

Peru Central

Cross-Campus Web-based Update

HIGHLIGHTS OF SCHOOL BOARD ACTION TUESDAY NIGHT

At the regular monthly meeting of **Tuesday, November 13, 2007**, the school board:

Accepted the following November 2007 reports:

- A. Monthly program reports and support operations reports;
- B. Monthly enrollment report;
- C. Annual K-6 class section size report;
- D. Fourth annual benchmarking report on programs and operations with bordering school districts;
- E. Snapshot report on enrollment projections;
- F. Preliminary draft budget factors and district goals for 2008-2009;
- G. Seventh annual early progress report toward district goals;
- H. First annual set of curriculum data books from Principals, consistent with Peru CSD policy P-4215 Curriculum Leadership & Management, adopted July 2007.

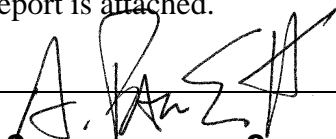
Established a substitute custodial position for the elementary grades facility, thereby providing for elementary grades program spaces a substitute custodial position, as has been in place at the middle-high school facility.

Approved the Superintendent's recommendation, based on extensive consultation with representative administrators, operations supervisors, school secretaries, school counselors, information technology staff and various others, for the school board to authorize the school district adopt the eSchoolData Web-based student data management system, as the successor system for federal & state mandated data reporting, day-to-day data warehousing, central registrar functions, grade reporting, report cards, attendance tracking and a parent 'portal' for access by parents to certain data elements via the Web.

Set April 24, 2008 at 7 AM for the annual election of one or more BOCES members and the annual vote on the BOCES administrative budget.

Authorized the school district renew its \$500 annual partnership agreement with Mountain Lake PBS for educational outreach efforts.

Attended to various contractual and personnel business as is customary at regular meetings. A copy of the November 13, 2007 Superintendent's Report is attached.



NOVEMBER 14, 2007

FROM A. PAUL SCOTT, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT OF NOVEMBER 13, 2007

2008-2009 DISTRICT GOALS SLATED FOR DECEMBER 2007 CONSIDERATION

A preliminary draft set of **2008-2009 district goals** and forecasted budget development factors were published and distributed across campus for faculty, support staff, administrators, operations supervisors, school volunteers and interested others at the end of October 2007. Constituent comments and suggestions regarding those preliminary draft documents are encouraged throughout November. A single-sheet **constituent survey** was distributed with those preliminary draft documents, to encourage timely feedback.

The **forecasted budget development factors** reflect the national and statewide economic slowdown of fall 2007, coupled with higher energy prices. As for the **regional economy**, a lower-valued American dollar may bolster tourism, travel and retail trade associated with our neighbors from the greater Montreal region may boost the regional economy, along with the launch of Plattsburgh International Airport and other segments of the former air base.

Our **conservative approach to budgeting**, coupled with increased focus on fiscal accountability and program accountability, have helped our school district establish a more stable financial foundation in recent years. Even though our own school district budget and regional economy appear sound, Peru Central may be well served to continue our conservative approach to budgeting, since **we are very dependent upon State Aid**, like most of the State's rural school districts. It's likely to be a much more **challenging** fiscal year, statewide, than last year.

The school board's budget development calendar calls for a **final draft** set of proposed **district goals and budget factors for 2008-2009** to be submitted to the Board for its consideration at the **December 2007** regular monthly meeting.

RESIDENTIAL GROWTH AND STUDENT ENROLLMENT FORECASTS

The November 3, 2007 front page news article in **Clinton County Today** describes the pace of residential growth via new homes in the towns of Beekmantown, Peru and Plattsburgh as lower than in recent years. Regional consolidation of parochial schools during the prior two years, along with the slowdown in residential construction certainly impact on enrollment projections.

Peru CSD engages with FACTS, Inc. to receive annual updates to student enrollment forecasts. We just received the fall 2007 updated enrollment report for Peru CSD. That updated enrollment forecast reflects the change in residential development pace outlined above: **relative stability** rather than substantial gains in student enrollment for Peru CSD. Between now and year 2015, Peru CSD is projected to be **within 65 students** of our current enrollment of 2,157 students. **Peak enrollment** is now projected by FACTS, Inc. to be fall 2009, with **sixteen more students** than we enroll currently.

Certainly, a **Laurentian project** would still very likely impact measurably on student enrollment, if residential development results from that project. These updated enrollment projections 'fit' with **regional enrollment** of fall 2007 for bordering school districts: Plattsburgh City's student enrollment has dropped to 1,842 students, only 31 more students than Saranac CSD. Beekmantown CSD's enrollment is at 2,096.

Peru CSD continues its standing as the largest school district in the region, as measured by student enrollment.



Respectfully submitted by A. Paul Scott, Superintendent of Schools