

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, October 19, 2020. The meeting was called to order by President Biggs at 6:01 p.m.

Secretary Hawkins called the roll with the following members answering present: Jeff Besing, Lloyd (J.R.) Dunlap, Shari Eckert, Susan Hawkins, Donald Wagoner, and Corie Biggs. Absent: Tara Vennard. Administration present was Tangi Waldrop and Jessica Sisil. Others present were: Jana Bayne, Gary Buser, Tabatha Cohorst, Marcia Schmidlin, Stuart Smith, Michelle Wagoner, Caleb Will, and Tyler, Heather, and Emma Zink.

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

Tara Vennard arrived at 6:26 p.m.

First reading of policies.

It was moved by Donald Wagoner and seconded by J.R. Dunlap to authorize the Superintendent to post the following positions for the 2020-2021 school year: Volunteer High School bass fishing team coach, High School Principal, and an Elementary (K-8) physical education teacher. 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 purchase of Navigate360 emergency all-call system for the District. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Eckert, Hawkins, Vennard, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: J.R. Dunlap. Motion carried.

It was moved by Donald Wagoner and seconded by Shari Eckert to authorize the Superintendent to prepare the 2020 Tax Levy. 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 Susan Hawkins and seconded by Tara Vennard to enter into Closed Session at 6:54 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, Dunlap, Eckert, Hawkins, Vennard, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Returned to Open Session at 7:37 p.m.

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It was moved by Shari Eckert and seconded by Jeff Besing to employ the following personnel, pending meeting all necessary requirements: Drew York as a Grade School classroom aide, Amanda Decker as a Grade School personal aide, Scott Mendenhall as head of building/transportation maintenance, Ron Inboden as co-transportation director, Tasha Gaddis as a substitute cook, and Pam Ramsey as a substitute cook/substitute custodian. 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 J.R. Dunlap and seconded by Tara Vennard to accept the resignation of Scott Mendenhall as a full time District custodian, effective immediately. 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 Donald Wagoner to post the position of an evening custodian. 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 Donald Wagoner to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Dunlap, Eckert, Hawkins, Vennard, Wagoner, and Biggs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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Corie Biggs, President

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Susan Hawkins, Secretary