School Board meeting dates for 2021-2022 as presented. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Damien Tingley to approve the ADG/WRG Engineers to perform a HVAC inspection and report. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jeff Besing and seconded by Tara Vennard to Authorize the Superintendent to seek bids for two new buses for the transportation fleet. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Tyler Inboden to authorize the Superintendent to seek bids for a maintenance utility truck for the transportation fleet. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Jeff Besing and seconded by Corie Biggs to post the following positions: Math and Reading Interventionists at both High School and Grade School; and a District Mental Health Specialist. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jeff Besing and seconded by Tara Vennard to approve a co-op agreement with Hutsonville for remaining sports. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Tara Vennard to enter into Closed Session at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of employment, appointment, resignation, and evaluation of personnel, matters relating to an individual student, and negotiations. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Returned to Open Session at 8:26 p.m.

It was moved by Damien Tingley and seconded by Corie Biggs to employ the following personnel: Steve McGahey as a volunteer bass fishing coach; Tabatha Cohorst as a High School Math Team sponsor and ACES coach; and Kenneth Martin as a bus driver, pending meeting all requirements of the positions. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Jeff Besing to accept the offer of \$38,500 from Joel and Melissa York for the Unit office property. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Tyler Inboden to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Susan Hawkins, President

Tara Vennard, Secretary