

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 Tuesday, February 20, 2024. The meeting was called to order by President Susan Hawkins at 6:01 p.m.

Acting secretary Tara Vennard called the roll with the following members answering present: Corie Biggs, Lori Elder, Susan Hawkins, Damien Tingley, Tara Vennard, & Donald Wagoner. Absent: Tyler Inboden. Administration present was Jessica Sisil and Caleb Will. Others present were as per the attached sign in sheet which hereby become a part of these minutes.

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

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

It was moved by Damien Tingley and seconded by Corie Biggs to authorize Superintendent to seek fuel bids for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Hawkins, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Lori Elder to authorize Superintendent to seek trash bids for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Hawkins, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Damien Tingley to designate Superintendent to prepare for fiscal year 2024-2025 school district budget. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Hawkins, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Lori Elder to approve to let bids for the maintenance grant project. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Hawkins, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Don Wagoner to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar as presented. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Hawkins, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Damien Tingley to approve a resolution providing for the issue of \$478,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2024, of the District for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Hawkins, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Tara Vennard to enter into Closed Session at 6:47 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: Biggs, Elder, Hawkins, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Returned to open session at 7:18 p.m.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Lori Elder to approve the release of the following Closed Session minutes: July 17, 2023, and August 1, 2023. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Biggs, Elder, Hawkins, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Damien Tingley to approve the destruction of Closed Session recordings prior to July 1, 2022. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Hawkins, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved Corie Biggs and seconded by Don Wagoner to employ Ronelle Linneweber as the Special Education (LBS1) teacher. Roll call voting on the motion was a follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Hawkins, Tingley, Vennard. and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Damien Tingley to employ Megan Yager as the High School Science teacher. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Hawkins, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lori Elder and seconded by Corie Biggs to employ Devin Turner as the Jr. High Girls' Head Basketball Coach. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Hawkins, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Lori Elder to employ Ann Holscher as a facilitator. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Hawkins, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Damien Tingley to adjourn the meeting at 7:21p.m. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Hawkins, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Susan Hawkins, President

Tara Vennard, Acting Secretary