

PRAIRIE HILL COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 133
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2010
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President TJ Larsen called the Regular Board of Education meeting of February 23, 2010 to order at 6:33 p.m. with a roll call vote and the following members answered aye to signify their presence: Mr. Aronson, Mr. Barenbaum, Mr. Bolin, Mr. Sorenson and Mrs. Stitt. Also in attendance were Mr. Rehl, Superintendent, Mr. Michowski, Principal, Mr. Heiar, Principal, and Mrs. Williams representing the PHFT. Mrs. Servant was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Larsen, Board President.

RECEPTION OF COMMUNICATION AND AUDIENCE OF VISTORS

A thank you letter was read from the Mooseheart School thanking our students for the donation of game room prizes. A letter was read from Richard Cushing regarding the presence of a DNR tree stand in adjacent farmland. Mr. Ron Barch addressed the Board on the matter of school nursing coverage.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Aronson made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2010, January Treasurer's Report, January Imprest Fund, January Student Activity Funds, and Closed Session meeting minutes from January 26, 2010 as presented. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion and the motion carried by a roll call vote with all Board members present saying aye. There were no opposing votes. Mrs. Servant was absent.

Mr. Bolin made a motion to approve the February Payment of Bills and February Payroll. Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a roll call vote with all members present saying aye. Mrs. Servant was absent.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Mr. Heiar reported:

- The Java Jam was well-attended and the performers were great.
- The after-school Rockin' Rec Night on Feb. 12th went off without any problems and was popular with the students.
- There were 62 students cast in "Thoroughly Modern Millie". All students who auditioned are in the show. This year, students had to choose whether to be in the musical or on the track team.
- The Spelling Bee will be held March 8th at 1:00 in the Palmer Gymnasium.
- The Guild of St. Michael, a group of medieval life re-enactors, will spend the day with WMS students next week.

Mr. Michowski reported:

- Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Coomer had their final interviews with the Golden Apple Foundation. March 5th the winners will be announced.
- ISATs will be administered beginning next week. At PHS only grades 3 and 4 will be tested. At WMS all grades are to be tested.
- The students in both buildings have been raising money to support the Red Cross' work in Haiti.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

The Finance Committee is working to streamline and clarify the statements presented to the board each month. They have asked Mr. Rehl to put together a calendar to simplify meeting planning and preparation.

The budget may need to be reviewed in April or May after we get our payment from the State.

Mr. Barenbaum moved to create a Part-Time nurse position at WMS for 3 hours each school day. Mr. Bolin seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a roll call vote. Mrs. Servant was absent.

Mr. Barenbaum moved to hire Melanie Steen as a part-time nurse at \$18 per hour. Mr. Bolin seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a roll call vote. Mrs. Servant was absent.

Mr. Barenbaum moved to hire Linnie Moist as a part-time nurse at \$18 per hour. Mr. Bolin seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a roll call vote. Mrs. Servant was absent.

Mr. Bolin moved to instruct Mr. Rehl to post a job opening for a Fifth Grade teacher beginning in fall of 2010. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a roll call vote. Mrs. Servant was absent.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee has met twice this past month and has made great progress in their work with the curriculum. Mr. Rehl is putting together a "Scope and Sequence" for each grade and subject area which will present our teacher's work in an easily accessible form which we can publish on the website. Mrs. Stitt will present a timeline for completion of this project at the March meeting.

Mr. Bolin moved that the Board approve Mr. Rehl's recommendation to enroll two out-of-district students for the remainder of the school year. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a roll call vote. Mrs. Servant was absent.

Out-of-District students may only be accepted on a current school year basis; their request for enrollment needs to be reviewed each year. Tuition is charged to all out-of-district students.

POLICY

Mr. Aronson moved to accept the First Reading of the following Policies with the changes discussed:

- 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest
- 2:200 Types of School Board Meetings
- 2:240 Board Policy Development
- 2:250 Access to District Public Records
- 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 4:110 Transportation
- 4:120 Food Services
- 4:130 Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
- 4:150 Facility Management and Building Programs
- 4:160 Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
- 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 5:180 Temporary Illness of Temporary Incapacity
- 5:220 Substitute Teachers
- 6:15 School Accountability
- 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day
- 6:50 School Wellness
- 6:60 Curriculum Content
- 6:185 Remote Educational Program
- 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
- 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- 7:180 Preventing Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment
- 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

Mr. Bolin seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a voice vote. Mrs. Servant was absent and Mr. Barenbaum had left the room at 8:17 p.m.

Mr. Barenbaum returned to the room at 8:22.

Review of Policies 3:60 and 4:50.

TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Rehl summarized the bidding process and lowest bid for the District's Transportation contract for the next three years. Mr. Aronson moved to award our school bus transportation contract to Illinois Central School Bus for FY2011, FY2012, and FY 2013. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a roll call vote. Mrs. Servant was absent.

BUILDING

Chris Philbrick from Sieben Energy is helping the District complete the LEED application.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Policy Committee would like to develop an “Agenda Calendar” to keep Board members and the community informed of the major policy-driven work the Board needs to complete each month.

The Registration fee schedule will be sent to all members in preparation for next month’s discussion.

Mr. Rehl will write a letter to the DNR asking them to exercise the utmost caution and restraint in their efforts to cull the deer population from adjacent farmland. The DNR has been provided a copy of our event calendar so they are as well-informed as possible about the presence of people at WMS.

OLD BUSINESS

The Community Member-Teacher Committee has met twice and will be meeting in May to work on special projects.

CLOSED SESSION

The Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session meeting minutes has been postponed until next month.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Aronson made a motion to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion and the motion carried with all members present answering aye. Mrs. Servant was absent.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Bolin, Secretary

TJ Larsen, President