

**Peru Central**

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

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD ACTION THIS MONTH**

At the regular monthly meeting of **Tuesday, September 8, 2009** the Board of Education:

- A.** Offered special thanks to the three collective bargaining units: **CSEA, Peru Association of Teachers and the Peru Administrative Council**, for sponsoring the '**Neighbors Helping Neighbors**' food drive of September 2, 2009. Peru CSD employees generously brought food items to a set of tables in the lobby of the high school, for collective donation to the Peru Food Pantry.
- B.** Provided public recognition to members of our **school office and department office teams, custodial teams, maintenance team, grounds team, transportation services mechanics team**, along with head custodian **Niles Burl**, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent **Henry Hale**, Cafeteria Services Coordinator **Jeannine Kerr** and Transportation Services Supervisor **Howard Newton**. Support staff teams prepared our buildings, classrooms, offices, school buses, playgrounds, fields and 'back to school' mailings these past weeks as part of preparing for this morning's start of classes.
- C.** Offered commendations to **Matt Berry, Holley Christiansen, Bette Crowningshield, Kris Fordham, Laura Peterson and Carrie Pierson**, who served as this year's Peer Presenters' Cadre for the ninth annual multi-day orientation program for new and recently appointed faculty members.
- D.** Gave particular thanks to **Johnna Benware, Katie Francia, Sally Reid and Jamie Rusnak** who served as this year's team of teachers for the Peru CSD Model Classroom initiative, which is intended to offer new and recently appointed faculty members guided tours of particular Peru CSD classrooms 'ready for students' as part of the multi-day orientation program.
- E.** Provided appreciation to **Johnna Benware** and **Kelly Crowley** for the August 26<sup>th</sup> introductory session they offered to new faculty members assigned to elementary grades positions, so those individuals could receive a suitable orientation to Peru CSD-style early grades literacy programs, practices and protocols.
- F.** Recognized the important discussions ahead for **student club officers** and **faculty advisors** of student clubs. Given the economic downturn and the difficult time many local residents are having with increased costs, the Superintendent of Schools recently requested they be particularly mindful of the impact of fund raising this school year for many local households and residents. On an August 2009 note and at the September 2<sup>nd</sup> plenary session, the Superintendent requested clubs

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consider fund raising this school year only when fund raising is identified as necessary. The Superintendent requested that if a student club or organization has adequate funds, that club should postpone fund raising, or substitute community service, such as leaf raking, as an alternative to asking residents to purchase imported goods from out-of-town vendors.

- G. Launched conversation with architect **Mike Harris** of BCA regarding a timetable for the construction phase of the voter-authorized EXCEL capital project. The Board is slated to set a construction phase timetable at the October 13, 2009 regular monthly meeting.
- H. Completed a second reading and adopted the updated 9000 [support services] section of the Peru CSD policy manual. Because that section is the ninth and final section of the policy manual, tonight is slated as the formal end of the development phase of Peru CSD's multi-year updating of the entire Peru CSD policy manual. The next phase of this process engages the NYSSBA with publishing the updated policy manual for Peru CSD in digital and paper formats.
- I. Approved the proposed timetable of **club president reports** on extra-curricular activities, leadership development and service.
- J. Authorized the district to sustain the piloting of the temporary clerical position associated with tracking, reporting and communications related to the expanded protocols for high school student attendance. Those expanded protocols and the corresponding temporary clerical position were established and piloted during the 2008-2009 school year. This pilot program was recently was authorized to continue through June 2010. The Superintendent will engage appropriate administrators in construction of a spring 2010 snapshot report for the Board of Education on the impact of these pilot protocols on student attendance and success, and the impact of that associated temporary clerical position
- K. Established school board representation at the New York State Education Department **North Country Community Forum** on the Statewide Educational Technology Plan, hosted by Peru Central School District on Monday, November 2, 2009 from 3 PM until 5 PM in the Peru High School's cafeteria.

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