

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

April 26, 2011

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President TJ Larsen called the Regular Board of Education meeting of April 26, 2011 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, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Servant and Mrs. Stitt. Also in attendance were Mr. Rehl, Superintendent, Mr. Michowski, Principal, Mr. Heiar, Principal, and Mrs. Titterton, Mrs. Hill, and Mrs. Coomer 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 Sofia Lee, Prairie Hill music teacher.

Mrs. Larsen read a letter from Mrs. Marilyn Kraus informing the Board of her intent to retire in June 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Bolin made a motion to approve the April bills, April payroll, March Treasurer's Report, Regular Meeting Minutes of March 29, 2011, March Imprest Fund, Closed Session Meeting Minutes of March 29, 2011 and the March Student Activity Funds. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Mr. Heiar reported:

- The 8th Graders put on a wonderful Career Fair which was widely attended by parents and students. 4th Graders spent the entire afternoon at WMS to eat lunch in the cafeteria, view the exhibits, and see their future school first-hand.
- "Wagon Wheels A Rollin" was performed April 14 and 15. The students had lots of fun and clearly built their confidence over the course of the run.
- Our Shakespeare presenter did a great job exposing 6-8 grade students to aspects of life in 16th Century Britain. Students really enjoy David Daniel's visits each year.
- The Faculty/Student Charity Ball games were a big success. Many boxes of canned goods were collected for the Beloit Family Violence Shelter. Thanks so much to the many Staff members who participated!
- Four teachers have applied for Eco-Lab grants this year from WMS.

Mr. Michowski reported:

- Shannon Anderson, Amy Wright, and Danielle Sage all completed their Reading Recovery Training! This was a time-consuming, very involved program, and their participation is to be applauded. The skills these teachers gained will be shared with their colleagues and benefit the entire PHS community.
- Four PHS teacher submitted grant applications to Eco-Lab. Good luck to Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Colwell, and Mrs. Swanson.
- Mr. Michowski has gotten over 80 applications for our two elementary teaching positions. Interviews will be held later in May.
- Kindergarten and First grade teachers met with a number of pre-school teachers to give feedback on curriculum, and to exchange ideas.
- Emily Peterson, Mrs. Hill's student teacher, will be finishing her term soon. She did an excellent job and Mr. Michowski can picture her success as a teacher someday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Mr. Rehl reported that the District will not receive any Transportation or Special Education money from the State this year.

Mr. Bolin reviewed the tax levy, and pointed out that the District's EAV has fallen. Accordingly, our tax rate has risen to keep our funding relatively stable.

Mr. Bolin moved to post the District's revised FY11 Budget for 30 days in the District office. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Bolin moved to approve spending \$172 on the retirement celebration for Mrs. Titterton, Mrs. Ciciora, and Mr. Thorpe. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

EDUCATION

Mr. Aronson moved to adopt the proposed schedule of Regular Board Meetings for FY12. Mr. Bolin seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous voice vote. Here are the dates:

July 26, 2011, August 23, 2011, September 27, 2011 Budget Hearing,

October 25, 2011, November 29, 2011, December 13, 2011

January 31, 2012, February 28, 2012, March 20, 2012

April 24, 2012, May 29, 2012, and June 26, 2012.

All meetings are held on Tuesday (unless otherwise indicated) in

the Willowbrook Middle School Library at 6:30 p.m.

The remaining agenda items will be reviewed in Closed Session.

POLICY

Mr. Aronson moved to accept the Second Reading of the following Policies and adopt them:

- 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

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

TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. Servant reported that there will be a meeting with Illinois Central in July to prepare for the upcoming school year.

BUILDING

Mr. Rehl reported that a large amount of work is being completed or is in process at PHS to address items from the Life/Safety Report. Work on the HVAC systems will be done this summer, when children are not in session.

Mrs. Poppe purchased one room air conditioner for a classroom at PHS. It is being installed. Mr. Rehl discussed the purchase of up to 12 additional units to be in place before the summer heat arrives.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Rehl received a request from The Rockford Register Star for the contracts of the current and two previous Superintendents. This request was fulfilled.

Mr. Rehl received a request from Mr. Richard Cushing for all Regular Meeting Minutes for the last 13 years and all documentation pertaining to relationship between the owners of our adjoining land and the District. This request was fulfilled.

Mr. Aronson moved to destroy the digital recordings of Closed Session Meeting Minutes from April 2009 to September 2009. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Larsen would like a Board member to volunteer as the IASB Representative for the District

Mrs. Larsen commented that Board Member training may become mandatory as there is a bill in the Illinois Legislature this session. District #133 Board members are encouraged to review training offered by the IASB and contact Mrs. Bell to register.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:15 p.m., Mr. Aronson 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), for discussion of pending litigation as mandated by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) and for the purpose of discussing collective negotiating matters as mandated by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Mr. Bolin seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

The Board entered Open Session at 8:03 p.m.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Mr. Jerry Barenbaum, Mr. Nathan Bolin, Mr. Richard Cushing and Mrs. Jennifer Stitt recited the Oath of Office for School Board Member.

Mr. Bolin moved to adjourn the Board Sine Die. Mr. Cushing seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Rehl was named President Pro-Tem, and Mrs. Bell named Secretary Pro-Tem.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rehl opened the floor for nominations for President of the Board. Mr. Aronson nominated Mrs. Larsen. Mrs. Servant seconded the nomination which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

In answer to the request for Nominees for Vice-President, Mrs. Larsen nomination Mr. Barenbaum. Mr. Aronson seconded the nomination. Mr. Aronson, Mr. Bolin, Mr. Cushing, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Servant, and Mrs. Stitt voted aye. Mr. Barenbaum abstained.

Mr. Bolin nominated Mr. Aronson to serve as Board Secretary. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the nomination. Mr. Barenbaum, Mr. Bolin, Mr. Cushing, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Servant and Mrs. Stitt voted aye. Mr. Aronson abstained.

Mr. Bolin made a motion to adjourn at 8:03; Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The Board re-convened at 8:03 p.m.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Barenbaum moved to accept the resignations of Mrs. Lee and Mr. Michowski. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Bolin moved to accept Mrs. Kraus' notification to retire in June, 2014. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Aronson moved to hire Mrs. Laura DelMonico as a part-time lunch aide at Prairie Hill for \$8.25 per hour. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Bolin moved to re-employ Brad DalSanto and Larry Hoffman as summer help at their same rates of pay from last summer. Mr. Cushing seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m., Mr. Aronson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bolin seconded and the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held Tuesday, May31, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Willowbrook Middle School's library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Bolin, Secretary

TJ Larsen, President