

## REGULAR MEETING

March 16, 2010

7:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the PORTA Community Unit School District #202, Board of Education, Petersburg, Illinois was held in the Superintendent's Office at the Jr.-Sr. High School on March 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Upon a call of the roll the following members were found to be present: Bettis, Churchill, Francis, McCurdy, Schappaugh, and Stewart. Member Lounsberry arrived at 7:30 p.m. In the absence of the Board President the Vice President, Mark Schappaugh presided over the meeting until President Lounsberry arrived. Also present were Matthew Brue, Superintendent; and Amy McMahan, Guidance Counselor/Administrator; Doug Elledge, Assistant High School Principal/Athletic Director, Anita Wankel, Petersburg Elementary Principal; Eric Kesler, PORTA Central & Tallula Elementary Principal; Darren Hartry, High School Principal; Scott Tucker and Max Bumgardner, Board Candidates; Pat Marshall, Mary Mies, Rachel Lantz, and Andrea Hart, High School English Department; Jenny Jones, Pre-K teacher; Tara Knowles, Rikk Knowles, Kyle Thomas, Tiffany Thomas, Julie Riech, Krissen Padgett, Emily Golden, and Chad Smith, area residents.

### PUBLIC DISCUSSION REGARDING PRE-K PROGRAM

Superintendent Brue and the Board had a lengthy discussion with members of the community regarding the future of PORTA's Pre-K program. Superintendent Brue addressed the concerns of the people present explaining that current State finances are a huge concern at this point and the lack of funding to the grant funded program is why the Board has to look at different options.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Member Francis made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

Member Churchill seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### ENGLISH CURRICULUM CHANGES APPROVED

Member Churchill made a motion to approve the English curriculum changes that were presented by the English department to meet new state mandates for a 4 year English requirement. Member Bettis seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

##### IHSA & IESA MEMBERSHIP APPROVED

The Board agreed unanimously to approve membership in the IHSA & IESA for the upcoming school year.

##### MAX BUMGARDNER NAMED NEW BOARD MEMBER

President Lounsberry announced that Max Bumgardner was appointed to the Board to replace Mark Francis. Max will be seated officially at the April Board meeting.

##### HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH GRADUATION DATES SET

Member McCurdy made a motion to set High School Graduation for Friday, May 28, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. and Junior High Graduation for Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Member Francis seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

##### CLOSED SESSION

Member Schappaugh made a motion to go into closed session. Member Stewart seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared

the motion carried. Member Churchill made a motion to come out of closed session.

Member Bettis seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

#### RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED

Member Churchill made a motion to accept the resignation of Leanne Rohn, Jr.-Sr. High Math teacher effective at the end of the school year. Member Francis seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

Member Bettis made a motion to accept the resignation of Amy Ruppel as District Bookkeeper effective April 9, 2010. Member McCurdy seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

Member Churchill made a motion to accept the resignation of Deborah Fricke as a Classroom Aide effective at the end of the current year contract. Member Francis seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

#### HONORABLE DISMISSAL OF LEEANN SCHILLING, JENNY SANDERFIELD, EMILY HALSEY, EMALIE CARTER, WILLIAM PETERS, AND SEAN O'BRIEN

Member Bettis made a motion to honorably dismiss LeeAnn Schilling, Jenny Sanderfield, Emily Halsey, Emalie Carter, William Peters, and Sean O'Brien effective at the conclusion of the 2009-10 school year. Member Schappaugh seconded the motion. Upon a call of the roll the following members voted AYE: Bettis, Churchill, Francis, Lounsberry, McCurdy, Schappaugh, and Stewart. NAY: None. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

#### HONORABLE DISMISSAL OF CHRISTINE BUMGARDNER, SALLY CLINE, HEIDI JACOBUS, SHERRI LEOPOLD, RACHEL PINKERTON, KATHLEEN WHITE, AND KRISTIN PLOWMAN

Member Churchill made a motion to honorably dismiss Christine Bumgardner, Sally Cline, Heidi Jacobus, Sherri Leopold, Rachel Pinkerton, Kathleen White, and Kristin Plowman.

Member McCurdy seconded the motion. Upon a call of the roll the following members voted AYE: Bettis, Churchill, Francis, Lounsberry, McCurdy, Schappaugh, and Stewart. NAY: None. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

SUSPENSIONS UPHELD

Member Churchill made a motion to uphold the suspensions as presented. Member Bettis seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Member McCurdy made a motion to adjourn. Member Francis seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the meeting adjourned.

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Secretary, Board of Education

Approved by:

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President, Board of Education