

Peru Central

Cross-Campus Web-based Update

HIGHLIGHTS OF SCHOOL BOARD ACTION TUESDAY NIGHT

At the annual reorganization meeting & regular monthly meeting of **Tuesday, July 14, 2009** the Board of Education:

- A. Elected Rod Driscoll as Board President & Donna LaRocque as Vice President.
- B. Appointed Cheryl Felt and Scott Storms as Title IX Officers.
- C. Commended Transportation Services Howard Newton and Driver Jan LaBounty for their service with the Clinton County Sheriff's Department April 23, 2009 Operation Safe Stop.
- D. Completed a public hearing associated with the ninth annual update of the district safety plan.
- E. Approved the proposed action plan for working toward 2009-2010 district goals.
- F. Provided a second reading and adopted the updated 6000 [fiscal management] section and the updated 7000 [facilities] section of the Peru CSD policy manual, as part of the multi-year updating of the entire Peru CSD policy manual.
- G. Provided a first reading of an updated 8000 [support services] section of the Peru CSD policy manual, as part of that multi-year policy updating process.
- H. Adopted the proposed annual update to the Peru CSD safety plan.
- I. Adopted the 2009-2010 edition of the Peru CSD conduct & discipline policy.
- J. Sustained into the 2009-2010 school year the pilot of specific administrative protocols for HS student attendance.
- K. Sustained Peru CSD membership with the NYS Rural Schools Association for the 2009-2010 school year.
- L. Placed on the August 2009 regular monthly meeting agenda a proposed 2009-2010 timetable of club president reports on extra-curricular activities, leadership development and service.
- M. Extended into the 2009-2010 school year the five hours per month hourly extra-duty assignment to [1] facilitate and coach grade six teacher team members regarding the new ELA series textbook and supplementary print and non-print materials; [2] facilitate reading curriculum planning and alignment; [3] coordinate

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the instructional components of the new ELA series; [4] serve as liaison with the intermediate school with the grade five teacher team to advance alignment of curriculum delivery & assessment.

- N. Approved the annual report on use of the district credit card during the fiscal year ending last month.
- O. Approved the annual report on planned use of district cell phones during 2009-2010.
- P. Received the annual July update on K-6 student enrollment & class size projections for the new school year.
- Q. Approved the 2009-2010 agreement between Peru CSD and the school district's legal firm.
- R. Authorized the President of the Board of Education to sign the contract for 2009-2010 BOCES services.
- S. Attended to various business, program and personnel matters as is customary at regular monthly Board meetings.

A copy of this month's Superintendent's Report is attached.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT OF JULY 14, 2009

PROMPT RESPONSE TO SHUT DOWN OF PYRAMIDS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The State Education Department, BOCES and other agencies are engaging with Peru CSD and the region's other school districts, in response to the announcement that pre-kindergarten special education service provider Pyramids Child Development Center has been shut down. Emergency CPSE meetings are being set for the days ahead. The Peru CSD special education office is responding to parent phone calls on this matter. Director Stephney will provide a briefing at tonight's regular monthly meeting.

PREPARING TO MOVE AHEAD WITH APPLICATIONS FOR ARRA 'STIMULUS' MONIES

Peru CSD, like many public school districts statewide, is preparing to move ahead with applying for 'stimulus' monies associated with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 [ARRA].

The applications will focus on two federal aid categories: **Title I** [students currently achieving below average who meet particular guidelines] and **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act** [students identified by the CSE as having a disability]. Direct responsibility for the Title I application belongs to our categorical grants administrator Principal **Cheryl Felt** & Title I Coordinator **Cheryl Dodds**. Direct responsibility for the IDEA application belongs to our Director of Special Education **Irene Stephney**. I met with our Title I Coordinator last month and with administrators this month, as part of preparation. A briefing will be offered tonight on this topic, referencing the SED annual notification of IDEA status [consent agenda]. A **snapshot report on ARRA grants** will be part of the August 2009 agenda.

GOVERNOR EARMARKS \$1.6M OF STATE ARRA MONIES AS OPERATING AID FOR PERU

The Governor's Office has identified \$1.6M of 2009-2010 operating aid for Peru CSD as 'deficit reduction aid'. No application is needed to receive these monies, since these monies are part of our general operating aid. We are required to account for each and every dollar of that \$1.6M segment of our operating aid, apart from our accounting for all other operating aid monies we receive this fiscal year.

ACTION PLAN TO ACCOMPLISH 2009-2010 DISTRICT GOALS

Tonight's agenda includes Board consideration of a proposed action plan detailing approximately 100 specific tasks intended to focus collective effort on the Board's set of nineteen district goals for 2009-2010. Thank you for your consideration. Among the various priorities for 2009-2010 curriculum and instruction revision is updating of the 9th & 10th grade social studies program.

FALL 2009 REGIONAL MEETING WITH ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS & SCHOOL OFFICIALS

It's been suggested a fall 2009 semester regional meeting of our BOCES region's elected state officials, school board members, Superintendents and School Business Administrators would be a useful step forward, as part of 'plowing the ground' for the next round of state level and local level budget development. I will be pleased to move this topic forward, if there is support from the Board.



Respectfully submitted by A. Paul Scott, Superintendent of Schools