

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

February 22, 2011

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice-President Jeff Aronson called the Regular Board of Education meeting of February 22, 2011 to order at 6:30 p.m. with a roll call vote and the following members answered aye to signify their presence: Mr. Barenbaum, Mr. Bolin, Mrs. Servant and Mrs. Stitt. Also in attendance were Mr. Rehl, Superintendent, Mr. Michowski, Principal, Mr. Heiar, Principal, and Mrs. Wallyn, Mrs. Breakfield, and Mrs. Booth representing the PHFT. Mrs. Larsen and Mr. Sorenson were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeff Aronson, Board Vice-President.

RECEPTION OF COMMUNICATION AND AUDIENCE OF VISTORS

Mr. Aronson read a letter from Mr. Erik Sterud. Mr. Sterud is donating soccer nets for year-round use at Prairie Hill. The Board expressed its gratitude to the Sterud family.

Mr. Aronson read a letter from Mr. Richard Cushing regarding the DNR deer hunting on the property to the south of WMS. The Board will discuss the issue at the March meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Bolin made a motion to approve the February bills, February payroll, January Treasurer's Report, January Imprest Fund, and January Student Activity Funds.

Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Mrs. Larsen and Mr. Sorenson were absent.

Mr. Bolin moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2011, with the additions discussed. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote. Mrs. Larsen and Mr. Sorenson were absent.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Mr. Michowski reported:

- An assembly called "Alaska the Last Frontier" will be held at each school on March 16th.
- Pre-school screenings will be given the beginning of March. These should give insight into our Kindergarten population for FY12.
- ISAT Testing will be administered to 3rd and 4th graders March 8-15. Notes will go home to parents reminding them of these dates.

- Mrs. Coomer is back from her maternity leave as of 2/23/11. Her substitute, Mrs. Nicosia, did an excellent job. Mrs. Nicosia will be Mrs. Smith's maternity sub later this year.

Mr. Heiar reported:

- Valentine's Day Dance, sponsored by the Student Council was very well attended and the students were well-behaved and had lots of fun.
- The Java Jam, sponsored by the Music Advocates, raised \$3800 to provide instruments and scholarships for WMS music students. The event ran very smoothly and families had a great time.
- Mrs. Hatfield brought Kallie Neumer, Blake Roseberry, Jacob Flower and Kellen McCormick to the MathCounts competition in Rockford last week. The team took 4th place, an impressive first meet! Blake scored so well that he will compete at the State meet in Matteson, IL. Mrs. Hatfield will look to expand this program next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Public Hearing on Administrative Cost Waiver

Time Began: 6:43 p.m.

Time Ended: 6:46 p.m.

Mr. Bolin moved to adopt the Resolution to Waive the Limitation on Administrative Costs for 2010-2011. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Mrs. Larsen and Mr. Sorenson were absent.

EDUCATION

Prairie Hill earned the State's Academic Excellence Award for having more than 90% of our students meet or exceed state standards in reading and math on the ISAT for the three most recent years. This is quite an honor and we will post this on our website.

Mrs. Crystal Swanson wrote a grant to cover the costs for her wool-felting unit. The children enjoyed the lessons. Congratulations Mrs. Swanson!

POLICY

Mr. Barenbaum moved to accept the first reading of the following Policies:

2:150 Committees

2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure

2:230 Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board

2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure

4:10 Fiscal and Business Management

4:150 Facility Management and Building Programs

4:170 Safety

- 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 5:120 Ethics and Conduct
- 5:220 Substitute Teachers
- 5:260 Student Teachers
- 6:110 Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program
- 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
- 7:60 Residence
- 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
- 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students
- 7:290 Adolescent Suicide Awareness and Prevention Programs
- 7:310 Restrictions on Publications

Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote. Mrs. Larsen and Mr. Sorenson were absent.

TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Rehl reported that there will be a meeting between Illinois Central and the area Superintendents at Willowbrook on March 11th.

BUILDING

No Report this month

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Rehl received no FOIA request this month.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:03 p.m., Mr. Bolin 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). Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Mrs. Larsen and Mr. Sorenson were absent.

The Board entered Open Session at 8:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:17 p.m., Mr. Barenbaum moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Servant seconded and the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Mrs. Larsen and Mr. Sorenson were absent.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Willowbrook Middle School's library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Bolin, Secretary

TJ Larsen, President