

PRAIRIE HILL COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 133
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2010
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President TJ Larsen called the Regular Board of Education meeting of April 27, 2010 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, Mr. Sorenson and Mrs. Stitt. Also in attendance were Mr. Rehl, Superintendent, Mr. Michowski, Principal, Mr. Heiar, Principal, and Mrs. Books, Mrs. Forsythe, and Mrs. Keilback 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 thank you note from Mrs. Forsythe for the plant the Board sent on the birth of her son.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Aronson made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2010, Special Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2010, March Treasurer's Report, March Imprest Fund, and March Student Activity Funds as presented. Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion and the motion carried by a roll call vote with all Board members present saying aye.

Mr. Bolin made a motion to approve the April Payment of Bills and April Payroll. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a roll call vote with all members present saying aye.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Mr. Michowski reported:

- EcoLab grants, totaling \$1600, were won by: Jaci Coomer, Traci Hill, Chris Pickel, Brenda Colwell and Crystal Swanson. They will be honored at a special EcoLab sponsored luncheon May 20th. Congratulations all.
- April 30 is the date of the Golden Apple Banquet. About 18 members of the PHS family will attend the banquet to cheer Mrs. Anderson on.
- The Young Author's Night, which culminated a months-long project by all PHS students, was widely attended. Mr. Michowski thanked all the teachers involved with creating this inter-disciplinary exploration of the creative process, particularly Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Johnson.
- The lower grades will be treated to a preview of Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr. on April 29th.

Mr. Heiar reported:

- Shelley Wagner won an EcoLab grant for \$800 worth of Science materials. Congratulations!
- Stage curtains are being installed this week.
- Thoroughly Modern Millie, Jr. is opening May 5th at 6:00 and runs May 6-8 at 7:00 in the Willowbrook theater/cafeteria.
- The Fifth grade will be having a “Rec Night” on Friday, April 28. It will be sponsored by the P.S.A. Contrary to its name, the event will be held immediately after school until 4:30.
- The P.S.A is sponsoring a visit from “The Wheel of Wisdom” April 26th. The presentation involves the students in a trivia contest featuring general knowledge and drug awareness questions.
- The 8th grade Career Fair was outstanding, clearly demonstrating the hard work put in by the students. The 4th graders made a visit to see the Career Fair and then Mr. Heiar spoke to them about Willowbrook, and tried to put them at ease about their transition to WMS next fall.
- Mr. Heiar will take steps to improve the transition for the fourth graders’ parents as well. He will focus on this in the coming months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Mr. Bolin presented the minor changes that were made to the FY 2009-2010 Budget. Mr. Bolin moved to approve to post the amended Budget for public comment until May 25th at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a roll call vote. The Amended FY2009-2010 Budget is on display in the District office.

EDUCATION

Mrs. Stitt shared the preliminary plans for the District’s K-5 Reading, Writing and Math curriculums. Following Board review, they will be posted on the website for public comment until their proposed formal adoption May 25, 2010.

POLICY

Mr. Aronson moved to Adopt Policy:

7:310 Restrictions on Publications and Written or Electronic Material

Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Review of Policy:

5:320 Educational Support Personnel

The administration currently evaluates each classroom aide; they will begin annual reviews of other support staff this spring.

TRANSPORTATION

Illinois Central has taken possession of property on Willowbrook Road to use as their local offices and bus barn. Five members of their team had a meeting with secretaries from both buildings to answer questions and help with transition planning.

BUILDING

The Macktown Warriors Football Program presented plans and data to Mr. Barenbaum, Mr. Bolin and Mr. Rehl regarding possible use of our fields. Mr. Barenbaum moved that the Board make a tentative agreement with Macktown to allow them to move forward with their planning while a contract is prepared. Mr. Bolin seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Rehl received no FOIA requests this month.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Aronson moved to enter Closed Session for the purpose of appointment, employment, compensation, or dismissal of employees as mandated by Section 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), for the purpose of discussing student disciplinary cases as mandated by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), and for the purpose of discussing collective negotiating matters as mandated by Section 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote. The Board entered Closed Session at 7:17 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:22 p.m.

Mr. Bolin moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of Fulltime Educational Support Staff Marcie Johnson, Julie Tesluk, Howard Boggs and Colleen Bell. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Bolin moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of Part-Time Educational Support Staff Jill Dixon and Elise Bottensek. Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Bolin moved to dismiss Tracey Schmitz from her position as a paraprofessional. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Bolin moved to hire Michelle Haygen as a paraprofessional. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barenbaum made a motion to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. Mr. Bolin seconded the motion and the motion carried with all members present answering aye.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 25th at 6:30 p.m. at Willowbrook Middle School's library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Bolin, Secretary

TJ Larsen, President