

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palestine Community Unit School District #3 was held at Palestine High School, 101 N. Main St., Palestine, Illinois on Monday, July 19, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Susan Hawkins at 6:02 p.m.

Secretary Tara Vennard called the roll with the following members answering present: Jeff Besing, Corie Biggs, Tyler Inboden, Damien Tingley, Tara Vennard, Donald Wagoner, and Susan Hawkins. Absent: None. Administration present was Jessica Sisil and Caleb Will. Others present were: Jana Bayne, Autumn Burkett, Brandon Sisil, and Stuart Smith.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Donald Wagoner 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 Corie Biggs and seconded by Jeff Besing to approve the consent 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 Damien Tingley to recognize the following organizations that may raise funds in the name of the District: Palestine Academic Foundation, PTO, Parent Involvement Group, Pioneer Band Boosters, and Booster Club. 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 Donald Wagoner to accept the bread bid from Aunt Millie's Bakeries and the milk bid from Prairie Farms Dairy for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. 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 Damien Tingley to approve Donald Wagoner as the representative for the IASB Delegate Assembly. 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 Donald Wagoner to approve the Collaborative Agreement with Embarras River Basin Agency (ERBA) Head Start for the 2021-2022 school year. 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 approve membership to the Palestine Chamber of Commerce. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, Wagoner, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Review Employee Handbook.

No action taken on building bids for the Unit office property.

It was moved by Donald Wagoner and seconded by Tyler Inboden to approve the Reopening Plan for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. 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 enter into Closed Session at 7:10 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, Wagoner, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Returned to Open Session at 8:29 p.m.

It was moved by Corie Biggs and seconded by Tyler Inboden approve the release of the following Closed Session minutes: March 15, 2021. 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 Donald Wagoner and seconded Jeff Besing to approve the destruction of Closed Session recordings prior to January 1, 2020. 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 Donald Wagoner and seconded by Damien Tingley to accept the resignation of Tabatha Cohorst as a High School math/science teacher, Scholastic Bowl Coach, ACES, and Math Team Sponsor and post all positions. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Vennard, Wagoner, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Action on extracurricular lists was tabled.

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It was moved by Donald Wagoner and seconded by Jeff Besing to employ Tarryn Monti as a first grade teacher for the 2021-2022 school year, pending meeting all requirements of the position. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Besing, Biggs, Inboden, Tingley, Wagoner, and Hawkins. Nay: None. Abstain: Tara Vennard. Motion carried.

It was moved by Damien Tingley and seconded by Tyler Inboden to employ Molly Morecraft as a fifth grade teacher for the 2021-2022 school year, pending meeting all requirements of the position. 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 Donald Wagoner to employ Steve Miller as a Junior High girls' head basketball coach and a substitute bus driver, pending meeting all requirements of the positions. 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 a 5-year contract with the Palestine Education Association, beginning August 18, 2021 through the last day preceding the 2026-2027 school 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 Damien Tingley and seconded by Donald Wagoner to approve a 2.5% increase for support staff for the 2021-2022 school year. 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 Tyler Inboden to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. 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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Susan Hawkins, President

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Tara Vennard, Secretary