

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

Thursday, May 15, 2014
6:30 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order**-The meeting was called to order by President Deanna Krumm at 6:32 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**- President Deanna Krumm, Vice-President Joan Hancock, Treasurer Dennis Hrupka, Clerk Colleen Belmont, Member Curt Nikula and District Administrator Roger Gahart were present for the meeting.
4. **Approval of Agenda**- Mr. Gahart requested that item 10C be moved to before item 6. A Hrupka/Hancock motion was made to approve the agenda with that change. Motion carried 5-0.
5. **Recognition of Awards**- Involvement Plus Awards were rewarded to: Kris Wessel (could not attend, but hopes to attend June's meeting) for her involvement with PSO, Cathy Hibbard for her involvement with Track and Field, Justin Skrzynecki from Computer Medics for his technology contributions and support and Nicole Riphagen for her work as a library volunteer.
10. **C. Mrs. Carol Knudson – School Librarian**- Mrs. Knudson, along with Mrs. Nicole Riphagen and Dr. Diane Hillbrink, discussed the need for the library to be updated more aggressively. They showed many of the books that are out of date that they are purging from the shelves. Mrs. Krumm asked how much the students are encouraged to use the library for research instead of the internet. Ms. Blair responded that the lower-grade students use the books more for that purpose than older grades. Mrs. Krumm asked how much it would cost to have the library made current. Mrs. Knudson responded that to update everything would take approximately 4000 books costing approximately \$20 per book which would be \$80,000.00. Mrs. Krumm asked what it would cost annually to maintain the library once it is all brought up-to-date. Mrs. Knudson responded that \$4,000.00-\$5,000.00 would not be unreasonable. Mrs. Hancock asked Mr. Gahart if the reason for the outdated books was due to financial reasons. Mr. Gahart responded that that is, in fact, the reason, and that the only funds used for books were the Common School Funds. Mr. John Holloway suggested that one possible means for more funds could be to request specific donations from the community, identifying exact needs. He also suggested that the books that are weeded

out from the library be offered for sale. Mr. Holloway has a relative in the book business and shared that he will inquire if books could be purchased at a discount from her. Lastly, Mr. Holloway asked what role the Book Mobile has in filling the gap. Mr. Gahart informed that the Book Mobile has filled a great gap for bringing books that students can request. Mr. Gahart suggested that the PSO could possibly be approached for more funds for the library.

6. **Approval of Board Minutes-**A Hancock/Nikula motion was made to approve the minutes for both the April 17 Board Meeting and the April 28 Board Reorganization Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
7. **Approve Payment of Bills-**A Hancock/Hrupka motion was made to approve payment of bills totaling \$241,722.29. Motion carried 5-0.
8. **Correspondence-**none
9. **Comments from the Floor-** Mr. John Holloway, 15500 Burlington Road, shared with the Board that a representative from CESA #6 will be making a presentation at the Central High School May 20th Board meeting.

10. Reports

A. Treasurer's Report- Mrs. Krumm asked about the entry "Refund of Overpayment" in the General Checking account. Mr. Gahart did not know and will have an answer at the next Board meeting. A Belmont/Hancock motion was made to approve the report. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Administrator's Report-

- 1.) Congratulations to our track team on its second place finish at the conference track meet. This is our fifth consecutive championship in track. Thanks to coaches Margie Blair, Brittany Heller, and Cathy Hibbard, for all of their work with the teams.
- 2.) Huge thanks to the PSO for the fantastic meals and treats they provided for Staff Appreciation Week. We all greatly appreciate their continued support.
- 3.) Thanks also to the PSO for sponsoring our Spring Dances. The children and families enjoyed both events and I thank the parents who organized and contributed to their success.
- 4.) On Wednesday, May 7, we held the appreciation ceremony for all of our Come Read With Me volunteers. We extend our gratitude to the community members who come spend their Wednesday afternoons reading with our students. The kids absolutely love it!

- 5.) Once again, we celebrate the great success of our students in the PBS Writers Contest. Congratulations to winners: Ryan Rossi, Sean LaBell, Ella Yee, Blake Lardinois, Donis Taylor, JJ Salas, and Seliz Arizmendi for their prizewinning books. The award banquet isn't until this summer, so we will recognize all winners with Achievement Plus Awards in September.
- 6.) Three big performing arts events are coming up: On Saturday, May 31 our Drama Club will perform the play "The Ever After" under the direction of Mrs. Michelle VanSchyndel. The Spring Band and Choir Concerts will be held on Monday, June 2 at 2 pm and at 6:30 pm. Fine Arts Night will take place on Wednesday, June 4 at 6:30 pm. All are invited to enjoy the performances of our talented students.
- 7.) On Friday, June 13, we will bid a fond farewell to our eighth graders. The graduation ceremony begins at 6:30 pm. The final day of school for all is on Friday, June 13. Dismissal will be at 12:30 and we wish our students a safe and enjoyable summer!
- 8.) On behalf of the faculty and staff of Paris school, I thank the students for their excellent behavior and hard work throughout the course of the year. I commend our outstanding teachers and staff for their hard work and dedication. I also thank the parents, community, and the Board of Education for their support of our continued efforts to provide the children of Paris School with the very best education possible.

11. Discussion

- A. Open Enrollment Update** – Mr. Gahart informed that there were 121 applications for open enrollment into the district, and 2 applications to enroll out. There is a waiting list for every grade.
- B. Playground Update** – The PSO officially approved \$25,000.00 for the equipment. They also donated \$6,700 for 2 new scoreboards in the gym to replace the failing one there now. Mr. Don Taylor and Mr. Eric Billingsley have volunteered to remove the old concrete on the playground. The project will begin once school is out for summer and the tuckpointing project is finished.
- C. Communication Discussion as Follow-up from April Meeting-** Mr. Gahart shared that he wants to make an effort to be more open-minded and less defensive. Mr. Cavalenes asked for an update on what the communication discussion at the April meeting was all about.

12. Action

- A. Approval of Open Enrollment In** –A Hrupka/Belmont motion was made to approve the enrollment of 26 students in (21 students in Kindergarten, four in Sixth Grade and one in Seventh Grade), using a wait list for future openings. Motion carried 5-0.
- B. Approval of Open Enrollment Out** –A Nikula/Hancock motion was made to approve one request for open enrollment out of the district, and to deny one request. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Construction of Entrance A Foyer – July Project-** Neither of the companies contacted, Racine Glass and Cornerstone Construction, have submitted estimates. Mr. Gahart will look into other companies to contact for a bid.
- D. Long Term Care Insurance Renewal- WEA Trust** – There is an 11.3% increase in the premium (from \$84.40 to \$93.90 per month). The Board is tied to WEA Trust contractually. A Hancock/Nikula motion was made to approve the renewal of the premium. Motion carried 5-0.
- E. Health & Dental Insurance Renewal- WCA Group Health Trust** – There is a 3% increase in the premium. A Belmont/Hancock motion was made to renew the premium. Motion carried 5-0.
- F. Approval of 2014-2015 CESA 2 Contract** – A Hancock/Hrupka motion was made to approve the renewal of the contract. Motion carried 5-0.
- G. Personnel- Staff Retirements/Resignations** – No retirements from the district to report. Sue Fell of CESA #2 is retiring. Mr. Gahart requested drafting an acknowledgement and thank-you letter to Sue. The Board was in favor.

13. Adjournment-At 8:47 p.m. a Hancock/Hrupka motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Belmont, Clerk
Board of Education