

Cross-Campus Web-based Update

HIGHLIGHTS OF SCHOOL BOARD ACTION TUESDAY NIGHT

At the regular monthly meeting of **Tuesday, May 8, 2007**, the school board:

Recognized Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics **Cathy Phillips** for being awarded the 2007 **Everyday Hero Award**, by the Plattsburgh Noon Kiwanis Club, based on her long record of service to others at school and within the community, along with having used her CPR skills while on a recent vacation, when she provided emergency response that saved the life of an adult.

Recognized the **pre-calculus and calculus students** of **Mr. Chen** for a fifth year of earning top placement associated with the Regional Championship of the Math League. These students engage in a monthly competition. Based on their cumulative monthly scores, Peru CSD's 'mathletes' earned the regional's mathematics championship. Congratulations to our 'mathletes' and their math coach!

Provided the **annual hearing** on the proposed budget plan via a concise multi-media briefing by the Superintendent of Schools on the fiscal accountability and program accountability aspects of the school board's proposed spending plan. Updated estimates regarding property value within Peru Central School District set conditions for Peru Central's estimated **tax rate** for next school year to '**hold the line**' at the current school year rate of **\$18.18**. That represents an estimated '**freeze**' - **zero (0)%** rate increase, compared with earlier estimates of a 1.8% increase on the tax rate. Final tax rolls of summer 2007 could set conditions for an even more favorable rate, yet it is not until August each school year that most school districts finalize the tax rate.

Received and perused the **spring report on progress toward 2006-07 district goals**.

Completed a **second reading and adopted policy** P-2575 Employee Use of District Equipment.

Completed a **first reading** of policy draft P-5156 **Foreign Exchange Students**. This policy draft is intended to offer administrators and others with guidance for the expanding range of requests associated with hosting foreign exchange students.

Completed a **first reading** of policy draft P-5101 **Ages of Attendance**. This policy draft is intended to replace legacy Peru CSD policy 7122 Ages of Attendance.

Completed **first readings of five-year reviews 'as is'** of policies P-4311A Display of the American Flag; P-4512 Classroom Films and Videos; P-8134 Emergency Closing of School; P-8211 Access to Buildings.



Accepted the May 2007 status report from the Superintendent of Schools on the **five-year review of district safety plans and protocols**.

Accepted a **\$1,265 donation from the K-5 PTO** for two June 5, 2007 music assembly performances by the Zucchini Brothers: one performance for primary grades students, one performance for intermediate grades students.

Approved the proposed 2007-2008 Board of Education **reporting calendar**..

Authorized the school district to continue the Thursday night '**Community Ping Pong**' program, through the end of the spring 2007 semester, from 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM in the intermediate school's gym-auditorium space. Such authorization is for those nights when regular night shift custodian crews in the intermediate school are on duty, and Director Cathy Phillips confirms that either volunteer program coordinator/supervisor Erik Wilson or a suitable staff member volunteer substitutes in the absence of Erik Wilson.

Authorized the school district to move ahead regarding planning-phase discussions with the Town of Peru, advancing the town's interest to install sections of **sidewalk along school property** on the School Street and having the school district maintain such sections of sidewalk. The Superintendent of Schools will forward any details received from the town to the architect and appropriate operations supervisors.

Accepted a **\$4,930 donation from the Music Boosters** for registration and fees for the 130 student musicians associated with the middle school chorus, middle school orchestra and high school orchestra slated to engage with the June 1, 2007 High Notes Musical Festival performance evaluation event.

Accepted the **\$4,000 grant award** from the Upper Hudson Primary Care Consortium's Heart Beat Healthy Heart Program to fund cafeteria-based signs that promote health and nutrition, along with a jump rope program for students at Peru Middle School. This grant award is the result of a grant application submitted on behalf of Peru Central by Cafeteria Services Coordinator Jeannine Kerr.

Formally accepted the spring 2007 **annual fiscal accountability report** and **state report card** focused on 2005-2006 [last school year] on student achievement at Peru Central. Those documents are attached to the school district's official budget detail booklet, published May 1, 2007, in accordance with the state guidelines and requirements associated with publication of budget documents.

Deferred any school board consideration of additional **overseas student travel** until September 2007, at which time the school board will have discussed and established an updated district policy on consideration of overseas student travel.

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 May 2007.

