

Cross-Campus Web-based Update

HIGHLIGHTS OF SCHOOL BOARD ACTION TUESDAY NIGHT

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

Commended various Peru CSD students, staff and volunteers associated with distinctive service and exemplary achievement since fall 2006, as part of the seventh annual mid-winter exhibition and celebration of quality work. Various Peru CSD students engaged with **vocational-technical education studies** at CVES exhibited their work.

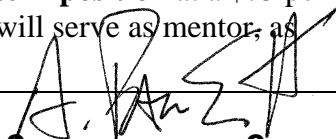
Examined the February 2007 set of **reports from administrators and operations supervisors**, highlighting programs and support operations.

Examined the Superintendent's February 2007 note commissioning the high school Principal and guidance department to construct a **March 2007 status report** on progress toward Peru CSD sending to the College Board by the start of Memorial Day Weekend all materials for Peru CSD Advanced Placement [AP] **coursework to be audited** summer 2007. Such accomplishment sets conditions for Peru's AP coursework to be fully authorized courses on the official College Board list for viewing and by colleges and universities considering AP credit awards to Peru CSD students.

Perused the Superintendent's brief notes associated with the January 17, 2007 meeting with various **instructional team coordinators**. Those notes include a snapshot report on the timetable for construction of a **district policy and collaboratively developed guidelines and protocols** for teachers and administrators in response to various constituent questions and concerns during the past year on the topic of grading. The Superintendent of Schools received **comments and suggestions from faculty, parents, students and administrators** last month. A **revised first draft district policy** on grading of student work, **modeled after the NYSSBA policy template**, will be provided to the school board March 2007.

Increased the per-diem substitute compensation rate from \$60 to \$75, building substitute per-diem compensation rate increase for certified individuals from \$70 to \$85 and the teacher emeritus per-diem compensation rate from \$75 to \$85, so as to have Peru CSD per-diem compensation rates in line with the rates of various bordering school districts, with such increases to take effect March 1, 2007.

Established a February 2007 through June 2007 **psychologist intern position** at a \$75 per-diem stipend rate. Peru CSD school psychologist Joanne Isecke will serve as mentor, as



follow-up to winter/spring 2006 authorization by the school board to engage with additional psychologist staffing, in response to increased federal and state mandates for documentation and assessment of students identified by the CSE as having a disability. The school district will **likely advertise for a school psychologist position spring 2007**, since recent recruiting efforts did not yield a suitable candidate pool.

Accepted the brief meeting notes from the January 23, 2007 meeting of the **finance committee**, and the Superintendent's verbal briefing on consideration of Finance Manager as the successor financial software package, to help the school district better meet contemporary expectations for comprehensive and reliable software and reporting tools.

Authorized 2007-2008 **membership renewal** with the **Chamber of Commerce**.

Received the Peru CSD '**State of the District**' February 2007 Mid-Year Report.

Received the **seventh annual mid-year report on progress toward district goals**.

Authorized the school district to propose a **collaborative efficiency and effectiveness study**, engaging the **NYSSBA and interested other school organizations** in our region, to leverage the NYSSBA's capacity to examine and report on '**best practices**' associated with **cost efficiency and effectiveness** of various programs and operations. Given Legislative interest with inter-municipality partnerships, perhaps there would be **grant funding** for such a NYSSBA-assisted regional study as follow-up to the March 1, 2007 gathering of the North Country's school board associations.

Set March 6, 2007 as the date for Superintendent and school board budget development-related **discussion of the high school attendance committee's set of proposed high school student attendance procedures**, given the apparent prerequisite to establish an ongoing full-time support staff position in order to implement those proposed high school attendance procedures.

Requested staff consideration of alternate approaches that allow the high school to track student attendance period-by-period without the added annual cost of another full-time position and related costs, given the substantial **budget implications** for each year forward. It may be that through benchmarking of other high schools, cost-effective alternates may be discovered.

Authorized various **one-time purchases** intended to respond to top priority staff, supervisor and administrator recommendations for safety, state-mandate and/or essential replacement items, such as custodial equipment and replacing the most broken or poor condition outdated classroom furniture and science equipment, such as microscopes; and approved related budget transfers.

Received a briefing from **BOCES liaison Dave Hall** regarding winter 2007 CVES Board of Cooperative Educational Services budget development.

Upheld the determination by the Superintendent of Schools with regard to the suspension of a particular student.

