

**Palmyra-Eagle Area School District
Special Board Meeting
Monday, February 25, 2015 – 7:00 PM, Community Room
Minutes**

- I. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President Scott Hoff.
- II. Roll Call:** Present – Mark Isaacsen, Tara Walters, Scott Hoff, Tom Novak, Marie Collom, District Superintendent – Steve Bloom, Business Manager – Mary DeYoung. Absent – Craig Schnuelle, Bob Oleson, and School Board Secretary – Rose Ciszewski.
- V. Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved as presented.
- VI. Meeting with Petitioners seeking detachment; other comments regarding detachment petitions.**
 - a) At this time, individuals desiring to have certain parcels presently in the Palmyra-Eagle Area School District annexed to the Mukwonago School District spoke on behalf of their detachment requests. Scott Hoff asked if anyone was present from the Baldwin Petition, no one responded so he moved on to the next petition. Scott then asked if anyone was present from the Brost petition, two women approached the podium and stated that they were going to speak on behalf of all (5) petitioners. Scott asked that they provide their names and addresses prior to speaking. The first person did not provide her name. The second person who spoke, Kami Kluss, also spoke on behalf of the (5) petitioners. Jody (Unsure of Last Name) spoke next and Lisa Shulist spoke last. The resounding sentiment from each of these speakers was that they wanted to detach from the Palmyra-Eagle Area School District to the Mukwonago School District because they believe the Palmyra-Eagle Area School District has not prepared the students for college as they have testimonial evidence that valedictorians from P-EASD have done poorly on college entrance exams, that P-EASD has had low test scores in several levels of education for many years, they have letters stating that students who have attended P-EASD and have received scholarships are now doing poorly in college, that there has been inappropriate behavior at all levels of the district, that there is too much turnover in administration and teachers in P-EASD to be good for a student's education, that most of the students in these areas already open enroll out of P-EASD, that they have presented only true and correct information to any of the people that they spoke with when obtaining signatures
 - b) The Palmyra-Eagle Area School District's Administration presented information that they gathered with the help of their legal counsel. This information was marked as follows for clarification and accessibility:
 - 1) Analysis Concerning Validity of Sherwin and Loohaus Petitions
 - 2) Ehlers – Financial Impact Presentation Sheets
 - 3) Survey Maps Showing Area(s) Affected by Petition(s)
 - 4) Review of Factors Under § 117.15 of the Wisconsin Statutes
 - 5) P-EASD Special Meeting
 - 6) Ehlers Balance Sheet
 - c) At this time the following citizens who were not petitioners in the pending detachment proceedings had the opportunity to comment on the proposed reorganization:
 - 1) Doris Parsons – Opposes the transfer of small territory by owner petitions
 - 2) Michele Tomfohrde – Opposes the detachment
 - 3) Lisa Eddy – Opposes the school detachment
 - 4) Michelle Nettlesheim – Opposition to the 5 parcel detachment
 - 5) Pat Walters – Against detachment
 - 6) Tamara Towns-Pozorski – Against small parcel detachment
 - 7) Gigi Laine – Read a letter for her daughter who is a past graduate of P-EHS in opposition of the small detachment
 - 8) Dawn Behr – Opposes the small parcel detachment
 - 9) Tamara Mueller – Opposes the petitions

- 10) Tara LeRoy – Opposes the Eagle annexation
- 11) Dawn Pasterski – Opposes the detachment, leave Eagle Palmyra own identity. She is a Mukwonago resident and feels that her children fell through the cracks.
- 12) Robin Webber – Opposes the detachment
- 13) Tony Blaedow – Opposes the Eagle annexation
- 14) Amy Butenhoff – Opposes the petitions is pro PEASD
- 15) Alisha Weinreich – Opposes the Small parcel detachment of Eagle
- 16) Carrie Ollis – Opposes the detachment
- 17) Mitzi Roscizewski – Opposes the Detachment
- 18) Therese Ostermeyer – Opposes wasted \$ on litigation
- 19) Jade Mueller – Opposes the Detachment

(For more details by speakers contact P-EASD District Office for a video presentation of the meeting)

- VIII.** **Motion by Tom Novak, seconded by Marie Collom to closed session** to confer with legal counsel pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1)(g), Wis. Stats, concerning strategy to be adopted by the board with respect to litigation on which it is or is likely to become involved, to wit: appeal of any decisions regarding one or more of the detachment requests, and Sec. 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats. to conduct specified public business which for competitive or bargaining reasons requires a closed session, to wit, the division of assets and liabilities between the school districts in the event of the granting of one or more of the detachment petitions. The board will reconvene in open session after any such closed session to resume deliberations and take such action regarding the petitions as it deems appropriate, and/or adjourn the special meeting. Motion carried with all board members present voting yes at 9:20 P.M.

Open Session Reconvened at 10:12 P.M

- VII.** At this time the P-EASD Attorneys presented information regarding the Balance Sheet which was marked earlier as Item #6. After the presentation the board made the following actions:

- (1) Resolution Denying Petition to Alter School District Boundaries – Sherwin-Eagle Oaks Petition – The Board of Education does not recognize the Petition as a valid petition under Wis. Stat. § 117.12(2) for lack of a sufficient number of signatures and even if the Petition were valid, the Board denies the Petition based upon its review of the factors set forth under Wis. Stat § 117.15 and other appropriate factors. Roll call vote: Marie Collom – Yes; Tom Novak – Yes; Tara Walters – Yes; Mark Isaacsen – Yes; Scott Hoff – Yes. Motion carries to deny the petition.
- (2) Resolution Denying Petition to Alter School District Boundaries – Loohauis-Fox Chase Petition – The Board of Education does not recognize the Petition as a valid petition under Wis. Stat. § 117.12(2) for lack of a sufficient number of signatures and even if the Petition were valid, the Board denies the Petition based upon its review of the factors set forth under Wis. Stat § 117.15 and other appropriate factors. Roll call vote: Marie Collom – Yes; Tom Novak – Yes; Tara Walters – Yes; Mark Isaacsen – Yes; Scott Hoff – Yes. Motion carries to deny the petition.
- (3) Resolution Denying Petition to Alter School District Boundaries – Baldwin-Eagle Aire Petition – The Board of Education denies the Petition based upon its review of the factors set forth under Wis. Stat § 117.15 and other appropriate factors. Roll call vote: Marie Collom – Yes; Tom Novak – Yes; Tara Walters – Yes; Mark Isaacsen – Yes; Scott Hoff – Yes. Motion carries to deny the petition.
- (4) Resolution Denying Petition to Alter School District Boundaries – Brost-Fields of Eagle Petition – The Board of Education denies the Petition based upon its review of the factors set forth under Wis. Stat § 117.15 and other appropriate factors. Roll call vote: Marie Collom – Yes; Tom Novak – Yes; Tara Walters – Yes; Mark Isaacsen – Yes; Scott Hoff – Yes. Motion carries to deny the petition.
- (5) Resolution Denying Petition to Alter School District Boundaries – Kluss-Calico Fields Petition – The Board of Education denies the Petition based upon its review of the factors set forth under Wis. Stat § 117.15 and other appropriate factors. Roll call vote: Marie Collom – Yes; Tom Novak – Yes; Tara Walters – Yes; Mark Isaacsen – Yes; Scott Hoff – Yes. Motion carries to deny the petition.

IX. ADJOURN

Motion by Tara Walters, seconded by Tom Novak to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries at 10:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Ciszewski
School Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Mark Isaacsen, Clerk

Date