

Cross-Campus Web-based Update

HIGHLIGHTS OF SCHOOL BOARD ACTION TUESDAY NIGHT

At the regular monthly meeting of **Tuesday, April 3, 2007**, the school board:

Recognized **commendations received from a school community member** who is donating \$1,000 to Peru Central School District, intended to offer a token of public recognition for fine service provided by faculty members at Peru Central who are employed to provide special education services. Those faculty members include Lisa Crain, Amy Dermondy and Abby Lawliss, who have worked with this particular community member's child. The \$1,000 received will be earmarked for expenditure within the special education department budget, in consultation with those three instructors, the team coordinator and the Director of Special Education. The school community member requested anonymity, and that will be honored.

Recognized **cafeteria services team member Wanda Mason** for exemplary emergency response to a staff colleague who had a choking incident that could have been life threatening. Wanda Mason's prompt and successful intervention is noted and very much appreciated, particularly by her colleague!

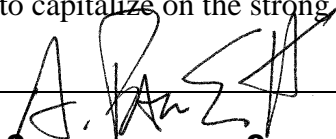
Recognized **NERIC technician Dan Cayea** who volunteered off-hours time in recent weeks to prepare a set of outdated Peru CSD computers for sale as surplus rather than for recycling, to prospectively allow youngsters who may have interest in computers to have a low-cost way to have access to such a computer, in the event they do not have a computer in their home. Although the machines are non-network units and outdated, the units would be suitable for entry-level exploration and use.

Approved a \$40,040,686 proposed expenditures plan for voter consideration May 2007.

Completed a **second reading and adopted policy** P-1420 Complaints About Curricula or Instructional Materials, P-1420 E Complaint Form for Reconsideration of Materials P-2240 Board-Superintendent Relationship, P-4321 Special Education, P-4321.2 Pre-School Special Education, P-4513 Library Media Center Materials Selection, P-4710 Grading of Student Work.

Received and discussed the Superintendent's interim report on establishing a Peru CSD **internal curriculum audit process**.

Accepted the finance committee's recommendation for the school district to **upgrade from the current financial software package to Finance Manager**, to capitalize on the strong,



set of features and reliability of Finance Manager, coupled with BOCES aid that will reimburse the school district for approximately 78% of the annual cost for use of Finance Manager. Timetable calls for conversion to Finance Manager by July 1, 2007.

Examined the letter received from the Industrial Development Agency, regarding the April 18, 2007 public hearing associated with the **proposed \$100M Laurentian Aerospace Corporation project** on the former Air Base within our school district's boundaries. A PILOT agreement via Empire Zone parameters will provide revenues to the school district throughout the first ten years of this project, with a multi-year phase-in of property tax to take the place of PILOT revenues starting in year eleven of this project.

Approved the request of music department staff for an overnight **extra-curricular field trip to New York City followed by an overnight stay in New Jersey** on June 25 and 26, 2007, replacing the original request for the one-day extra-curricular field trip on a Saturday in March 2007. A winter storm made necessary the cancellation of that Saturday field trip. The Music Boosters are willing to donate the additional monies required for hotel accommodations.

Received the regional set of 2007-2008 **early release dates for the 2007-2008 school year**, constructed in collaborative fashion via the regional calendar committee, CVES and the region's chief school officers. The May 2007 regular monthly meeting will include a recommendation from the Superintendent regarding Peru CSD consideration of such dates, after the Superintendent consults with the staff development committee convener and members.

Approved the **voluntary exit survey** for May 2007, which features several broad questions associated with strengthening of instructional programs and support operations.

Designated as surplus the various computer and electronics items identified via the information technology coordinators as suitable for no-fee disposal via the CVES-coordinated environmental-friendly **removal and recycling of such computers and other electronic equipment** slated for Spring 2007.

Received at the meeting the monthly set of **program reports** from administrators and **operations reports** from operations supervisors.

Received at the meeting the monthly **student enrollment report** update for April 2007.

Receive the March 2007 **report from the Director of the region's career-technical center** which includes on page two a summary of the winter 2007 special display by Peru CSD students and career-technical center staff, providing demonstrations of various career-technical programs those students are engaged with at the center, as part of Peru Central's career-technical education curriculum. The report mentions how Peru CSD school board members engaged in conversation with the students. Cookies prepared by students associated with the culinary arts program were particularly well received. Several photos from that evening are currently on exhibit within the lobby area outside the Peru CSD community room.

Approved the **request from the local P&C grocery store** to have the privilege of offering cakes to customers that feature the school's icon, image and logo, to the extent that the store may use an illustration of one or more Peru CSD buildings on the cakes, the Peru CSD 'P' and the words 'Peru', 'Peru Central', 'Peru Central Schools' or 'Peru CSD'. Other illustrations or icons or representations of Peru CSD are expressly prohibited.

