

**Paris Consolidated School  
Board of Education  
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, January 16, 2014  
6:30 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order**-The meeting was called to order by President Deanna Krumm at 6:36 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**- President Deanna Krumm, Vice-President Joan Hancock, Treasurer Dennis Hrupka, Clerk Colleen Belmont and District Administrator Roger Gahart were present for the meeting.
4. **Approval of Agenda**-A Belmont/Hancock motion was made to move action item 12A to after agenda item 4. Motion carried 4-0. A Belmont/Hancock motion was made to approve the agenda with that item moved. Motion carried 4-0.
12. **A. Filling of Board of Education Vacancy Due to Resignation of Mike Cavalenes**- Mr. Dustin Beth contacted Mr. Gahart to stress his interest in filling the vacancy on the Board. He was also present at the meeting to address the Board in person. After discussion, it was decided that the Board should post the position in order to be legal and fair to anyone who may be interested. A Hrupka/Belmont motion was made to post the position until the end of January. Motion carried 3-0. Deanna Krumm abstained from voting. Board members can send any questions that they would like to ask of any interested candidates to Mr. Gahart. A work session Board meeting was scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup>, at which any interested candidates will be interviewed. The Board will also take action on selecting a candidate at that work meeting.
5. **Recognition of Awards**- none
6. **Approval of Board Minutes**-A Hancock/Hrupka motion was made to approve the December board minutes after changing the motion made for item 13, Adjournment, to Hancock/Cavalenes. Motion carried 4-0.
7. **Approve Payment of Bills**-A Hancock/Belmont motion was made to approve payment of bills totaling \$147,657.12. Motion carried 4-0.

**8. Correspondence-**Deanna Krumm initiated discussion about the laws for required district postings. Mr. Gahart explained to the Board that the list of items required to be posted is ever changing, but that he and his staff continue to stay aware of the requirements.

**9. Comments from the Floor-** none

**10. Reports**

**A. Treasurer's Report-**A Belmont/Hancock motion was made to approve the report. Motion carried 4-0.

**B. Administrator's Report-**

- 1.) We are now in the midst of our busiest time of the year for students, as we have boys basketball, cheerleading, band, choir, Writers' Club, Forensics, Yearbook, Battle of the Books, as well as plans for this year's literacy unit all taking place! These co-curricular programs are important components of the total educational experience that we provide the children of Paris School. I thank the parents for their support and the coaches and advisors for their continued work and dedication to these programs.
- 2.) On January 15, Paris School hosted the Westosha Central High School and Feeder Schools Board Principals' Meeting. This open meeting was attended by the Board presidents from Paris, Westosha Central, Brighton, and Bristol Schools. The Paris RtI Team presented our RtI Program design and practices for those in attendance. The team consists of Kelly Christensen, Brittany Heller, Karly Baganz, Kim Hansen, and Margie Blair. I thank and commend this group for their outstanding dedication and work in developing our RtI program and collaborating with our staff to facilitate the successful implementation of these practices. Their top-level professionalism and talent showed through in their presentation.
- 3.) Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> marks the end of our first semester, which means that we are already halfway through the school year! Second quarter parent/teacher conferences will be held the evening of January 30. Maintaining positive open lines of communication with our parents is vital for student success and we work very hard to communicate celebrations & concerns with parents throughout each quarter. That said, our teachers do not only meet with parents at conference time, but are always happy to meet with parents whenever the best interests of the children dictate.
- 4.) Set your calendars for March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. This is the date of the Annual
- 5.) Spaghetti Supper. Our PSO fundraisers are always successful and enjoyable events and we invite everyone from the community to come enjoy a fantastic home cooked meal!

## 11. Discussion

- a. **School Board Presidents' Meeting** – These meetings take place every third Wednesday of each month. They usually last about an hour.
- b. **Second Friday in January Count** – The count is 170 resident students.
- c. **Spring Election for Board of Education Position** – Mr. Curt Nikula is the only candidate to have filed papers to run for the position.
- d. **Open Enrollment Update** – The open enrollment period runs from February 3 to April 30, 2014. Mr. Gahart has already given approximately 10 tours and has about 2 tours per day scheduled for the next three weeks.
- e. **2014-2015 Staffing** – Mr. Gahart shared with the Board that there is a possibility that there may be a need to hire support for third grade next year.

## 12. Action

- b. **Open Enrollment Class Sizes**-Although the class sizes have already been approved at the October meeting, the statute has changed and requires that they be approved by the Board at the January meeting. A Belmont/Hancock motion was made to approve the class sizes at 15 per class in Kindergarten, 20 for grades 1 and 2, 25 for grades 3-5 and 32 for grades 6-8. Motion carried 4-0.
- c. **Open Enrollment Special Education Program Capacity**-A Hrupka/Hancock motion was made to keep the cap set at 16. Motion carried 4-0.
- d. **Change Start Time of February 20, 2014 Monthly Meeting to 6:00 p.m.** - A Hancock/Hrupka motion was made to change the start time of the February meeting to 6 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

**13. Adjournment**- A Hrupka/Hancock motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen Belmont, Clerk  
Board of Education