

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palestine Community Unit School District #3 was held at Palestine Grade School, 205 S. Washington St., Palestine, Illinois on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Acting President Corie Bigs at 4:57 p.m.

Secretary Erin Reinbold called the roll with the following members answering present: Corie Biggs, Lori Elder, Damien Tingley, Tara Vennard & Donald Wagoner. Absent: Susan Hawkins, Tyler Inboden. Administration present was Jessica Sisil, and Mr. Will. Others present were Laura York, Ashley & Grace Williamson, Ashton Stephens, Mavrick Richardson, Calvin & Porter Wagoner, Brad & Mila Reinbold, Kathleen & Elizabeth Lancaster, Kale Calvert.

It was moved by Donald Wagoner and seconded by Lori Elder to approve the agenda. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Tingley, Vennard and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lori Elder and seconded by Tara Vennard to approve the consent agenda. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Tingley, Vennard and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Presentation of 2023-2024 Annual Audit.

Presentation of Operational Funds Reserve Reduction.

It was moved by Donald Wagoner and seconded by Tara Vennard to adopt the 2024 Tax Levy. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Tingley, Vennard and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lori Elder and seconded by Damien Tingley to approve the following dates for graduation: Grade School Monday, May 19 at 6:00pm and High School Saturday, May 17 at 10:00am. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Tingley, Vennard and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

First reading of Policy updates.

It was moved by Damien Tingley and seconded by Tara Vennard to approve Lauren Keesling's maternity leave tentatively starting February 3, 2025 through March 14, 2025. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Tingley, Vennard and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Tara Vennard and seconded by Lori Elder to approve the resurfacing of the PHS parking lot. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Biggs, Elder, Tingley, Vennard and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Acting President Corie Biggs left at 5:37 p.m. Acting President Tara Vennard took over.

It was moved by Damien Tingley and seconded by Lori Elder to approve to let for bids for the PGS roof replacement. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Elder, Tingley, Vennard and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Damien Tingley and seconded by Lori Elder to opt out of the Illinois College and Career Pathways Endorsement. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Elder, Tingley, Vennard and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Damien Tingley and seconded by Donald Wagoner to employ Bradley Fulling as a bus driver. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Elder, Tingley, Vennard and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lori Elder and seconded by Damien Tingley to employ Travis Alumbaugh as the volunteer 5/6th basketball coach. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Elder, Tingley, Vennard and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Donald Wagoner and seconded by Lori Elder to accept the resignation of Terri Myers as sub cook and sub custodian. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Elder, Tingley, Vennard and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Donald Wagoner and seconded by Damien Tingley to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Roll call voting on the motion was as follows: Aye: Elder, Tingley, Vennard, and Wagoner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Corie Biggs, Acting President

Tara Vennard, Acting President

Erin Reinbold, Secretary