

Peru Central

Cross-Campus Web-based Update

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD ACTION THIS MONTH

At the regular monthly meeting of **Tuesday, April 20, 2010** the Board of Education:

Received an update on the February 2010 matter involving consideration of employee letters of intent to retire, given the financial challenges ahead for Peru Central School District. The school board had authorized the Superintendent of Schools to construct appropriate memoranda of agreement with CSEA Support Staff Association and the Peru Association of Teachers collective bargaining units on that matter. The CSEA and school district reached closure on this matter in cooperative fashion.

Approved the various letters received from CSEA unit members, associated with notice of retirement or change of intended date of retirement.

Tabled until the May 11, 2010 meeting the various letters received from Peru Association of Teachers unit members, associated with notice of retirement or change of intended date of retirement. Doing so provides added time for the Peru Association of Teachers and school district to reach closure on this matter in cooperative fashion, in advance of the May 11, 2010 regular monthly meeting.

Received word that some Peru Association of Teachers unit members are considering use of the '55/25' retirement measure for NYSUT members recently passed by the State Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.

Also, the Board of Education:

- A. **Examined** the Superintendent's one-page snapshot summary of the April 2010 NYSED school report card on Peru CSD, coupled with the NYSED 31-page school district report card on Peru CSD.
- B. **Received** the NYSED April 2010 School Report Card Fiscal Accountability Supplement.
- C. **Sustained** faculty member Kathy Fessette's leave into 2010-2011, associated with her 'teacher on special assignment' with the North Country Teacher Resource Center [NCTRC], pending state funding that includes a 2010-2011 staff position for her at the NCTRC.
- D. **Approved** the school district launching an EXCEL capital project construction-phase start of construction phase finance plan, by authorizing the school district to move ahead with a general fund cash advance, prior to the issuance of obligations, for up to \$1,500,000 to the EXCEL capital fund. These monies will be returned to the general fund, once a Bond Anticipation Note [BAN] related to the EXCEL capital project is

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issued, no later than the end of this fiscal year [June 30, 2010].

- E. **Authorized** the Superintendent of Schools to establish parameters with Adirondack Manor Home for Adults, also known as Valehaven, regarding that organization's request to include Peru CSD as one prospective evacuation destination, in the event of an emergency at Valehaven.
- F. **Gathered** an updated roster of members who will be attending Thursday morning's 7 AM very brief special meeting in the community room, associated with the annual vote on the BOCES administrative budget and election to the BOCES.
- G. **Confirmed** the roster of governing team representatives for the Thursday, May 6, 2010 tenth annual Clinton County Academic Awards Banquet, honoring the top ten percent of this school year's graduating classes.
- H. **Received** an interim update on the preliminary draft 2010-2011 academic calendar. Adoption of a 2010-2011 academic calendar is slated for the May 2010 regular monthly meeting.
- I. **Sustained** into the 2010-2011 school year the long standing merger of the Saranac CSD and Peru CSD hockey teams, in the same fashion accomplished this school year.
- J. **Received** a brief verbal update from member Lisa Crosby, who served as the school board's winter-spring 2010 liaison with the Peru CSD code of conduct committee. She spoke highly of the committee's diligent service, attention to particulars of the code of conduct and various suggestions that will be presented to the Board at the May 11, 2010 regular monthly meeting.
- K. **Sustained** into next school year the overall structure for early dismissal days that's been in use this school year, while encouraging each grade span to make even better use of that time to bolster professional practice and the curriculum, as part of continuing to strengthen student achievement at each grade span.
- L. **Established** an estimated tax levy increase of 2.9% for 2010-2011, associated with the proposed expenditures plan slated for voter consideration on May 18, 2010. Additional particulars will be provided in the May 2010 Peru CSD Community Report and an upcoming cross-campus update.

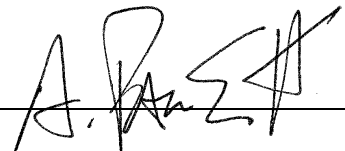
Provided below is an **excerpt** from the April 20, 2010 Superintendent's Report

SUPERVISORY STRUCTURE OF THE BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

Temporarily, Peru CSD can engage with one of our bordering school districts to obtain services associated with particular buildings & grounds department duties which are generally available or suitable for a Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds.

Meanwhile, I intend to engage in the weeks ahead with the buildings & grounds department and the CSEA to listen to - and consider - any and all recommendations regarding a suitable longer-term supervisory structure for that department. Given the myriad of federal regulations & state guidelines, coupled with the start of our EXCEL capital project, I anticipate having a preliminary report to the Board at some point during May 2010, with Board discussion on this topic slated for May and/or June 2010.

One item is certain: that department will have one less full-time supervisory position next school year, as a reflection of the cost reductions enacted earlier this month.



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