

Peru Central

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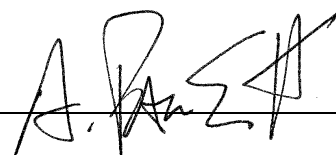
HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD ACTION THIS WEEK

At the regular monthly meeting of **Tuesday, August 10, 2010** the Board of Education:

- A. Engaged in a 'walk the job' EXCEL capital project construction site tour, led by BCA Vice President Mike Harris and our on-site construction manager Don Corron.
- B. Expressed appreciation for custodial & maintenance support staff teams moving ahead wherever possible with annual 'summer cleaning' of program spaces, despite extraordinary levels of renovation & modernization in the middle-high school facility.
- C. Set the tenth annual reception for new & recently recruited district employees for the September 2010 regular monthly meeting.
- D. Accepted various reports/communications, such as:

REPORT	FROM	NOTES
Public Reporting Calendar	Superintendent	Timetable for 2010-2011 reports
District Profile – July 2010 Edition	Superintendent	Updated 'Snapshot' of Peru CSD
Grades 3-8 State Tests & Proficiency Levels	Superintendent	Changes to 'cut points' & state tests.
Amendment to Commissioner's Regulations	NYSED	Academic Intervention Services
Budget Development Timetable	Superintendent	Status Report on Proposed Timetable
10 th Annual Induction Program Timetable	Superintendent	Planned program for August 2010
Note to 2 nd Year Faculty Members	Superintendent	'Powering Up the Toolkit' workshop
Open Meetings Law & Grievance Matters	NYS Open Government	Opinion: Suitable for Public Session
Note to 6 th Graders & Their Parents	Principal Felt	Alternate to summer orientation night.
BOCES Monthly Meeting	CVES	Minutes of 53-minute meeting.
Briefings on Preparing for Start of Classes	Program Administrators	Verbal updates: Principals & Director

- E. Approved the Resolution of August 10, 2010 requesting the BOCES take the lead in working with the Legislature and suitable others to 'clear the pathway' of any matters that would block the BOCES from continuing to provide special education summer school programs for component school districts enrolling particular students that have individual education plans [IEPs] calling for such program services during the summer recess months. The Board will provide the approved resolution to the BOCES, each of the region's other component school district Boards of Education, our region's State legislators and the elected supervisors of the towns served by Peru CSD. A copy of that resolution is **attached**.



AUGUST 12, 2010

FROM A. PAUL SCOTT, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- F. Established a medical/health administrative extra-duty assignment for a program administrator to perform on campus, day to day for 2010-2011, as part of providing essential leadership, supervision and assessment of K-12 medical & health-related programs and services. This action is part of responding to spring 2010 elimination of the full-time Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics position, as part of \$1.94M of cost reductions, July 1st forward.
- G. Commissioned the Superintendent of Schools to recruit a Peru CSD program administrator to be considered for appointment as medical/health administrative extra-duty assignment at the Board's September 2010 regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting later this month. The Superintendent may assign a Peru CSD administrator to perform that essential extra-duty assignment on a temporary basis, pending Board consideration at the next regular monthly meeting or at a special Board meeting later this month.
- H. Authorized moving ahead with a substitute Middle School Assistant Principal for the 2010-2011 school year.
- I. Authorized the Superintendent of Schools move ahead with recruitment of a full-time buildings & grounds superintendent, in response to a March 2010 resignation. The Superintendent will recommend a streamlined model for operations supervision at the September 2010 regular monthly meeting, as part of \$1.94M of cost reductions, July 1st forward.
- J. Set a tax levy and tax rate for the new school year, as is customary at the August monthly meeting.
- K. Confirmed tax rolls, authorize tax levy and approve the 2010 tax warrant[s] for the towns of AuSable, Black Brook, Peru, Plattsburgh, Saranac and Schuyler Falls.
- L. Established school board representation at the start of the 10th annual induction program for new faculty members, slated for Monday, August 23, 2010 at 8 AM.
- M. Established school board representation at the start of the Superintendent's Conference Day Plenary Session, Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

The August 10th **Superintendent's Report** is attached, with **Proposition #1** of August 10th.

AUGUST 12, 2010


FROM A. PAUL SCOTT, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

PERU CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION #1 OF AUGUST 10, 2010

SUPPORTING BOCES WORKING WITH OTHERS TO 'CLEAR THE PATHWAY' OF ANY MATTERS THAT WOULD BLOCK THIS BOCES FROM CONTINUING ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Whereas, the Peru Central School District and its Board of Education have interest in this region's Board of Cooperative Education Services [BOCES] continuing its customary practice of providing necessary special education summer school services, as requested by the component school districts and their Boards of Education that comprise this BOCES region, and

Whereas, this school district and its Board of Education have consistently appreciated, relied on and subscribed to this region's BOCES shared services for special education summer programming; on behalf of particular students who have individual education plans [IEPs] calling for such specialized summer services; and

Whereas other BOCES across the State of New York intend to continue providing such specialized summer services for the school districts of their regions summer 2011 forward; and

Whereas, there has been a series of communications from this region's BOCES indicating the BOCES plans to discontinue its customary practice of providing such necessary special education summer school services as requested by the component school districts of this BOCES summer 2011 forward; and

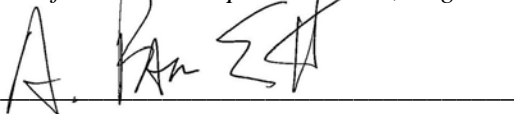
Whereas, this region's BOCES has the specialized administrative staff, programs staff, facilities, expertise and general mission to provide for such services that are generally not feasible for individual component school districts to implement as efficiently and cost-effectively as the BOCES should be able to do on a shared basis for the component school districts and their Boards of Education; and

Whereas, the stated mission of this region's BOCES is to 'Meet the needs and expectations of our component schools, the communities and all learners who are affected by our services'; therefore

Be it resolved that the Peru Central School District's Board of Education respectfully requests the BOCES engage with the Legislature, State Education Department and any necessary others to 'clear the pathway' of any matters that are causing this region's BOCES to plan on no longer offering such essential special education summer school services to this region's school districts, year 2011 and beyond.

A copy of this adopted resolution is to be provided to the BOCES and its District Superintendent, to the other component school district Boards of Education and their Superintendents of Schools, this region's State Legislators, and suitable others.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution acted upon by the Peru Central School District Board of Education in public session, August 10, 2010.



A. Paul Scott, Superintendent of Schools

FACULTY RETURN SEPTEMBER 7TH, CLASSES LAUNCH SEPTEMBER 9TH FOR FULL DAY OF SCHOOL

Faculty members, buildings & grounds teams, office teams, transportation services personnel, cafeteria services personnel, operations supervisors and administrators will gather for our annual plenary session 8 AM on Tuesday, September 7th in the school district's auditorium. The school district will host the second-annual **'Neighbors Helping Neighbors'** food drive that morning, sponsored by all three Peru CSD collective bargaining associations: faculty association, CSEA support staff association and the administrative council.

Our annual Peru CSD right-to-know training will be provided October 21st, at roughly 9:30 AM for transportation services & cafeteria services teams; roughly 10:45 AM for school-based district employees assigned to the grades 6-12 facility; and roughly 11:45 AM for school-based district employees assigned to the grades K-5 facility. Management-confidential employees will engage with their supervisor to select the best time that day to attend one of those three workshop sessions.

Principals & faculty members will welcome students Thursday, September 9th for the launch of the fall semester. We're slated for a full-day of classes on the first day of school.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT & NEW 'CUT POINTS'

Although continuous improvement of student achievement was sustained throughout 2009-2010 at Peru Central School District, the New York State Education Department recently revised the 'cut points' on state tests that are intended to measure 'proficiency'. Although Peru CSD students generally performed at least as well [and often even better] on grades 3-8 state tests as Peru CSD students did in recent school years, fewer students at Peru Central – and fewer students statewide – are now rated as 'proficient' by the State Education Department on those grades 3-8 state tests.

In a July 2010 NYSED news release, Senior Deputy Commissioner John King said the data shows that schools responded to the assignment they were given – they worked hard to help students achieve standards as measured by the state tests that were being given at that time. And more students did, in fact, pass those tests. The problem is that those exams didn't sufficiently test students' abilities – the bar was set too low, according to the Senior Deputy Commissioner. The Commissioner said, "For sure, our teachers, and our Principals, and our Superintendents put their shoulder to the wheel and results on the knowledge we tested got better... Let no one say that our teachers or our Principals in any way failed."

Peru Central, and other school districts statewide, will respond as we've done in the past: place staff focus on the NYSED updates to curriculum & testing, and then help our students to demonstrate their proficiency on the state's improved & updated assessments. A more detailed report is featured as part of tonight's agenda.

MUCH CAPITAL WORK UNDERWAY, MUCH WORK AHEAD FOR AUGUST 2010

The high school cafeteria is among the various middle and high school program spaces being renovated & modernized summer 2010, associated with the voter-approved EXCEL capital project. EXCEL stands for Expanding Children's Education & Learning aid. Areas of prime focus this summer also include the auditorium, high school gymnasium, dozens of program spaces in grades 7-12, the high school guidance office, the business office and district office. This capital project work will assist with energy efficiency, security & fire alarm systems, hardware and door replacements, interior signage and information technology modernization.

Although much of the abatement & demolition work is already completed, there is substantial other work ahead for the various contractors and for BC&A [our architectural & construction management firm] during the remainder of August 2010.