

**PALCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 269  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

September 4, 2024

7:00 P.M.

Palco High School School Library

**Minutes**

Tom Benoit called the meeting to order at 7:02PM

Present members included Tom Benoit, Cody Pieper, Kyle Benoit, Brandon Kuhn, Rebecca Hageman, Marissa Jones, Brian Pekarek, Paul Prewo, and Cindy Blattner.

None were absent.

Audience signed in.

Senior class led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

Brandon Kuhn moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Kyle Benoit seconded. Discussion to add item 7b as Jennifer Guffey for Junior High 8th Grade class sponsor. Motion carried 6-0

Senior Trip Presentation by the senior class to Galveston, TX. Kyle Benoit moved to approve the Senior Trip and use of a school vehicle. Cody Pieper seconded the motion. Discussion for class to provide a finalized expenditure plan to the Board prior to the leave date of the trip. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Reports started with Paul Prewo - K-12 Principal concerning transportation. Bus repairs needed and completed were presented for Bus 5, Bus 20, Bus 23, and Suburban 17.

Bus routes discussed. Current usage includes 2 vehicles to Logan daily. New bus to Zurich. Suburban for south pickup. Bus 5 to transport Palco to Damar. Suburban for Damar pickup.

Need to increase drivers - Training program through Greenbush available this year. One driver is currently in training.

Little bus back on Purple Wave due to non-payment

Start of School enrollment includes 12 Pre-K, 31 elementary, Junior High 12, High School 17.

Additional Items included staff changes between buildings for SPED and the continued need for substitute teachers.

Phone replacement needed - Cloud phone service by Nextech presented - 3 phones in Damar, 4 in Palco. Discussion of other VOIP phones, Internet phones, or visiting with other districts on equipment/services they have or have not been successful with.

Dr. Brian Pekarek - Superintendent - shared a financial update

Fence quote update - Leiker Fencing bid handout for DES playground. Board was in favor.

Goal setting session responses from teachers compiled and shared. Board completed the same template to be added to the compilation.

Advocacy in Action – Rebecca Hageman - discussed older articles - mental health

Technology Representative – Tom Benoit and Marissa Jones - Need a teacher meeting for next steps in improving/replacing technology focus.

PDZ Representative – Brandon Kuhn - Root beer floats served at multiple past and upcoming events - money donation to Mckenna celebration and Damar.

NCKSEC Representative – Tom Benoit(temporary), alt. - Rebecca Hageman - completed negotiations - Para interview next week.

Negotiations – Rebecca Hageman and Tom Benoit - Follow up with Jennifer Guffey on sick bank wording for classified staff.

SHESC – Tom Benoit - No meeting has occurred.

Executive Session - Non-Elected Personnel Tom Benoit moved to enter executive session at 8:50 P.M. for 5 minutes for purpose of discussing non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and that the Board will return to the open session in this room at 8:55 P.M. Included in the executive session are all present Board members, Superintendent, Principal, and Board Clerk. Kyle Benoit seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Tom Benoit moved to approve the resignation of Charles Russell for head football coach position for 2024-2025 school year. Marissa Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Marissa Jones moved to approve Karen Fountain as ELA long term substitute for 2024-2025 school year. Cody Pieper seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Rebecca Hageman moved to approve Sabrina Hooper as Custodian for Junior/Senior High School. Marissa Jones seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Marissa Jones moved to approve Jennifer Guffey as 8th grade class sponsor  
Brandon Kuhn seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Comments

Budget hearing 9/18/24 in Palco at the JH/HS Library at 6:45PM

Update on FY23 and FY24 preparation for auditor

Adjourn at 9:25 P.M.