

PULASKI ACADEMY AND CENTRAL SCHOOL
TOWNS OF RICHLAND, SANDY CREEK AND ALBION

Date: November 8, 2016 Kind of Meeting: Regular
Where Held: High School Library Presiding Officer: Joel Southwell

Board Members Present: Joel Southwell
Bill Wood
Tom Tighe
Joe McGrath
Todd Masuicca
Darcy McCarty
Jan Hefti

Others Present:

Brian Hartwell, Pamela McCrobie, Sheilla Roth, Kristen Foland, Sue Lohret, Paula Brillo, Samantha Edick, Ron West, Kayla Southwell, Ted Williams, Kenlynn Sperling, Kiara Sperling, Hailey Lavere, Dylan Van Wormer, Jeffrey Lavezzo, Machell Jones

Motion made by Mr. Tighe, seconded by Mr. Masuicca to call Executive Session to order at 5:32 P.M.
Motion made by Mr. McGrath, seconded by Ms. McCarty to adjourn Executive Session at 6:33 P.M.

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Clinton Scott.

1. President Southwell called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reports and Comments
 - a) Public Comments - None
 - b) District News

Lura M. Sharp- Sue Lohret reported:

Extended day program kicked off on October 25th. It runs from 3:30 to 5:00 on Tuesday and Thursdays. Approximately 50 students, grades 2-5, are receiving reading instruction and support for building homework study skills. Students are excited and reporting that they enjoy the extra time at school. In turn, it provides us with additional time to target needs and also to develop an understanding of how much time homework takes for some of our students. (A great benefit since we are the ones assigning it.) This work is the result of the School Improvement Grant from our Year 2 LAP school designation.

On October 28th, LMS practiced our emergency off-site plan in collaboration with the local fire and police department. The off-site coordinators met prior to the drill and after for feedback.

On October 31st, students marched in the Halloween parade at 10:00 on school grounds. Students adjusted to the change and had fun as usual. It was an early dismissal for students, elementary staff worked on planning and assessments for new report cards in Schooltool. Other staff worked to organize books and literacy materials stored in the locker room to get those resources out of the locker rooms and into the hands of students to use. Also, the last classrooms affected by the capital project were finally settled as well.

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The Child Centered Collaboration Team has started working together regularly to support teachers and students. Every Thursday morning at 8:00 the team meets to analyze specific student concerns/sets goal/ and how to monitor progress for students demonstrating need. This is related to our DTSDE review from last fall and our Year 2 LAP school designation.

Today, November 8th, in an effort to strive for continuous improvement, a team of teachers from K to 5 attended a training at OCM BOCES for new Science standards.

The LMS Building Health and Safety team has been re-established and will meet for the first time tomorrow morning November 9th. The team is charged with overseeing the wellness of our building. The team includes the nurse, head custodian, office staff and 5 additional staff members.

Thursday, November 10th, we are honoring Veteran's Day at school, a LMS tradition that continues with Lisa Wood stepping up to coordinate. Thank you Lisa.

First quarter has come to an end, if you can believe it, and teachers are busy getting report cards finalized this week, and preparing for conferences next week on the 15th and 17th, both half days. Parent conferences are so important to build connection between home and school, and this quarter is so critical since these are the only scheduled parent conferences in our year.

Beginning November 18, 21 and 22, grade level teams will be receiving targeted poverty strategy professional development session on their planning time once a month until May through a new collaboration with CiTi. This directly addresses one of the identified barriers in our Year 2 LAP plan.

Middle School – Paula Brillo reported:

“Unplugged”, our middle school drama production starts tonight at 6:30 PM and runs through tomorrow night. Our talented students have been looking forward to this for quite some time. They would be pleased to have you peek in and enjoy the show. Bill Whaley and Jenny Perfetti have worked hard to organize and create a fine production.

Congratulations to Barb LeBeau for having been selected as the November 2016 ITS: Model Schools Educator Spotlight for her work with instructional technology in her 8th grade social studies classes. If you get a chance to see her students working with IPADS and technology tools at their fingertips you will see their excitement in action.

Planning is underway for Middle School Spirit Week - dates have been changed to the week of November 28 - December 2nd, with the Spirit Week Dance scheduled for Friday December 2nd.

Our off-site Evacuation Drill has been scheduled for the MS/HS to take place within the next few weeks.

Professional development surrounding poverty in our schools is taking place during one of our two Faculty Meetings each month at the MS/HS. These PD opportunities will continue until May. This is in collaboration with CiTi BOCES.

The end of the first marking period is coming up this Thursday, November 10th. Report cards will be printed on Monday and mailed Tuesday.

High School – reported by Paula Brillo:

The High School Honor's Dinner occurred on October 25th. Over 100 people attended to recognize and celebrate academic excellence in Pulaski High School. Students that had earned academics honors of 95% or above for the 2015-2016 academic year were awarded scholar pins. Pulaski alumnus and business owner, Mr. Kyle Bice was our guest speaker that spoke to the students about the traits of successful people. Kudos to Dennis Jerome for preparing and serving an excellent dinner for those in attendance.

On Friday, October 15th, the Pulaski NHS hosted the High School Homecoming Dance. The dance was well attended and very well organized. Thank you to NHS and to Mrs. Evans for having the event.

During the month of October, the High School held its Spirit Week and Pep-fest October 11th - 14th. The student government organized events to promote school spirit, and this year the junior class won the Spirit Salmon! Thanks to our class advisors & class officers, student government, and the student body for a great Spirit Week.

On November 4th, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Jennings traveled with our students to the Area All State. Our kids performed great, and we received complimentary e-mails from parents about our students' behavior and musical performance

HS Area All-State is scheduled for this Friday, November 18th, at Potsdam.

Academically our first quarter is ending and teachers have been busy the last two weeks identifying students in need of support, communicating with the home, and providing interventions to help students to succeed. Report cards will be mailed out and received by the families next week. As a school we are now seeking to identify students that may need academic intervention and assistance in order to be successful during the second quarter.

c) CITI News

Ted Williams reported:

- Budget discussions have begun
- Remaining contracts have been settled
- Chris Todd will be attending the December 13th PACS Board of Education Meeting.
- Attendend NYSSBA and sat next to a NYS Regent that was a Pulaski Graduate.
- PTech is going well.

d) Capital Project Update

- Focusing on the gym floor at the Middle School. Work on schedule to be completed by November 14th for use by November 21st.
- Field work at the High School softball and baseball fields is progressing and is scheduled for completion by November 18th.
- Open work at the High School includes startup of the emergency generator, the access control system and completion of the punch list.
- Work at the elementary School has been focused on the completion of the gymnasium, conversion to the new fire alarm system and completion of the playground.
- The remaining work at the Elementary school is completion of the gymnasium, tie-in of the fire alarm system, completion of the heating valves/controls, access control system and the punch list.
- Work at the Bus garage is substantially complete with the exception of the old bus service pit being infilled.

- Work at the Stadium is substantially complete. A meeting was held on October 26th with the track installer, engineer, architect and C&S to review the condition and installation of the track. A separate report is being generated on the discussion and finding of that meeting.

4. Minutes

a) October 11, 2016 – Regular Meeting

Moved by Mr. Masuicca, seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the October 11, 2016 minutes as presented.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

5. Action Items

a) Field Trip Request-Pulaski High School and Middle School (7-8) Music Dept. to NYC

Motion: Move to grant authorization for the Pulaski Music Department to participate in a field trip to New York City with students, grades 7-12, from Saturday, May 13, 2017 to Sunday, May 14, 2017. The cost of the field trip for each student will be approximately \$350. There will be no cost to the District.

MOTION TO TABLE

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Hefti to table the Field Trip Request.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

b) Records Disposal

Moved by Ms. McCarty, seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the records disposal as presented.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

c) Independent Evaluator Approval

Moved by Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Masuicca to approve Peter Backus as Independent Evaluator as recommended.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

d) Tax Collectors Report

Moved by Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Masuicca to accept the Tax Collector's Report upon the recommendation of the Superintendent (subject to amendment for taxes received postmarked by October 28, 2016).

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

e) Contract Amendment

Motion: Move to amend the agreement between the Pulaski Academy & Central School District and C&S Engineers, Inc. as presented.

MOTION TO TABLE

Moved by Mr. Hefti, seconded by Ms. McCarty to table the Contract Amendment until the December 13, 2016 Board of Education Meeting.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

6. Personnel Items

a) Non-Instructional Appointment

Moved by Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Masuicca to approve the Non-Instructional Appointment as presented.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

b) Extra Curricular Appointments

Moved by Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Tighe to approve the Extra Curricular Appointments as presented.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

c) Substitute Appointments

Moved by Mr. Masuicca, seconded by Mr. Hefti to approve the Substitute Appointments as presented.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

7. Financial Items

- a) Warrant Report
- b) Treasurer's Report
- c) Extracurricular Treasurer's Report
- d) Appropriation Report (Budget to Actual)

Moved by Ms. McCarty, seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the Financial Items as presented.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

8. Special Education Items

- a) CSE Recommendations
- b) CPSE Recommendations

Moved by Mr. Hefti, seconded by Mr. Masuicca to approve the Special Education Items as presented.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

10. Discussion Items

Dr. Hartwell invited the Board of Education and community members to the Community Forum on Heroin and Synthetic Drug Abuse which will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016 in the High School Auditorium beginning at 6:30. With the use of heroin and synthetic drug use on the rise across all social classes in Oswego County, we feel that this will help open communication and promote discussion throughout the community. The panel will be made up of County Substance Abuse Resource Officials, educators, healthcare providers, law enforcement officials, and local advocates.

11. Superintendent's Report - none

12. Adjourn

Moved by Mr. Masuicca, seconded by Ms. McCarty to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:25 P.M.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion: Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela J. McCrobie
District Clerk