

**Paris Joint #1 School District  
Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing Minutes**

Monday, October 28, 2013  
7:00 p.m.

The 2013 Annual School District Meeting and Budget Hearing of the Paris Jt. #1 School District was held at Paris School at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2013 in the gymnasium. Present for the meeting were Board Members: President Deanna Krumm, Vice President Joan Hancock, Clerk Colleen Belmont, Treasurer Dennis Hrupka and Member Mike Cavalenes. Administrator Roger Gahart and 5 electors of the District were also present.

- I. **Call Meeting to Order**-The meeting was called to order by President Deanna Krumm at 7:02 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Introduction of School Personnel**- Administrator Gahart introduced the members of the School Board as well as himself.
- IV. **Election of a Chairperson**-President Deanna Krumm was nominated to chair the meeting on an Eric Billingsley/Bob LaBell motion. Motion carried unanimously (10-0).
- V. **Approval of 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes (*Motion may be made to dispense with the reading of the minutes as printed in the booklet.*)**-A Mike Cavalenes/Joan Hancock motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Auditors' Report 2011-2012 (*Auditor's Report is available for viewing in the District Office during school hours.*)** The 2011-2012 Auditor's Report is available for viewing in the District Office. The 2012-2013 report is with the auditor.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report (*Motion may be made to dispense with the reading of the report as printed in the booklet.*)**-A Beth LaBell/Mike Cavalenes motion was made to dispense with the reading of the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.
- VIII. **Presentation of Budget-President of Board (*Motion may be made to dispense with the reading of the minutes as printed in the booklet.*)**-A Mike Cavalenes/Joan Hancock motion was made to dispense with reading of the full budget, but to summarize Fund 10 revenue and all expense funds, levies and mill rate. Motion carried unanimously.
- IX. **Hearing on the Budget**- The Fund 10 revenue, all expense funds, levies and the mill rate were summarized and discussed.

**X. Old Business**-none

**New Business**

**A. Resolution to authorize operational borrowing**-A Cavalenes/Dennis Hrupka motion was made to authorize operational borrowing. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Authorize reimbursement to School Board Members for actual wages lost and necessary expenses in the performance of duties**-A Mark Edquist/Colleen Belmont motion was made to authorize reimbursement to School Board Members for actual wages lost and necessary expenses in the performance of duties. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Establish salaries of board members:**

1.) **President \$1000.00**

2.) **Vice-President \$1000.00**

3.) **Clerk \$1000.00**

4.) **Treasurer \$1000.00**

5.) **Member \$800.00**

A Mike Cavalenes motion was made to establish salaries as presented. Motion died for lack of a second. A Hancock/Mark Edquist motion was made to increase the Member salary to be equal with the others. Motion carried 9-1.

**D. Resolution Creating a Capital Expansion Fund (Fund 41)**- *BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the Paris Jt. 1 School District that a Capital Expansion Fund is hereby created pursuant to Section 120.10(10m) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of financing remodeling, building, maintenance, repair, and improvement projects of the Paris Consolidated School building and sites.* - A Mark Edquist/Beth LaBell motion was made to accept the resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Administrator's Report-**

At this time, our enrollment is 270 students. This is an increase of 2 students over the enrollment reported at last year's annual meeting. This keeps our building at capacity, while maintaining separate classrooms for Art and Music/Band. Our number of resident students is 170, which is 20 less than last year. Our state aid is based on a three year rolling average of our resident student population.

Open Enrollment brought us 20 new students this year, bringing the total number of Open Enrollment students IN to 115. Our district currently has 13 resident students open enrolled out. Total projected Open Enrollment revenue for 2013-2014 is \$661,470.

We have some very exciting staffing improvements this year. Mrs. Christy Hoff is our new IT Coordinator and Computer Literacy Instructor. In January of 2013, we hired Mrs. Jilayne Tilley as our new Speech/Language Pathologist, and at the start of this school year, Mrs. Heather Kozlowski came on Board as our School Psychologist. Mrs. Jen Kofron took over as Special Education Aide when we moved Mrs. Hoff to the IT position and Mrs. Beth Marecek has also joined our team as in instructional aide. At the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year, Mrs. Ruth Tilbury retired as the librarian. Our new librarian is Mrs. Carol Knudson and Carol is also supported by an outstanding parent volunteer, Mrs. Nicole Riphagen, who comes in every day to work in our library. I am so pleased to bring these

talented educators on board to join our team at Paris School and offer them our warmest welcome.

We had two major building and grounds projects that were completed this past summer. The first was the replacement of the entire west side of the parking lot and resealing of the playground asphalt. We also expanded the parking lot to the north, adding about 30 stalls on the west side of the Intermediate Wing, the original school building. This added parking should eliminate cars parking out on Hwy. D during special events. We have received a plethora of compliments on how nice the new parking lot looks, and we certainly cannot place a value on the safety of our students and community members who should no longer have to park out on the road, especially when attending night time events. Huge thanks to Mr. Brian Brown, Mr. Doug Boss, Mr. Eric Billingsley, and Mr. Jeff Badtke for their donation of work and equipment in moving mountains of dirt during the project. Further thanks got to Mr. Brian Brown for his work in maintaining the baseball field throughout the season so that our kids have a safe play to play.

The second major project was the addition of a community walking/running track on our campus. We first thank our Paris School Foundation for undertaking this project. Paris School Foundation Board members are Mrs. Beth LaBell, Mr. Eric Billingsley, and Mr. Dennis Hrupka. We also thank the following sponsors for their generous donations to this fantastic project: Town of Paris, Kenosha Beef International, Mars Cheese Castle, The Fleege Family, and WE Energies. Billingsley Engineering very kindly donated their labor and equipment for the installation of the track and Mr. Dennis Hrupka spent two of those very hot humid days assisting. On behalf of our entire community, we thank everyone involved in this amazing project for their donations, time, energy, and hard work. The walking/jogging track, as well as our playground is open for community use when school is not in session and during daylight hours and I invite all community members to come enjoy a stroll through our beautiful campus.

We continue to receive the support of our Paris School Organization through their donations from Panther Prowl proceeds and the Spaghetti Supper. Proceeds from last year's fundraisers were used toward our goal of the purchase a mobile iPad computer labs to help us to better prepare our students for high school and beyond. This year's Panther Prowl Walkathon was another smashing success, showing a net profit of over \$26,000! We will be looking at replacing some of the older playground equipment, along with other educational enhancement projects with proceeds from the fantastic community event fundraiser. As always, we thank the PSO for their unwavering support and for the countless things they do for our school!

In mentioning technology earlier, I would be remiss if I did not share our deepest gratitude to the members of our Technology Committee for their many hours of time and more importantly for the sharing of their expertise as we continue to develop our technology program here at Paris School. Thanks to over \$100,000 of equipment procured for us as a donation from ManpowerGroup by Mr. Victor Nightingale, and the guidance and excellent work of Mr. Justin Skryznecki, of ComputerMedix, we have built a wireless infrastructure in

our school fully capable of handling every student and staff member working online simultaneously! We have two mobile iPad carts with 40 iPads currently being implemented throughout the building, and each eighth grader utilizes his or her own (school owned) laptop every day to better prepare them to exceed the technological expectations required of them as they enter high school. We greatly appreciate the dedication and contributions of the Technology Committee and invite interested community members to join this dynamic group. Our next meeting will be Monday, November 4, 2013 beginning at 6:30 pm.

We are very proud of the Annual Meeting/Budget Hearing mailing that we send out to our entire community to communicate with our families and thank Mrs. Beth LaBell for her tremendous work, not only with our Open Enrollment initiative, but also for designing the Board Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing mailer that you recently received. Further thanks to Bob and Beth LaBell, Clearview Design, for printing of all of the mailers, as well as special thanks to LeAnn Drissel, Colleen Fisch, Kathy Jones, Vera Pearson, Jen Rossi, Kris Strauss, and Kris Wessel who came in to assemble, fold, tape, and stamp the mailers.

As my report indicates, this is a very special community, and we have a school with a staff of professionals who is more dedicated, caring, and passionate about educating the children with whom we work. In conclusion, as I begin my 7<sup>th</sup> year as District Administrator of Paris School, I wish to thank the community and the Board of Education for your support and for the opportunity to serve here.

**F. Adoption of 2013-14 Tax Levy-**A Bob LaBell/Mike Cavalenes motion was made to adopt the levy as presented at .008298. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Establish Annual Meeting Date/Time for 2014 (October 27, 2014 – 7 pm)-**A Cavalenes/Hancock motion was made to approve the given date for the 2014 Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**I. Adjournment-**A Mike Cavalenes/Dennis Hrupka motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen Belmont, Clerk  
Board of Education