

Regular Meeting
Paris Cooperative High School Board of Education
September 14, 2009
Minutes

Roll Call:

President August Griffin called the meeting to order and roll was taken. All Members were present except Doug Hasler

Consent Agenda:

President Griffin asked for discussion on the consent agenda. Ron Doris mentioned the bills were extremely low for the month. Dave Meister commented on some reasons why they are low this month. President Griffin asked for a motion and a second to approve the consent agenda.

Motion: Ron Doris
Second: Tom Davis

“A motion has been made and seconded, is there any discussion? Would each member please respond to the motion?”

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

Secretary’s Report:

There is no secretary’s report.

Directors Agenda:

Director Dave Meister explained the waiver of driver’s education requirements. President Griffin asked for a motion and a second to approve the waiver of driver’s education requirements.

Motion: Ron Doris
Second: Paul Porter

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Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

Dave Meister asked the Board to approve early graduation requests. He stated all the students who have applied for early graduation will qualify by mid year. Mr. Doris asked how that would affect state aid. Mr. Meister explained it will reduce our state aid by that number of students. Mr. Doris asked if they are allowed to come back or commencement. Mr. Meister confirmed they are allowed to participate in commencement and prom and May Fete. President Griffin asked for a motion and a second to approve the early graduation requests.

Motion: Keith Trogdon
Second: Ron Doris

“A motion has been made and seconded, is there any discussion? Would each member please respond to the motion?”

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

Dave Meister recommended the Board hire Ralph Haase as the girl’s softball coach whom Mr. Goodwin presented for the 2009-2010 school year. President Griffin asked for a motion and a second to approve the hiring of Ralph Haase as the girl’s softball coach for the 2009-2010 school years.

Motion: Ron Doris
Second: Tom Davis

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Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

Dave Meister asked the Board to approve the Drama Club trip to New York in June, 2010. He explained they fund the entire trip through fundraising and each participant paying their own way. Ron Doris asked if the school incurs any expenses with this trip. Mr. Meister explained they do not and the busses that take the Paris Players are even charter buses and the tour company carries the insurance. He further explained the bus is full with 46 students and 9 chaperones. President Griffin asked for a motion and a second to approve the Paris Players Drama Club trip to New York in June, 2010.

Motion: Paul Porter
Second: Tom Davis

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Nays: 0

Dave Meister turned the discussion over to Mr. Cox so that he could inform the Board about the reduced number of cell phone violations and a report on the alternative school. Mr. Cox informed the Board the cell phone violations are down and there seems to be quite positive parental support for the current policy. He then informed the Board about the progress of the Novel Stars program and how each student is progressing. After much Board discussion, President Griffin thanked Mr. Cox for his reports and his attention to these issues in education.

Dave Meister asked the Board to allow a visiting AFLAC Representative to speak about the cafeteria plan they would like to inform PCHS teachers about during their prep hours. They would like to come in and meet with teachers at their convenience and if they sign up, they would pay with payroll deductions. The representative spoke and stated he would stay and answer questions as the end if anyone would like. President Griffin asked for a motion and a second to allow AFLAC Representatives to come in and speak with the faculty at PCHS and to allow payroll deduction for any faculty who sign up.

Motion: Paul Porter
Second: Tom Davis

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Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

Dave Meister asked the Board to allow Mrs. Brett Block to speak about the ICLCS IC-3 Chemistry Program she is working on with the University of Illinois for Computational Chemistry. Mrs. Block explained her work in this field and her enthusiasm for the work she is doing with her committee. The Board was very complimentary of her and her commitment to furthering her education so that she may help the students here at PCHS. Mr. Meister also informed the Board he received accolades about Mrs. Block from her instructors telling him she is a great leader for the group.

Dave Meister informed the Board members they all have been given 2008-2009 yearbooks, compliments of PCHS yearbook staff. Also the Board was presented with a Strategic Plan from the Committee Meeting they had last month. Mr. Meister also informed the Board of his inclusion in the book, *Leading 21st Century Schools*, because of his Administrators Blog that he has been doing for two years. He stated that as part of his contract, he is to inform the Board when he is being published anywhere. President Griffin commented on how nice it is to know our Principal is being recognized nationally.

President Griffin called for any more reports of committees. There were none.

President Griffin called for public hearing and petitions. There were none.

President Griffin called for any unfinished business. There was none.

President Griffin called for any matters for follow-up. There was none.

President Griffin called for any new business. A few of the Board members complimented Dan Tripp on the blending of the bands at the last home football game. They spoke how nice it was to have that great influence there for our band students. Mr. Tripp was very appreciative of the compliments.

President Griffin asked for the right to revert to prior orders of business. Mr. John Piper then stood to address the Board about the need to look into the budget of the new Cooperative High School and see if the needs of the students are being met by having two guidance counselors in a school this size. He stated he recognized budgetary constraints, but also saw the need personally for strengthening the guidance and counseling departments in the area of guidance for students who are on the college track. Mr. Piper also wished the Board and Paris Cooperative High School much success with the new cooperative venture. President Griffin thanked Mr. Piper for his concerns.

President Griffin asked if there were any matters for executive session. Mr. Meister stated there were some personnel issues. President Griffin asked for a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting and move into executive session.

Motion: August Griffin
Second: Ron Doris

“A motion has been made and seconded, is there any discussion? Would each member please respond to the motion?”

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

The meeting went into executive session.