

Peru Central

Cross-Campus Web-based Update

HIGHLIGHTS OF SCHOOL BOARD ACTION TUESDAY NIGHT

At the regular monthly meeting of **Tuesday, August 12, 2008**, the Board of Education:

Commended the Transportation Services Department Vehicle Maintenance Team for meeting the state's goal of having at least 90% of Peru CSD school vehicles pass the NYSDOT's semi-annual bus safety inspections. Such a performance level of maintenance services places Peru CSD among the best in regard to this outcome measure. The inspections were performed during the state's past fiscal year, ending March 31, 2008.

Received a status report from the school district's architectural firm regarding design development associated with the spring 2008 voter-authorized EXCEL project. Design development meetings with pertinent staff will resume next month. October's regular monthly meeting will feature proposed final design development elements presented by the architect. Submittal of final plans and specifications by the architect to the NYSED is slated for December 2008.

Hosted a public hearing on the proposed 2008-2009 Peru CSD district safety plan. A redacted copy of the proposed annual update had been available at the district office for members of the public who wished to examine the proposed annual update. This year's annual update sustains the each of the provisions from the prior year's district safety plan. Various updates to particular campus safety & security protocols will likely be put into place this school year, as part of continuous improvement and ongoing focus on campus safety & security.

Received the complete set of CSD policy updates adopted by the school board since January 2008. These policies were recently received in final format from the NYSSBA, associated with the school district's first comprehensive updating of the district policy handbook in nearly two decades. The district office will proof read the documents received from the NYSSBA. After proof reading and making any necessary corrections, the documents will be posted in PDF format on the school district's Web site in the weeks ahead, to replace the previous policies.

Approved the annual update to the district safety plan.

Approved the proposed fall/winter/spring budget development timetable for a 2009-2010 proposed budget. A copy of that approved timetable is attached.

Authorized the Superintendent of Schools to sign the agreement for providing individualized educational program services to students identified as having disabilities

who are enrolled in non-public schools within our school district. The proposed service provider, North Country Kids, already provides services to Peru CSD pre-school students and home schooled students.

Authorized the Superintendent of Schools to sign the agreement with this region's BOCES to sustain the long term partnership with career-technical adult education programming.

Received the snapshot report on billed hours of legal services during the past three school years. Peru CSD has had a steady reduction in billed hours of legal services during recent school years.

Perused the NYSSBA's booklet on proposed bylaw amendments/resolutions and the voting delegate's guide for the annual business meeting of the NYSSBA slated for October 18, 2008.

Appointed members Rod and Donna as the finance committee.

Appointed members Dave, Rodney and Jon as the construction committee.

Authorized the school district fill the currently vacant full-time clerical position associated with higher expectations and more stringent administrative protocols for high school student attendance and computer-based period-by-period tracking and reporting of daily high school student attendance. This clerical position and the more stringent administrative protocols are slated to expire July 1, 2009 unless there is spring/summer 2009 school board authorization to sustain the more stringent administrative protocols and the associated clerical position.

Set the 2008-2009 tax levy at \$13,475,839.58 and the 2008-2009 tax rate at \$17.51 which is lower than the previous school year's tax rate of \$17.64 established August 2007, and lower than the school district's previously estimated 2008-2009 tax rate of \$17.73 which was featured within the May 2008 budget edition of the Peru CSD Community Report.

Established school board representation at the start of the 8th annual induction program for new faculty members, slated for Monday, August 25, 2008 at 8 AM.

Established school board representation at the start of the Superintendent's Conference Day Plenary Session, Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

Approved the scrapper bid associated with the July 2008 'yard sale' intended to rid the campus of miscellaneous items previously declared as surplus by the Board of Education. Such items not purchased by individuals at the July 2008 yard sale were to be suitably recycled, sold as scrap, brought to the transfer station and/or otherwise removed from the campus by the end of August 2008, so as to de-clutter and reclaim program spaces and operations spaces for normal functions. Cross-campus de-cluttering initiatives are slated to continue 2008-2009.

Set Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at just after 6 PM as the follow-up date and time to complete the school board's annual evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools.

Authorized the Superintendent of Schools to move ahead with change order #1 associated with the telecommunications upgrading project.

A copy of the August 12, 2008 **Superintendent's Report** is attached.



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT OF AUGUST 12, 2008

PUBLIC HEARING TONIGHT ON ANNUAL UPDATE TO DISTRICT SAFETY PLAN

Tonight's agenda includes a public hearing on the proposed annual update to the school district's safety plan. That safety plan is the foundation from which grade spans develop building safety plans. Safety & security protocols and practices are examined continuously and updated at appropriate times throughout the school year. The school board's ongoing support of such attention to safety & security is appreciated. Fall 2008 administrative action will include perusing several state and locally developed reports on school safety & security. The intent is to update more safety & security protocols by December.

As in the past, Peru CSD will partner with Clinton County Emergency Services and this region's BOCES to schedule appropriate workshops for administrators, operations supervisors and appropriate others, if and as needed. I anticipate such a workshop will be offered at Peru CSD fall 2008.

8TH ANNUAL ORIENTATION PROGRAM AUGUST 25TH – BOARD REPRESENTATION REQUESTED

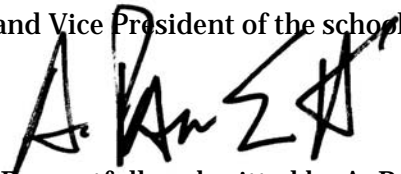
Peru CSD's eighth annual orientation program for 1st year faculty members is slated to launch Monday, August 25th in the Community Room. It's customary – and valued – for the Board to have representation at the morning start of this annual function. Such representation is on the agenda tonight.

We are fortunate to have a strong and diversified peer presenters cadre who assist Peru CSD with delivering the content of the school district's 'Instructional Toolkit Strategies'. Faculty members Matt Berry, Holley Christiansen, Bette Crowningshield, Kristina Fordham, Tracey Howard, Laura Peterson, Carrie Pierson and Chris Rose serve by invitation as the Peru CSD peer presenters cadre.

Peru CSD has a long-standing and strong partnership with the Peru Association of Teachers, focused on advancing and sustaining the progressive multi-year program professional development. Our efforts are closely linked with our region's BOCES and our region's North Country Teacher Center. Such partnership between Peru CSD and the faculty association has expanded in recent years, and adds value.

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT UPDATE FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT ARCHITECTURAL FIRM BCA

Tonight's agenda includes an update on EXCEL project design development from Mike Harris, architect and Vice President of the school district's architectural firm, BCA.



Respectfully submitted by A. Paul Scott, Superintendent of Schools

PERU CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

APPROVED 2009-2010 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT TIMETABLE

	August 12 th	Board adopts the proposed budget development timetable
	October 2008	Board re-examines and updates the multi-year finance plan established spring 2008, in keeping with the spring 2008 governing team agreement to have a twice annual re-examination of the multi-year finance plan.
	Nov. 17 th PM	Organizational meeting of budget advisory committee to establish ground rules
	Nov. 17 th & Dec. 8 th	Budget advisory committee examines key budget facts and figures, discusses likely budget priorities for 2009-2010.
	December 1 st	Administrator/Supervisor requests for new or strengthened programs, positions or equipment sent to district office
	December 9 th	Board of Education approves district goals and likely public education budget factors for 2009-2010.
	January 5 th	Budget advisory committee begins to formulate particular recommendations to the Board of Education.
	January 13 th	Board receives status report on budget development process to date.
	January 26 th	Budget advisory committee completes formulating recommendation[s] for Board of Education consideration.
	February 3 rd	Board budget workshop featuring a public session discussion of the budget advisory committee recommendation[s].
	February 10 th	Board examines mid-year State of the District Report , discusses Governor's proposal for 2009-2010 state aid, receives progress report on crafting a preliminary first draft 2009-2010 budget, re-examine the voter exit poll survey results of May 2008, commission a May 2009 voluntary voter exit survey , with the May 2008 exit survey as the benchmark document, status report on recommendations from the school board's budget advisory committee.
	March 3 rd	Board workshop focused on likely 'top' budget increases by category of expenditure ; further discussion of the mid-year State of the District Report and the Governor's proposal for 2009-2010.

	March 10th	Board workshop at the regular monthly meeting focused on updated interim report on status of recommendations from the school board's budget advisory committee ; preliminary draft ' budgeting for adversity ' and ' budgeting for growth ' lists for 2009-2010. ; receive and discuss the annual budget handbook and a preliminary first draft 2009-2010 budget plan .
New	March 24th	Examine and discuss a second draft preliminary estimated budget plan , discuss projected estimated increases in budget categories for 2009-2010 , discuss prospective use of reserve funds to sustain the school district's financial foundation. Board re-examines and updates the multi-year finance plan, in keeping with the governing team agreement to have a twice annual re-examination of the multi-year finance plan.
	March 31st	Examine and discuss a third draft plan of action and estimated expenditures plan for 2008-2009 . Discuss state budget status and adopt a proposed spending plan for voter consideration May 19, 2009.
	April 7th	Additional budget development workshop to be used only if needed to adopt a proposed spending plan for voter consideration.
	April – May 2009	Community outreach briefings hosted by municipalities & service clubs, along with budget briefings to district employees and bargaining unit leaders. District office construction of budget detail documents & community report.
	May 2009	Budget edition of Peru CSD community report mailed to residents.
	May 5th	Budget detail booklet available seven days before public hearing.
	May 12th	Annual public hearing on Board's spending plan for voter consideration.
	May 19th	Annual vote and election.

Approved by the Peru CSD Board of Education on August 12, 2008.