

PARKER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #27
1608 Laguna Avenue
Parker, AZ 85344

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

PLACE: Parker High School Media Center, 1600 Kofa Avenue #88
DATE: September 14, 2001
TIME: 6:00 PM

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mr. Rudy Parker, President
Mrs. Deanna Beaver, Member
Ms. Margaret Dewey, Member (arrived 6:25 PM)
Mrs. Dolores Ferris, Member
Mrs. Amelia Flores, Member

MEMBERS

ABSENT: None

OTHERS

PRESENT: James Lotts, Superintendent
Brad Sale, Assistant Superintendent
Denyce Cribbs, Executive Assistant
Lori Bachmann, Blake Primary School Principal
Dan Wolfe, Le Pera Elementary School Principal
Kelly McGuire, Wallace Elementary School Principal
Amanda Maxwell, Wallace Jr. High School Principal
Ryan Olson, Special Education Director
Marcos Rodriguez, WES Custodian (left 6:02 PM)
Jose Gonzalez, WES Custodian (left 6:02 PM)
Maria Acuna, WES Custodian (left 6:02 PM)
Dawn Solano, PHS FFA Advisor (left 6:05 PM)
Chaslynn Laguguen, PHS Student (left 6:05 PM)
Jessica Moore, PHS Student (left 6:05 PM)
Alvaro Vazquez, PHS Student (left 6:05 PM)
Abbey Wolf, PHS Student (left 6:05 PM)

I. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mr. Parker, President.

B. Adopt Agenda

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, to adopt the agenda of the September 14, 2011, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Certificates of Appreciation:

Marcos Rodriguez, Jose Gonzalez, Maria Acuna

Mr. Sale presented Certificates of Appreciation to the three Wallace Elementary School custodians. He thanked them for their dedication and ability to work under pressure last spring, during an especially stressful and difficult time.

D. Call to Audience

Ms. Solano presented four Future Farmers of America (FFA) students, who updated the Board on their recent activities.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Minutes

August 10, 2011 (Regular)

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mrs. Flores, to approve the minutes as listed. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Ratify and Approve Vouchers

Exp. 1027 (ENC)	\$97,213.29	Exp. 2003	\$221,276.15
Aux. 9000	\$2952.14	Stu. 8000	\$30.00
Stu. 8001	\$926.00	Payroll 4	\$389,189.22
Exp. 1028 (ENC)	\$732,589.32	Exp. 2004	\$379,262.40
Aux. 9001	\$8308.81	Stu. 8002	\$568.01
Payroll 5	\$403,155.74	Stu. 8003	\$407.28
Aux. 9002	\$607.50	Aux. 9003	\$750.00
Payroll 5.1	\$100,807.63	Exp. 2005	\$232,334.33

Mrs. Ferris moved, seconded by Mrs. Beaver, to approve the vouchers as listed. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Personnel

2 - CERTIFIED HOURLY	DIST	Galbreath, Jennifer	Substitute Teacher	08/29/11
2 - CERTIFIED HOURLY	DIST	Penn, Nancy	Substitute Teacher	08/18/11
2 - CERTIFIED HOURLY	DIST	Reily, Cynthia	Substitute Teacher	08/13/11
2 - CERTIFIED HOURLY	DIST	Szczepaniak, Michael	Substitute Teacher	08/24/11
2 – CERTIFIED HOURLY	DIST	Andress, Billie	Substitute Teacher	09/07/11
3 - CERTIFIED HIRING	BL	Thome, Mary Ellen	K-3 Counselor	09/15/11
4 - RIDER	WJH	Ault, Derek	Basketball Coach - Boys 7th Grade	SY 2011/12
4 - RIDER	PHS	DeLeon, Maureen	Assistant Spiritline Coach	08/29/11
4 - RIDER	WJH	Firlein, Bob	Basketball Coach - Girls	SY 2011/12
4 - RIDER	WJH	McCabe, Michelle	Yearbook Advisor	SY 2011/12
4 - RIDER	WJH	McCabe, Michelle	Volleyball Coach (7th & 8th grades)	SY 2011/12
4 - RIDER	DIST	Metz, Reannon	Gifted Coordinator	SY 2011/12
4 - RIDER	PHS	Sharpe, Tahnee	Volleyball Assistant Coach	08/29/11
4 - RIDER	WJH	Uden, Nick	Football Coach (7th & 8th grades)	SY 2011/12
4 - RIDER	WJH	Woehrl, John	Football Coach (7th & 8th grades)	SY 2011/12
5 - CLASSIFIED RESIGNATION	LP	Acuna, Elsa	Custodian - Part time	09/02/11
5 – CLASSIFIED RESIGNATION	BL	Van Herreweghe	Preschool Aide	09/23/11
6 - CLASSIFIED HOURLY	BL	Casanova, Kim	K - 3 Tutor, Kindergarten	08/29/11
6 - CLASSIFIED HOURLY	BL	Grissum, Danyele	K - 3 Tutor, 2nd Grade	08/29/11
6 - CLASSIFIED HOURLY	DIST	Orozco, Ana Maria	Cafeteria Substitute	08/10/11
6 - CLASSIFIED HOURLY	DIST	Waltman, Roger	Bus Driver - Trainee	08/30/11
6 – CLASSIFIED HOURLY	LP	Andrade, Maria	Custodian – Part time	09/07/11
6 – CLASSIFIED HOURLY	DIST	Steele, Aldean	Cafeteria Worker (Substitute)	09/09/11
6 – CLASSIFIED HOURLY	DIST	Brown, James Tilden	Bus Driver	09/12/11
7 - CLASSIFIED HIRING	PHS	Leach, Joanne	SPED Cross-Categorical Aide	08/26/11
8 - VOLUNTEER	PHS	Van Herreweghe, Mollie	Volunteer - Volleyball	08/23/11
8 – VOLUNTEER	WJH	Stone, Anthony	Volunteer – Football	09/06/11
8 – VOLUNTEER	WJH	Uden, Kevin	Volunteer – Football	09/06/11
8 – VOLUNTEER	WES	Reesh, Ina	Classroom Volunteer	09/12/11

Mrs. Ferris moved, seconded by Mr. Parker, to ratify and approve the certified hourly, certified hiring, riders, classified resignations, classified hourly, classified hiring, and volunteers, as listed above. Mrs. Beaver abstained from voting on Billie Andress and Cynthia Reily. Mrs. Flores abstained from voting on Tahnee Sharpe. Motion carried.

D. Public Hearing Regarding Performance Pay Plan for SY11-12

Mrs. Flores moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, pursuant to A.R.S. 15-977, to hold a Public Hearing regarding PUSD #27's Performance Pay Plan for SY2011-12. Mr. Sale explained that the performance pay plan has remained nearly the same, in terms of what eligible employees must do in order to earn this additional pay. This year, as the result of a lawsuit, eligible employees are defined as fully certified teachers. Another change in the language deals with the label of the school. ADE will be eliminating the AZ Learns Legacy labels at the end of school year 2011/12, and will replace them with an A-F label. School year 2011/12 will have both labels, so the schools have included in their language for Fund 12 either "Performing or greater" or a label of "C or greater" to qualify for the performance portion of this plan. The final change in the plan had to do with the hiring of certified teachers after the school year has started and up to January 1, and made sure the provision was in place for them to be paid a prorated amount equal to the percentage of employment time in the district for that school year. This year's total performance pay amount is lower than in years past. We were able to budget \$120 per weighted student this year, compared to \$220 last year. Therefore, the amount of additional pay will be lower than in previous years. It is currently estimated that each eligible teacher will receive approximately \$950, before matching benefits and taxes are taken out. Mr. Lotts stated that the district's teachers did vote on the Performance Pay Plan, with a 98% approval rating. Mrs. Beaver asked if the teachers who did not approve the plan had presented an alternative plan. Mr. Sale replied that they had not.

E. Adopt Performance Pay Plan for SY2011-12

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, pursuant to A.R.S. 15-977 and A.R.S. 15-978, to adopt the Performance Pay Plan for SY2011-12 as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Declaration of Curricular & Instructional Alignment

Mrs. Flores moved, seconded by Mrs. Beaver, to declare that Parker Unified School District #27 has adopted a curriculum that is aligned with the Arizona Academic Standards and adopted an evaluation system that assesses whether teachers are integrating the Standards into their instructional practices. These policies are in effect for the 2011/12 school year, as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Out of State Travel – Future Farmers of America

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, to approve out-of-state travel for Dawn Solano (Advisor), Jennifer Golding, Samantha Humeumptewa (Chaperones), Lane Drennan, Michael Brenner, Alvaro Vazquez, Gabe Naranjo, Jorge Trevino, Alayna Amador, Tawnee Ayers, Jessica Moore, Samantha Shirley, Abbey Wolf, Cheyenne Golding, and Brianna Rodarte (Students) to attend the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, from October 18 – 22, 2011, as recommended. Mr. Lotts stated that this is an annual trip funded by the WAVE JTED. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement – WAVE JTED

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mrs. Flores, to approve the renewal of the intergovernmental agreement between Parker Unified School District #27 and the WAVE JTED for SY 2011/2012, as recommended. Mr. Lotts explained some minor changes to the agreement. First, ninth-graders will no longer be funded for JTED, as a result of legislative action. Second, districts are not allowed to use more than forty percent of their JTED monies for salaries. Our district does not spend nearly that amount, so the new rule does not have much effect. The District's attorney has reviewed the agreement, and found it to be in good order. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement – AWC Dual Enrollment
Mr. Lotts

Mrs. Flores moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, to approve the intergovernmental agreement between Parker Unified School District #27 and the Arizona Western College (AWC), for the purpose of providing Dual Enrollment Courses, for SY 2011/2012, as recommended. Mr. Lotts stated that two classes at Parker High School might be eligible for dual enrollment, Agriculture Science and Virtual Business II. The District's attorney has reviewed the agreement, and found it to be in good order. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement: CLIP Training Site
Mr. Lotts

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for SY 2011/12 with Tempe Elementary School District No. 3, for a CLIP District Training Site, as recommended, with Sandra Cooke as the authorized signer. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Approve Grant Allocations

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, to approve the 2011/12 federal grant allocation for Title I, in the amount of \$733,705, and Title II in the amount of \$99,809, as recommended. Mr. Lotts stated that the Title I allocation is the same amount as last year, but that the Title II amount is approximately \$25,000 less than last year. Title II is used primarily for professional development. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Adopt Policy Revisions

1. BK – School Board Memberships
2. CBA – Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent
3. DBC-R – Budget Planning, Preparations, and Schedules
4. DBF – Budget Hearings and Reviews/Adoption Process
5. DIC – Financial Reports and Statements
6. DN – School Properties Disposition
7. EHB and EHB-R – Data/Records Retention
8. IHB – Special Instructional Programs
9. IJ and IJ-R – Instructional Resources and Materials
10. IJND and IJND-R – Technology Resources
11. JEA-E – Compulsory Attendance Ages
12. JEB – Entrance Age Requirements
13. JICH – Drugs and Alcohol Use by Students
14. JII, JII-R, JII-EA, and JII-EB – Student Concerns, Complaints, & Grievances
15. JLCB-E – Immunization of Students
16. JR and JR-R – Student Records

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mrs. Flores, to revise the policies, regulations, and exhibits listed above, as recommended. Mr. Lotts stated that the revisions above were mandated, as a result of legislative action. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Adopt Policy Revision: DJE and DJE-R – Bidding/Purchasing Procedures
Mr. Lotts

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, to adopt the policy revision DJE and DJE-R – Bidding/Purchasing Procedures, as recommended. Mr. Lotts explained that that these revisions relate to procurement practices in the areas of bid security and job-order-contracting. Motion carried unanimously.

N. Adopt Policy Revision: DKB – Salary Deductions

Mrs. Flores moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, to adopt the policy revision DKB – Salary Deductions, as recommended. Mr. Lotts explained no deductions may be made from an employee’s paycheck for any political purpose, unless the employee has provided written or electronic authorization. Ms. Dewey emphasized that no deduction of any kind could be deducted, anyway, without the employee’s authorization. Motion carried unanimously.

O. Adopt Policy Revision: JJE – Student Fund-Raising Activities

Ms. Dewey moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, to adopt policy revision JJE – Student Fund-Raising Activities, as recommended. Mr. Lotts stated that this policy has been revised by adding the phrase, “for the types of fund-raising activities approved by the Governing Board.” By adding this phrase, school districts will come into full compliance with A.R.S. 15-1121. Motion carried unanimously.

P. Adopt Policy Revision: JJIB, JJIB-R, and JJIB-E – Interscholastic Sports

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, to adopt policy revision JJIB, JJIB-R, and JJIB-E – Interscholastic Sports, as recommended. Mr. Lotts explained that this policy is being revised to include language related to concussions and head injuries while participating in interscholastic activities. Mrs. Beaver confirmed that the coaches’ online training would be verified. Mr. Lotts explained that a certificate is produced upon completion of the online training, and that it would be filed with the Athletic Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

Q. Adopt Policy Revision: JQ-R – Student Fees, Fines, and Charges

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by, Mrs. Flores, to adopt policy revision JQ-R – Student Fees, Fines, and Charges, as recommended. Mr. Lotts explained that this revision includes language to address unspent Tuition Tax Credit funds that have been designated for a specific program or purpose. If two fiscal years have passed since the program or purpose has been offered, the school’s site council can designate a purpose for those funds. Motion carried unanimously.

R. Adopt Policy Revision: KB and KB-R – Parental Involvement in Education

Mrs. Flores moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, to adopt policy revision KB and KB-R – Parental Involvement in Education, as recommended. This revision includes optional language that Board took action on at its November 10, 2011, meeting. Mr. Lotts recommended that the optional language continue to not be included in the District's revised policy. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Adopt New Policy: FCB – Retirement of Facilities

Ms. Dewey moved, seconded by Mrs. Flores, to adopt Policy FCB – Retirement of Facilities, as recommended. Mr. Lotts stated that this a new policy that deals with the closing of a school. It states that the Board may consult with the School Facilities Board for technical assistance and information on the impact of closing a school, and that the Board shall hold a meeting to discuss and consider the closing of a school. Mr. Parker asked if the length of time for giving notice of a school closure was being addressed in this policy. Mr. Lotts replied that it was not, but that the length of time has been reduced. Motion carried unanimously.

T. Adopt New Policy: GBAB – Medical Marijuana Standards and Conditions for Employees

Mrs. Ferris moved, seconded by Mrs. Beaver, to adopt Policy GBAB – Medical Marijuana Standards and Conditions for Employees, as recommended. Mr. Lotts stated that this new policy is necessitated by the passage of Prop 203. Motion carried unanimously.

U. Adopt Policy Revisions: Medical Marijuana Standards

1. GBECA – Nonmedical Use or Abuse of Drugs or Alcohol
2. IHAMA – Teaching About Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco
3. JLIB – Student Dismissal Precautions
4. KF and KF-EA – Community Use of School Facilities
5. KFA – Public Conduct on School Property
6. KFAA – Smoking on School Premises at Public Functions

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, to revise the policies and exhibit, as listed above. Mr. Lotts stated that these policy revisions are necessitated by the passage of Prop 203. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Accept Donation

Mr. Lotts

	<u>DONOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RECIPIENT/PURPOSE</u>
1	Rodel Foundation	\$1275.00	Blake & Le Pera MAC-Ro program
2	Natural Resource Conservation District (NRCD)	\$2000.00	PHS Future Farmers of America (FFA)
3	APS	\$500.00	Back to School Breakfast

Ms. Dewey moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, to accept the donations listed above. Motion carried unanimously.

W. Set Next Regular and Special Meeting

Mrs. Flores moved, seconded by Ms. Dewey, to set the next regular meeting for Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at 9:00 AM at the District Office Conference Room (Intersession), and the next Special Meeting, as needed, for Wednesday, September 28, 2011, at 9:00 AM in the District Office Conference Room. Motion carried unanimously.

III. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. ASBA Political Agenda Recommendations for 2012

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mrs. Flores, to approve the ten legislative priorities for recommendation to the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) as listed below. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1. Oppose unfunded and burdensome legislative mandates.**
- 2. Advocate for repeal of both private student tuition and public extracurricular tax credits with those funds to be dedicated to public education, while demanding additional accountability for student tuition organizations until ultimate repeal is accomplished.**
- 3. Seek and support legislation requiring the Arizona State Legislature to pass a state budget for ten ensuing fiscal year no later than April 1 of the previous fiscal year.**
- 4. Advocate for a complete revision of the school finance formula.**
- 5. Seek and support legislation to ensure full funding for inflation, especially in years in which the rate of inflation is greater than 2 percent and vigorously oppose at the legislature and in the courts any attempts to not fully fund at**

least the 2 percent inflation factor as approved by the voters in Proposition 301 (2000).

6. **Oppose any measure that would require a certain percentage of district budgets be allocated to classroom expenditures, as defined by the State Auditor General, with the recognition that some “outside the classroom” expenditures directly benefit classroom learning of students.**
7. **Seek and support the reenactment and funding of voluntary, full-day kindergarten.**
8. **Encourage legislation to provide additional funding to help low income and small rural/isolated schools, as well as for high-need subject areas, to attract and retain highly qualified teachers.**
9. **Advocate for increasing the federal investment in public education to meet the federally-imposed mandates and subsequent cost increased for special education (IDEA) and implementation of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).**
10. **Defeat all federal voucher and tuition tax subsidy proposals that result in public funds supporting private K-12 institutions.**

IV. INFORMATION/UPDATES

The Board was provided with monthly updates to Enrollment/Attendance, Student Activities Accounts, and Year-to-Date Expenditures.

V. PRINCIPAL/DIRECTOR REPORTS

Dr. Olson reported that some staff members recently went to TEACCH (Treatment and Education of Autistic and Communication related handicapped Children) training. Dr. Olson recognized Deborah Gafford, the new K-1 self-contained teacher at Blake, as someone who has begun implementing TEACCH strategies in her classroom. She will also be attending the advanced TEACCH training later this month. IDEA pre-school has been approved. However, we are still waiting for IDEA 6B to be approved. It has been in the same review stage for a month. Our Structured English Immersion (SEI) budget carryover request was recently approved. We are going to purchase some assessment toolkits to help monitor ELL student progress. This should provide another piece of information to determine the effectiveness of our ELL instruction. These funds are also going to be used to send all ELL teachers to the OELAS (Office of English Language Acquisition Services) conference in December. In the past, the OELAS conference was only attended by our ELL Coordinator, Mr. Heredia. However, I believe the conference will be beneficial for all ELL teachers to attend to help our students become more proficient English speakers. Staffing Options and Solutions (SOS), who were awarded a contract for Occupational Therapy (OT) and Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA), have come through on

their agreement and have found both an OT and COTA. Anita Prins, the COTA, will begin on Wednesday, September 14, and Bethany Harrington, OT, will begin on Thursday, September 15.

Mrs. Bachmann offered congratulations to Mrs. Tammy Page who was selected the La Paz County AZ Rural Teacher of the Year. All Blake staff completed the Mandatory Reporting for Abuse, Hazing and Harassment online training. All teachers and instructional aides completed the Safe Schools online Bullying training. After school tutoring began August 23rd. Blake is targeting reading comprehension professional development during the school site ER Fridays. Life touch pictures were on August 30th. Kindergarten teachers were trained on ILLPS by Mr. Armando Heredia on Aug. 31st. At a staff meeting on 9/7, Mrs. Bachmann reviewed the peer coaching process and expectations. Charlotte Wing trained new teachers and did peer observations on 9/7 and 9/8. She will return on 9/13 to do more training with academic coaches. Mrs. Reiannon Metz will be the school representative for the district and states reading/writing project which will support the core standards. Grades 2 and 3 have been invited to participate in the MACRO (Math Achievement Club by Rodel program. Teachers will receive training on Sept. 21. Our MACRO Math Parent Night will be on Tuesday, 9/27 at 6:00 pm. Mrs. Bachmann and Mr. Lotts attended the Rodel meeting so Blake could take part in this program. The Blake/WES PTA meeting was Monday, 9/12 at 5:30 pm. Parent/Teacher conferences and the book fair will be held on 9/15. A big thank you to the Parker United Methodist Church for providing lunch for Blake staff on conference day. QAR assessments will be given the week of Sept. 19th and the quarterly writing test is coming up on 9/20. Math and reading quarterly tests will be 9/27 and 9/28. The La Paz County Health Dept. will conduct a flu shot clinic on October 17th at Blake.

Mrs. McGuire congratulated the WES September Students of the Month. We also have been issuing movie passing and Dominoes certificates to many students that were caught doing good. WES is excited about their recycling project as they continue to collect 10-20 bags of paper and plastic each week. Dominoes Dough rising project has been a huge success. So far WES has earned \$400.00 through Dominoes efforts. Our new teachers have been trained on the 6-traits. Grade 4 & 5 teachers continue to be trained on the new math and language core standards. WES continues to work on their school improvement plan that is due October 3rd. All WES teachers have implemented Gradebook Pro and continue to build their classroom web-site. Talent Search visited our 6th grade classrooms on Sept 6th. Fall photos were taken on August 29th. Quarter tests will be given during the last 2 weeks of September. Dr. Wing will be observing and giving feedback to all WES teachers during the week of Sept. 26th. Parent-teacher conferences will take place on Sept 15th and the School Improvement Committee is working on having our students paint 3 more murals on campus, one mural for each grade level with each mural representing a positive character trait.

Mr. Wolfe reported that the following students were recognized as the Le Pera Students of the Month for August:

LPK	Rubi Andrade
LPKE	Maritzza Bernal
LP1	Edna Galvez
LP12E	Liliana Padilla
LP2	Britzeida Rodriguez
LP23	Millie Penaloza
LP3	Genesis Garcia
LP34E	Casandra Maciel
LP4	Kennya Gonzalez

LP5 Emile Campos
LP6 Monica Gomez
LP7/8 Cesar Bautista

Our School Improvement Team members for the 2010-2011 school year are as listed:

Primary Representative:	Wilma McKenzie
Intermediate Rep. / Stu. Coun:	Kyle Peta
Junior High Representative:	Chad McKenzie
Academic Coach Representative:	Michelle Costabile
ELL Representative:	Armando Heredia
Classified Representative:	Elise Sakiestewa
Office Representative / PTSO:	Renea Tartaro / Erin Rocco
Parent Representative:	Tracey Arnold
Interventionist Representative:	Gwen Beneke
DIC Representative:	Dave Schneider

Our School Improvement Team held its first meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2011. Our agenda included: Electing New Officers, Reviewing our Proposed Prop 301 Plan for 11-12, Reviewing ICS assignments for 2011-12, Lockdown Procedures, Arizona Farm Bureau Program, Open House, and the Wall of Fame. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2011. I attended the mandatory MAC-Ro Administrators Meeting in Scottsdale on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 along with Mr. Lotts and Mrs. Bachman. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes will be participating in the MAC-Ro Math program this year. Our teachers will be trained on the program on Tuesday, September 27th by Rick Stephens from Rodel and we will have our Kick-Off Assembly the following day. We held our Open House on Thursday, August 25, 2011. We had an excellent turnout this year. We averaged 90% of our parents attending the Open House this year. Many of our teachers told me that this was the best turnout that they could recall. Needless to say, we were extremely pleased with the attendance numbers. We also held our first PTSO meeting at 5:30 p.m. on this evening. We will be hosting our semi-annual book fair starting on Monday, September 12th. The fair will run through Friday, September 16, 2011. Our new teachers were trained by Charlotte Wing on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 on using the Observation Protocol Tool. On the Early Release Day of August 19th, our staff attended a training session at Parker High School dealing with the Incident Command System. On the Early Release Day of August 26th, our staff met with Dr. Rhodes for the first time this year and we discussed effective instructional strategies with him in regards to Native American students. On the Early Release Day of September 2nd, Mrs. Costabile and Mrs. Beneke presented material on what constitutes a “print rich environment.” On Wednesday, September 14, Sandy Cooke will be meeting with our staff to explain how to use “learning conversations” in the classroom. We are also using the Master Teacher program this year to bring focused conversations to our staff and giving them collaboration time to discuss various classroom topics. I feel that our teachers are staying very busy with their professional development this year. Our garden program is starting to get “back in the saddle again.” CRIT Farms brought a landplane over to level the garden area for us. Mike Chumley from Crop Production Services sent a tractor down to the school, along with fertilizer to fertilize the ground. CRIT Farms is

scheduled to come in to prepare the rows for planting. We hope to be planting the fall/winter garden by the end of the week of September 16th. Additionally, this year we are looking at planting some “mini” classroom gardens in containers that have been given to us from various companies and individuals. These “mini” gardens will be ideal for the winter months because they can be covered and will not be a susceptible to the cold weather later on down the road. Heather Wheatley from the AWC Talent Search Program is again working with our 6th graders this year. She addressed our staff on Wednesday, August 31 at our regular staff meeting to explain the purpose of the program. The school year is off to a good start, our students and teachers are both working hard to meet the many demands that have been placed upon them. I am very pleased with the way the year has started off.

Mrs. Maxwell reported that the WJH teachers are working towards completing the Charlotte Wing observations and trainings. Parent/teacher conferences are this week. We finished up 8th grade promotion pictures and individual pictures. Students have been enjoying the student lounge during lunch and ER Fridays. Volleyball has started, the 8th grade girls are 1-0; 7th grade 0-1. Football has also started. They have one game scheduled so far. We will be looking at a flag program for next year. We had a pep rally on 9/9. We chose our new mascot.

Dr. Shontz provided a written report. Student-of-the-Month: Guillermo Escoto. Dr. Wing conducted trainings with all new PHS teachers on 8/17 and 8/18. Prep Talks are focusing on improving instruction through the use of observation summary instrument. HQ paperwork was completed on 8/24. Thanks to Sandy Cooke for facilitating it. Parent/Teacher Conferences were conducted 9/14. Afternoon session was well attended. Quarter Testing will be the week of 9/26. ASVAB Testing will be 9/20 and 9/21. PHS Flu Clinic will be 9/21. All athletic teams are underway. Football is off to a 2-1 start. Volleyball dispatched of Salome on 9/13. Cross Country runners are posting personal bests.

Mrs. Cooke provided a written report. Quarterly assessments for Grades 1-8 are scheduled for the end of September with writing taking place on September 20, reading on September 27, and math on September 28. The common core standards are being introduced in segments to specific grade levels. K-2 has been introduced to the ELA standards. They are beginning to align their resources to the standards. They will begin mapping at the end of September. Grades 3-5 have been introduced to the eight mathematical practices which are part of the new math common core standards. The mathematical practices will be integrated into the current curriculum map for math. Grades 3-5 will begin working with the ELA standard of text complexity this month. New teachers completed the observation protocol training and two observations with Dr. Wing. Coaches and district administrators will complete inter-rater reliability observations with Dr. Wing in September. September professional development includes more training with Study Island, SmartBoard refreshers, 6-trait scoring for new teachers, student engagement strategies, Writer’s Friday (focusing on one 6-trait each month), Ruby Payne’s strategies for students in poverty, dominoes in math (in support of K-2 common core math standards), and Goldmine.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM by Mr. Rudy Parker, President.

Parker Unified School District #27
Governing Board President