

Peru Central

Cross-Campus Web-based Update

HIGHLIGHTS OF SCHOOL BOARD ACTION LAST NIGHT

At the regular monthly meeting of **Tuesday, January 8, 2008**, the school board:

Accepted the following January 2008 reports:

- A. Update on **public reporting** for the 2007-2008 school year;
- B. Monthly **program** reports and **support operations** reports;
- C. Monthly **enrollment** report;
- D. Ad-hoc Task Force on **Grading of Student Work** Meeting Notes;
- E. Second annual **State of the District** mid-year report from the Superintendent;
- F. Third annual NYS Comptroller Report on School District **Fiscal Accountability**.

Completed a first reading of various **0000 section** [goals and objectives] and **1000 section** [community relations] policies forwarded by the NYSSBA for school board consideration. Doing so was part of 2007-2008 district goal 2.1: Engage the New York State School Boards Association to assist the governing team with the first comprehensive update to the Peru CSD policy manual since 1991. Several of these policies have been forwarded to the school attorney for examination and counsel, as recommended by the NYSSBA.

Accepted the donation of \$500 for the Peru Primary library for Thomas and Joyce Glasgow from their children and their families in honor of Mrs. Julie St. Louis.

Extended into this new calendar year the long standing agreement for on-campus prevention services between Peru CSD and the Clinton County Social Services Department for the period of January 2008 through December 2008.

Approved a scope of work for a **March 12, 2008 EXCEL capital project voter referendum** reflecting constituent feedback received by the school board and administration since September 2007 regarding campus repairs and improvements identified as priorities during the 2005-2006 state-mandated comprehensive review of buildings conditions. The school board also **offered suggestions** for a winter 2008 community report associated with that EXCEL project voter referendum.

Attended to various **contractual and personnel business** as is customary at regular meetings.

Received the January 8, 2008 **Superintendent's Report** [a copy is attached].



JANUARY 9, 2008

FROM A. PAUL SCOTT, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT OF JANUARY 8, 2008

STATE OF THE DISTRICT REPORT

Tonight's regular monthly meeting agenda includes receiving the second annual State of the District report. That report is intended to provide the school board and district stakeholders with facts and perspectives on district programs and support operations at the mid-point of this school year.

That report recognizes staff, student and volunteer accomplishments, forecasts priorities and challenges ahead for Peru CSD, and offers pertinent information for school board construction of a proposed 2008-2009 spending plan slated for voter consideration May 2008.

KEY FACTS ON PROSPECTIVE EXCEL PROJECT

This evening's agenda includes a final scope of work and vote date to be established by the school board for voter consideration winter or spring 2008, with a **zero** tax impact [no additional tax needed] from district residents for funding of this project.

Football field lighting, artificial turf, a new library media center and additional classrooms previously rejected by voters are **not** included in this reduced scale March 2008 capital project voter proposition, in keeping with recent school board discussion regarding scope of work.

EXCEL funds **can't** be used for other purposes than a voter-approved capital project. Capital project reserve funds may be used **only** for capital project work. Such funds are **not** able to be used for paying salaries, purchasing goods or materials.

EXCEL aid comes from monies generated by the State, **not** by new monies created through the school district's property tax levy. EXCEL aid, State building aid and capital project reserve funds already in place would fund this capital project.

Various priority safety, health and energy conservation items are included within this project. Examples are additional fire alarms, plumbing and heating updates, replacement of non-rated doors and frames, installing energy efficient window units in place of vintage elementary classroom windows, and replacement of 1960's bleachers in the intermediate school and high school gymnasiums which are approaching the end of their usable life, due to safety concerns.

SECOND OF TWO PERU CSD CURRICULUM AUDIT REPORTS SLATED FOR RELEASE

The second of two Peru CSD curriculum audit reports involved with fall 2007 piloting of the Peru CSD internal curriculum auditing process is slated for release later this week. The report will be released at a briefing to grades 6-7-8 ELA teacher teams on the afternoon of January 11th.

Respectfully submitted by A. Paul Scott, Superintendent of Schools

PERU CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATE OF THE DISTRICT MID-YEAR REPORT

JANUARY 2008

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

This report will be available via the Peru CSD Web Site. A print copy will be available for perusal at each school library.

A copy of this report will be provided to our state and county elected representatives, Chamber of Commerce, The Champlain Valley's BOCES, town supervisors, Peru CSD administrators, operations supervisors, teacher team coordinators, association presidents, PTO Leaders and student council presidents.