

Peru Central

Cross-Campus Web-based Update

HIGHLIGHTS OF SCHOOL BOARD ACTION THIS WEEK

At the regular monthly meeting of Tuesday, December 12, 2006, the school board:

Received a guided tour of a newer Peru CSD school bus by a veteran member of the transportation services team and the transportation services supervisor. The school board examined various up-to-date student safety and driver safety features. Such features are becoming standard on contemporary school buses statewide and nationwide.

Approved the proposed set of 2007-2008 district goals and public education budget factors.

Approved the proposed Peru CSD professional development plan for years 2007-2009.

Set the February 6, 2007 regular monthly meeting as the date for program exhibits and recognition of particular students and staff members, associated with exemplary and distinctive student and staff achievement so far this school year.

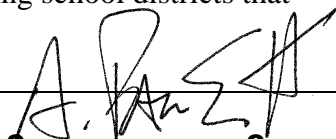
Engaged in discussion of prospective near-term future capital project priorities that were identified fall 2005 through the state-mandated five-year comprehensive survey of buildings conditions.

Commissioned administration to work with the school district's architectural firm and municipal finance advisors to prepare for a fall 2007 capital project voter referendum. Such a referendum would use \$700,000 of supplemental EXCEL aid [Expanding our Children's Education and Learning] provided to Peru CSD via state lawmakers, coupled with a portion of the \$400,000 of capital project reserve fund monies that when combined, would serve as the 'local share' for such a capital project. EXCEL aid is additional state funding to support energy, accessibility, health & safety, technology and physical capacity expansion to meet school district needs.

Examined the November 2006 set of monthly program reports from administrators and operations reports from supervisors, highlighting various aspects of instructional programs and support operations at Peru CSD.

Discussed the fall 2006 third annual budget benchmarking report offering comparison with bordering school districts that enroll at least 1,600 students.

Received the supplementary November 2006 benchmarking reports on art teacher and library media specialist students-to-teacher ratios among bordering school districts that enroll at least 1,600 students.



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Perused the November 2006 benchmarking 'snapshot reports' on K-6 class size at Peru CSD, across Clinton County and statewide.

Discussed the November 2006 report on high school class size at Peru CSD.

Perused the November 2006 report on academic performance of this school year's ninth graders and requested such a report next month focused on this school year's ten graders.

Received the fall 2006 single-sheet 'Snapshot' Reports from instructional team coordinators, intended to identify for grade level teacher teams and discipline-specific teacher teams various current strengths, continuous improvement initiatives of prime focus and priority needs associated with budgeting.

Requested the budget advisory committee move ahead with constructing specific recommendations for the school board's winter 2007 consideration.

Approved the fall 2006 update to the Peru CSD academic intervention services plan, associated with state and federal mandates for academic intervention services.

Established via current school year federal special education grant monies reserved for IDEA intervention services a temporary [seven-month] reading teacher position to provide direct services to students identified fall 2006 as eligible and in need of early intervention [through our Reading First initiative] so as to respond to their needs now, rather than later when they would fall substantially behind their peers.

Authorized the school district establish a new secondary grades math teacher position for middle school mathematics academic intervention services, as part of responding to last school year's launch of annual accountability testing of students, and the middle school's subsequent strengthening of timely identification of students who are eligible and in need of such extra help and support for mathematics.

Completed a first reading of policy P-6700 Purchasing, P-7120 Enrollment Projections, P-8410 Transportation of Students and P-9535 Military Service, as part of the continuing five-year review of district policies.

Received the December 6, 2006 administrative protocol associated with lesson plans for substitute teachers.

Updated hourly rates for substitute support staff positions at \$8.75 for teacher aide; \$9.50 for clerical; \$9.25 for custodian; \$7.75 for school monitor; \$8.25 for bus monitor; \$8.15 for food service helper; \$10.15 for maintenance worker. Substitute bus driver rates for various bus runs will be examined at the January 2007 meeting.

Authorized various capital project fund information technology equipment purchases, in keeping with the school district's technology plan to update various legacy computer workstations on campus.

Authorized the Superintendent of Schools to sign the contract between the Peru CSD and the NYSSBA associated with the first comprehensive updating of the district policy manual since year 1991. The school board authorized this initiative at the November 14, 2006 regular monthly meeting. This contract allows for a formal launch of the approximately twelve month timetable to construct the comprehensively updated district policy manual.



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