

**PRAIRIE HILL COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 133
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

January 15, 2010

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President TJ Larsen called the Regular Board of Education meeting of January 25, 2011 to order at 6:30 p.m. with a roll call vote and the following members answered aye to signify their presence: Mr. Aronson, Mr. Barenbaum, Mr. Bolin, Mrs. Larsen, Mr. Sorenson, and Mrs. Stitt. Also in attendance were Mr. Rehl, Superintendent, Mr. Michowski, Principal, Mr. Heiar, Principal, and Mrs. Furmanek, Mrs. Wyatt, Mrs. Rogers, and Mrs. Jorgenson representing the PHFT. Mrs. Servant was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Larsen, Board President. Mrs. Servant Arrived at 6:32.

RECEPTION OF COMMUNICATION AND AUDIENCE OF VISTORS

Mrs. Larsen read letters of resignation from Amelia Sorenson and Mr. Barenbaum moved to accept her resignation. Mr. Bolin seconded the motion which passed by a voice vote with 6 ayes, 0 nays and Mr. Sorenson abstaining.

Mrs. Larsen read a letter of resignation from Marcy Johnson, Willowbrook librarian, and Mr. Barenbaum moved to accept her resignation. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Aronson made a motion to approve the December Regular Meeting Minutes, November 30 Closed Session Meeting Minutes, January bills, January payroll, December Treasurer's Report, December Imprest Fund, and December Student Activity Funds.

Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Mr. Heiar reported:

- Rube Goldberg night was held and Mr. Heiar was impressed by the intricacy of the machines the 8th graders came up with.
- NAEP Testing was held today and went smoothly with our students' behavior receiving many compliments from the Federal Docents who were on site.
- Blake Roseberry won the Geography Bee. Tyler Brugman was the runner-up.
- 23 7th and 8th graders tried out for the Quiz Bowl team; only 8 were chosen. Mrs. Forsythe is excited about her team this year.

- An assembly will be held as the culmination of the 6th graders' study of Where the Red Fern Grows. The Forest City Kennel Club will set up an obstacle course and bring in dogs to demonstrate dog training techniques.
- Joe Clothier, the grandson of Bob Clothier, for whom the PHS gym is named, is a student teacher working with Mr. Thorpe for the next several weeks. He is a student at NIU and is doing very well.

Mr. Michowski reported:

- Mrs. Kelly Rogers was surprised in her classroom this morning by Dani Maxwell of channel WREX. Mrs. Rogers was named "Teacher of the Week" after having been nominated by one of her third-grade students. Congratulations on recognition well-deserved!
- There has been some discussion regarding the September 1st cut-off date for beginning kindergarten. Mr. Michowski found wide disparities in cut-offs across the country and will work with the Education Committee to understand the issue and any ramifications a change might cause.
- The Bluestem and Monarch reading programs are modeled after the Caudill reading program used at WMS, and are designed to expose younger readers to excellent books. With the support of the teachers, these programs are at nearly 100% participation. That means that almost every student at PHS has read the 4 or 5 books needed to cast a vote for their favorite! Congratulations Mrs. Tesluk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Mr. Bolin moved to designate Ted Rehl as the person to prepare the FY12 Budget. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Bolin moved to adopt the Resolution on the Prevailing Wage. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

EDUCATION

Curriculum Mapping work is continuing on schedule.

Grade level projections were presented to the Board and it appears that our staffing levels are adequate at this time.

The proposed options for the FY 12 District Calendar were presented and we must wait for Hononegah to make a decision before we can adopt any calendar, given the large numbers of families with children in both districts.

POLICY

No report this month.

TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Rehl reported that a meeting between Illinois Central and the area Superintendents will be held in February with the intent to follow-up on issues raised at their last meeting. Mr. Rehl feels that many of the problems we had with Illinois Central are resolved or improving.

BUILDING

No Report this month

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Rehl received no FOIA request this month.

Four Candidates have submitted nominating papers to the District office all for the full term positions. The County Clerk's office reported that one person has expressed an interest in running as a write-in candidate for the two year term.

Mr. Barenbaum moved that the following Closed Session Meeting tape recordings be destroyed:

March 30, 2004

July 27, 2004

August 31, 2004

April 20, 2005

June 28, 2005

February 27, 2007

July 31, 2007

February 24, 2009

March 31, 2009

June 30, 2009

Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Rehl will destroy the above-mentioned tapes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:59 p.m., Mr. Sorenson moved to enter Closed Session for the purpose of discussing appointment, employment, compensation or dismissal of employees as mandated by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), and for the purpose of discussing collective negotiating matters as mandated by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

The Board entered Open Session at 7:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barenbaum moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Willowbrook Middle School's library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Bolin, Secretary

TJ Larsen, President