

REGULAR MEETING

October 15, 2009

7:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the PORTA Community Unit School District #202, Board of Education, Petersburg, Illinois was held at the Prairie Palette Art Gallery in downtown Petersburg on October 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Upon a call of the roll the following members were found to be present: Bettis, Churchill, Lounsberry, McCurdy, Schappaugh, and Stewart. Member Francis was absent. Also present were Matthew Brue, Superintendent; Darren Hartry, High School Principal; Anita Wankel, Petersburg Elementary Principal; Doug Elledge, H.S. Assistant Principal/Athletic Director; Jeff Hill, Junior High Principal; Eric Kesler, PORTA Central/Tallula Elementary Principal; Amy McMahan, High School Guidance Counselor/Building Administrator; Hope Brown, CPA; Ann Gorman, State Journal Register Correspondent; David Devine, Sr., Boy Scout Leader, Troop 54; Adam Devine, Boy Scout, Troop 54; Mary Mies, PORTA Community Problem Solver Sponsor, PORTA Community Problem Solvers Members: Kara Plowman, Taylor Rossi, Jessie Grogan, Erin Bettis, Taylor Aldridge, Trent Rossi, Allison Buehner, Tommy Schafer, Katrina Fricke, Michael Paulsmeyer, Summer Worthington, Katie Daniel, Eli Reiser, and Jessica Plowman.

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Churchill made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Member McCurdy seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS PRESENT

Several members of the PORTA Community Problem Solvers team spoke to the Board regarding the implementation and opening of the Prairie Palette Art Gallery. Tommy Schafer

spoke in regards to the beginning phase of the project and the remodeling that was done. Trent Rossi spoke next regarding the opening of the Gallery and how they chose their theme. Erin Bettis addressed the Board in regards to the classes that were held at the Gallery last summer and how she hopes that that will continue to be a yearly event. Taylor Aldridge spoke also on what the Gallery had to offer to the Community. Mary Mies, Community Problem Solvers Coach, addressed the Board in regards to what a genuine commitment these students had made to make what was “just a dream” a reality.

Adam Devine, a PORTA student and Boy Scout from Troop 54 addressed the Board regarding his Eagle Scout project. Adam plans to clean up an area out by the pond and place picnic tables in that area. Adam requested permission from the Board to start his project and asked the Board to match any funds that he was going to collect from donations. The Board discussed Adam’s proposition and decided to fund Adam’s project as long as he provided all labor associated with it. Member Schappaugh made a motion to fund the costs associated with Adam Devine’s Eagle Scout project with Adam providing all the labor. Member Churchill seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Hope Brown, C.P.A., from the accounting firm Mose, Yockey, Brown, & Kull presented and spoke to the Board regarding the Annual Audit. Member McCurdy made a motion to approve the Annual Audit as presented. Member Stewart seconded the motion. Upon a call of the roll the following members voted AYE: Bettis, Churchill, Lounsberry, McCurdy, Schappaugh and Stewart . NAY: None. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

Member Churchill made a motion to approve the 2009 School Report Card as

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

Member Bettis made a motion to adopt the revised Special Education Policies as presented. Member McCurdy seconded the motion. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Brue spoke to the Board and asked them to consider establishing a Tallula Review Committee. This committee will be formed to help consider and do studies to decide whether keeping Tallula Elementary School open is still a feasible option in the future. The committee will consist of 2 Board Members, 2 Tallula residents, 2 non Tallula residents, Superintendent Brue, TPA member(s), and Tallula Alumni Association member(s).

CLOSED SESSION

The Board chose to not go into closed session this meeting.

STUDENT SUSPENSIONS UPHELD

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

EMPLOY DEANNA POWELL AS HEAD COOK AT PETERSBURG ELEMENTARY

Member Bettis made a motion to employ Deanna Powell as Head Cook for Petersburg Elementary for the 2009-10 school year. Member McCurdy seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

EMPLOY GENA SINCLAIR AS A DISHWASHER AT PORTA CENTRAL

Member McCurdy made a motion to employ Gena Sinclair as a Dishwasher at PORTA Central for the 2009-10 school year. Member Schappaugh seconded the motion. All members

present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

EMPLOY SUZANNE FORCE AS AN INDIVIDUAL AIDE AT PORTA CENTRAL

Member Churchill made a motion to employ Suzanne Force as an Individual Aide at PORTA Central for the 2009-10 school year. Member Schappaugh seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

EMPLOY RACHEL PINKERTON AS A TITLE I READING AIDE AT TALLULA/PORTA CENTRAL

Member Bettis made a motion to employ Rachel Pinkerton as a Title I Reading Aide at Tallula Elementary/PORTA Central for the 2009-10 school year. Member McCurdy seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the motion carried.

MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Member Churchill made a motion to approve a medical leave of absence for Melisa Yocom. 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 Bettis seconded the motion. All members present voted AYE. President Lounsberry declared the meeting adjourned.

Secretary, Board of Education

Approved by:

President, Board of Education

