

The Princeton High School Board of Education, District #500, met in Regular Session on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 in the Learning Resource Center. Board Members Present: Gary Coates, Gary Hanna, Colleen Sailer and John Young. Board Members Absent: Jane Fredenhagen.

John Young, President, called the Regular meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. He welcomed guests and the media.

Colleen Sailer accepted the Oath of Office to fill the open seat created by Bob Jesse's resignation. Bob Jesse was thanked for his service to the Board.

There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included Minutes of the November 23, 2009 Regular Monthly Meeting and Executive Session; Monthly Bills and Treasurer's Report. *Gary Coates made the motion, seconded by Gary Hanna, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion was approved on the following roll call vote: Colleen Sailer-yes, Gary Hanna-yes, Gary Coates-yes and John Young-yes.*

Education and Administration

Assistant Principal's Report – Mr. Berlinski presented the December students-of-the-month: Haley Adams, Karolyn Elliott, Adam King, J.D. Lewis, Dacia Nelson and Sarah Peterson. The Board congratulated these students for this honor and thanked the parents. Mr. Berlinski's report included attendance and discipline data; attendance rate was 92.59%.

The Director of Student Activities report outlined athletic events and upcoming events.

Principal's Report – Ms. Schmidt reported that testing was administered on December 4 to all freshmen, sophomores and juniors, as well as Logan 8th grade students. Results will be finalized and used as a universal scanner for RtI and Math placements for juniors.

Ms. Schmidt summarized proposed changes to the curriculum guide. Recommended changes are: replace Algebra I Part 1 and 2 with Algebra 1, supplemented with an Algebra Enrichment Course for lower scores; adjust Workplace English 3 and 4 to English 3 and 4 mapped to individual PLAN and ACT scores and moving toward the 4 year English requirement in 2012; and Anatomy and Physiology alternated with upper level science courses. A course for Mind and Body Fitness was not recommended and suggested the components be incorporated into P.E. and Health classes. *The motion to approve the curriculum changes as presented was made by Gary Hanna and seconded by Gary Coates. Roll call: Gary Hanna-yes, Gary Coates-yes, Colleen Sailer-yes and John Young-yes; motion passed.*

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Academic Schedule for the 2010-11 School Year – Mr. Haring described solutions to concerns in changing to the 8 Block schedule. *The motion to approve implementing an 8 Block Schedule as presented for the 2010-11 School Year was made by Gary Coates and seconded by Colleen Sailer. The motion carried with a roll call vote: Gary Coates-yes, Colleen Sailer-yes, Gary Hanna-yes and John Young-yes.* . The Board commended the Administration and Staff for all the work involved with this change.

School Improvement Plan – Gary Hanna made the motion, seconded by Gary Coates, to approve the School Improvement Plan as presented. *Roll call: Colleen Sailer-yes, Gary Hanna-yes, Gary Coates-yes and John Young-yes; motion passed.*

Board of Education Policy Manual Revisions – Kirk Haring reviewed new changes to Board policies. Action will be taken on the revisions at the January meeting.

Electronic Board Packet – Mr. Haring described information from the School Board Conference on “going green” for Board meetings. This could be accomplished without any additional cost with existing technology. For the January meeting, the Board Packet will be in both paper and electronic formats as a trial.

Finance

2009 Tax Levy – Mr. Haring summarized the tentative tax levy. *The motion to approve the 2009 Tax Levy as presented was made by Gary Coates and seconded by Gary Hanna. Motion passed with the roll call vote as follows: Gary Hanna-yes, Gary Coates-yes, Colleen Sailer-yes and John Young-yes.*

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Other Business

There was no Other Business discussed.

Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 P.M. was made by Gary Coates and seconded by Gary Hanna, and carried on a voice vote.

JOHN YOUNG, PRESIDENT

MARGO L. OBENHAUS, SECRETARY