

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

REGULAR MEETING

August 12, 2024

7:00 P.M.

Damar Elementary School Library

MINUTES

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

President Tom Benoit called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M.

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

No absent members.

Brandon Kuhn moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Kyle Benoit seconded.

Motion carried 6-0

Paul Prewo - K-12 Principal - Provided updates concerning summer school attendance and feedback.

Transportation - Buses on Purple Wave sold for a total of \$7500.00

Increase in substitute teacher pay to be competitive for retaining/attracting substitutes.

Marissa Jones moved to increase substitute teacher wage from \$100/day for emergency substitute license holders to \$120/day, non-licensed long-term substitute \$130/day, and licensed long-term substitute to \$150/day.

Rebecca Hageman seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 6-0.

Concession sponsor. Single or joint sponsor discussed.

Dr. Brian Pekarek - Superintendent provided an update on the awarded Safe and Secure Grant - Acquired \$1,089. This may be applied toward DES fence project.

Request new bid with new measurements.

Submitting a grant to Dane Hansen for \$50,000 for potential remaining cost of fence.

Financial Update - JHHS Activity Account: papers have been submitted to Mid America bank. The account is still being created.

Astra Bank Meeting - principal and superintendent attended. Request for the general fund to stay at it's current location.

The FY 24 fund updates

FY 25 Budget updates

RNR hearing to be held at 6:45PM before the regular September BOE meeting in Palco.

Inservice on 8/15/2024

Advocacy in Action – Rebecca Hageman - no report

Technology Representative – Tom Benoit and Marissa Jones - 3 computers/remaining cameras

PDZ Representative – Brandon Kuhn - Town hall canceled. Will offer a survey. Activities to include in Back2School Bash, food for a portion of teachers inservice.

NCKSEC Representative –Tom Benoit(temporary), alt. - Rebecca Hageman - Aug 19th meeting. Elections, increased para pay, and negotiations.

Negotiations – Rebecca Hageman and Tom Benoit - revisit a small portion of wording. Negotiation teachers were great to work with.

SHESC – Tom Benoit - staff changes and acquired grants

The Gosselin family shared the path of their son with the Carrico/John Deere Program.

Executive Session - Non-Elected Personnel Tom Benoit moved to enter executive session at 8:20 P.M.for 10 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 8:30 P.M. Included in the executive session are all present Board members, Dr. Pekarek, and Paul Prewo
Cody Pieper seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Master Contract with teachers for 2024-2025 school year(all changes noted in red) - attached - Discussion

Tom Benoit moved to approve the Master Contract for 2024-2025 school year pending the rewording of the written statement of additional sick bank.
Brandon Kuhn seconded. Discussion prior to motion. Motion carried 6-0

Approval of Contracts/Resignations included the following:

Cody Pieper moved to approve Lacey Couse and Ashley Kuhn as Student Council Sponsors for the 2024-2025 school year. Kyle Benoit seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 5-1 due to abstention of vote by Brandon Kuhn.

Brandon Kuhn left open meeting at 8:38 P.M.

Kyle Benoit moved to approve Ashley Kuhn as Senior Class Sponsor for 2024-2025 school year. Cody Pieper seconded the motion. Discussion by Marissa Jones to amend motion to remove attending teacher from current class sponsor position for clarity of assignment. Kyle Benoit moved to remove the current senior class sponsor for 2024-2025 school year and to approve Ashley Kuhn as Senior Class Sponsor for 2024-2025 School Year. Marissa Jones seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Kuhn re-entered the open session at 8:45P.M.

Tom Benoit moved to approve Cindy Blattner as Sophomore Class Sponsor for 2024-2025 school year. Cody Peiper seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 6-0.

Marissan Jones moved to approve Jocelyn Benoit for Concession Stand Sponsor. Rebecca Hageman seconded. Discussion under principal report. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Comments included Cody Peiper asking about a dumpster at the grade school. Tom Benoit will visit with the city concerning a second pick up per week on poly carts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Blattner
USD269 Board Clerk

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