

**Peru Central**

# **Cross-Campus Web-based Update**

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF SCHOOL BOARD ACTION JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>**

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At the regular monthly meeting of **Tuesday, June 12, 2007**, the school board:

Recognized the service, effort and successes of Peru CSD students, employees and volunteers this school year.

Recognized student Karly Dynko, who received May 2007 media attention for raising \$650 toward the American Heart Association's recent 'Jump Rope for Heart' event, in memory of Peru CSD faculty member Julie St. Louis. Peru Central's third and fourth graders broadly engaged in this event, raising \$4,000 for American Heart Association programs and services.

Recognized faculty member Donna Kemp, selected by the New York State English Council to receive the 2007 state English teacher association's highest award – the Fellow Award - for dedicated service, leadership and vision for the Council and teaching profession. Donna, a Past President of the NYS English Council, is slated to be presented that award at the November 2007 annual conference.

Recognized faculty member Diane Sabourin for her national-level service on the board of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association, focused on music and movement education. Diane is the National Conference Chair for the 2008 AOSA conference.

Completed the fifth annual commemorative library book and bookplate reception and recognition for various retiring employees of the Peru Central School District.

Received the June 2007 Superintendent's Report, and discussed a proposed scope of capital project work with the school district's architect, as follow-up to the state-mandated five-year buildings conditions survey. A September 2007 voter referendum is anticipated.

Approved the seventh annual set of SMART [Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-bound] action plans to advance previously approved district goals for the 2007-2008 school year.

Approved the memorandum of agreement for an updated contract with Peru CSD and the Civil Service Employees Association.

Received June 2007 monthly programs and operations reports from administrators and supervisors.

Completed first readings of policies P-0040 Peru CSD Core Values and P-0055 Strategic Performance Objectives: Year 2007 through 2012.



Completed first readings of preliminary first draft policies P-4210 Curriculum Delivery & Assessment and P-4215 Curriculum Leadership & Management. A voluntary constituent perceptions survey has been distributed across campus and to PTO leaders to gather constituent comment on these curriculum-related policy drafts. Completed perceptions surveys due at the district office June 22, 2007.

Completed a second reading and adopted policy P-5156 Foreign Exchange Students. This policy offers administrators and others with guidance for the expanding range of requests associated with hosting foreign exchange students. The revisions incorporate constituent suggestions received via the May 2007 voluntary constituent survey.

Completed a second reading and adopted policy P-5101 Ages of Attendance. This policy replaces legacy Peru CSD policy 7122 Ages of Attendance.

Completed second readings and re-adopted 'as is' 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.

Approved the various changes to the Peru CSD code of conduct and discipline, as recommended by the school district's conduct and discipline committee chaired by Assistant Principal Fred Schaefer.

Authorized the Superintendent of Schools to begin recruitment for particular newly established or restored positions.

Authorized continued use of federal IDEA grant monies during 2007-2008 to extend the piloting of two part-time special education program assignments: The 0.4 FTE teacher on special assignment focused on providing supplemental CSE chair and 504 plan coordination support, and the 18 hours per week clerical position focused on CSE and CPSE federal and state-mandated documentation and recordkeeping.

Authorized the school district to pursue a contract with a suitable party or firm to benchmark Peru Central's turf management and grounds services with similar school districts, and provide practical, proven strategies to substantially enhance this function, as part of continuous improvement efforts for all programs and services.

Accepted the ideal candidate profile for intermediate school Principal, collaboratively constructed by an ad-hoc task force of constituents May/June 2007. That profile will be used spring/summer 2007 to assist with screening and selection of candidates.

Authorized the school district to expand the recruitment process for pupil personnel staff to include MSWs and school psychologists, as part of examining alternative approaches to serving in effective fashion the counseling needs and diagnostic testing needs of the students we serve.

Authorized a daily AM summer 2007 shuttle bus run from the Peru CSD campus to the CVES regional summer school site hosted this year by Saranac CSD, coupled with a daily PM shuttle bus return run to our campus, with the cost estimated to be \$6,500 for that summer-long service.

Authorized the Superintendent of Schools to engage the Town of Peru and the Town Historian in 2007-2008 school year display of memorabilia associated with the history of our town and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Peru Central School District.

