

PRAIRIE HILL COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 133
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
March 29, 2011
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President TJ Larsen called the Regular Board of Education meeting of March 29, 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, Mrs. Servant and Mrs. Stitt. Also in attendance were Mr. Rehl, Superintendent, Mr. Michowski, Principal, Mr. Heiar, Principal, and Mrs. Pickel, Mrs. Ciciora, and Mrs. Davenport representing the PHFT.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

RECEPTION OF COMMUNICATION AND AUDIENCE OF VISTORS

Mrs. Larsen read a letter of resignation from Cheryl Bidwell, Prairie Hill lunch room aide.

Mrs. Larsen read a letter from Mrs. Merry Beth Gliebe containing her suggestion that the District use mass e-mails or the automated calling system to remind residents of Board elections and Board Meetings. Mr. Rehl will begin this practice.

Mrs. Christofferson asked to address the Board.

At 6:35 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). Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 6:53 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Aronson made a motion to approve the, February Treasurer's Report, February Imprest Fund, Closed Session Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2011 and February 22, 2011, and the February Student Activity Funds.

Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Bolin moved to approve the Payment of March Bills and March Payroll. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Mr. Heiar reported:

- The benefit for Shannon Anderson was held at WMS and raised approximately \$5700 for the Anderson family. The P.S.A. and the staff from both buildings made the event come off without a hitch.
- WMS Spelling Bee winner Nolan Christofferson took 6th place at Regionals! Congratulations, Nolan!
- WMS Geography Bee winner Blake Roseberry did so well on the National Geographic written test that he qualified for State. Quite a remarkable achievement!
- The Fifth Graders thoroughly enjoyed Rec Night. All but 6 members of the fifth grade attended and had a great time roller skating, dancing and eating pizza. Many thanks to the parent helpers and the P.S.A.!

Mr. Michowski reported:

- Mrs. Ciciora was nominated for Educator of the Year, and a large PHS contingent joined her at the celebratory dinner. Congratulations to a deserving Mrs. Ciciora.
- Jump Rope for Heart raised over \$12,000 for the American Heart Association. Ms. Levan ran the event and everyone had a great time.
- Mrs. Wyatt has all the students in her class making a “bookworm” to mark each book they’ve read during the year. They recently marked their 1,000th book! They don’t want to stop until they reach the principal’s office. Great job third grade readers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

The committee reviewed school fees for the upcoming year. Mr. Bolin moved to approve the following fees:

Kindergarten:	\$45
Grades 1-4:	\$50
Grade 5:	\$55
Grades 6-8:	\$62

Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

EDUCATION

Curriculum Mapping is continuing.

Kindergarten Enrollment is low at this point. An additional day of pre-school screening will be held in April and may identify additional Kinders.

Mr. Rehl summarized some of the initiatives being proposed regarding State-wide School District consolidation. The Board directed Mr. Rehl to keep them abreast of developments.

Mrs. Stitt presented the District Calendar for 2011-2012. Mr. Aronson moved to adopt the calendar. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

POLICY

Mr. Aronson moved to adopt the following Policies following their second readings:

- 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.

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

- 2:140 Communications To and From the Board
- 2:250 Access to District Public Records
- 3:50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent
- 3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
- 4:15 Identity Protection
- 5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Diseases
- 5:50 Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace
- 5:150 Personnel Records
- 5:200 Professional Personnel – Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
- 5:285 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers
- 5:300 Schedules and Employment Year
- 6:100 Using Animals in the Educational Program
- 6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction
- 6:160 English Language Learners

- 6:185 Remote Educational Program
- 6:190 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities
- 6:250 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers
- 6:255 Assemblies and Ceremonies
- 7:260 Exemption From Physical Activity
- 7:280 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
- 8:110 Public Suggestions and Concerns

Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. Servant reported that Illinois Central continues to work to remedy insurance and service issues.

BUILDING

In response to Mr. Cushing's letter to the Board read at the February, 2011 meeting, Mr. Bolin moved that Mr. Rehl be directed to write a letter to the Illinois DNR, requesting that hunting be suspended on neighboring properties due to concerns about appropriateness of hunting so close to school property. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Rehl received a request from The Rockford Register Star for our Budget and statements of amounts spent on publishing public notices. This request was fulfilled.

The candidates for Board of Education were given a list of questions provided by the PHFT and administrators. Their answers are on the District website for the community to view to become informed about the candidates. The election is April 5th.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:55 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.

The Board entered Open Session at 9:26 p.m.

Mr. Barenbaum moved to approve the items on the Personnel Consent Agenda as discussed in Closed session. Mr. Bolin seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:27 p.m., Mr. Bolin moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Barenbaum seconded and the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Willowbrook Middle School's library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Bolin, Secretary

TJ Larsen, President