

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

**May 31, 2011**

**6:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board President TJ Larsen called the Regular Board of Education meeting of May 31, 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, Mr. Cushing, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Servant and Mrs. Stitt. Also in attendance were Mr. Rehl, Superintendent, Mr. Michowski, Principal, Mr. Heiar, Principal, and Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Christofferson, Mrs. Norris and Mrs. Persekian representing the PHFT.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**RECEPTION OF COMMUNICATION AND AUDIENCE OF VISTORS**

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Martin read their letter to the Board requesting that Michelle Wright be kept on as their son's classroom aide. The Board will consider this during Closed Session.

David Eames presented his proposal for an Eagle Scout project that will improve the median strip at WMS by adding trees and other landscaping. The Board approved his proposal and he will do the work this summer.

Mrs. Larsen read letters of resignation from Elise Bottensek, Tina Graham, and Michelle Haygen.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Aronson made a motion to approve the April Treasurer's Report, Regular Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2011, April Imprest Fund, Closed Session Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2011, Special Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2011 and the April Student Activity Funds.

Mr. Bolin seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Aronson moved to approve the May bills and the May payroll. Mr. Bolin seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**PRINCIPALS' REPORT**

Mr. Heiar reported:

- A surprise assembly for Mr. Thorpe was a big success. Many family members and former co-workers appeared and the students performed several parodies of Mr. Thorpe that were great fun.

- The Fun Fair sponsored by the P.S.A. was very well attended and everyone had a great time. Many thanks to all the volunteers.
- Elizabeth Hand was the WREX Teacher-of-the-Week. Three 7<sup>th</sup> grade students nominated her and her recognition is well deserved. Congratulations, Mrs. Hand.
- The District had three winners of EcoLab grants. They are Mrs. Partlow, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Smith. Thank you to all the applicants for taking the initiative to enrich the programs we offer our students.
- Hall of History was very well done and the students really enjoyed sharing their work with staff and families that came. Thanks to Mrs. Books and Ms. Keilback.

Mr. Rehl reported that the assemblies at Prairie Hill for the retirees were very much fun and the “Chorus Line” was a hoot. Many tears were shed as well. Many thanks to all the staff who put these assemblies together.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE**

A public hearing on the revised FY11 Budget began at 7:00 p.m. The hearing ended at 7:02 p.m. Mr. Bolin moved to approve the revised FY11 Budget. Mr. Cushing seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

### **EDUCATION**

Mr. Bolin moved to hire Kevin Finnegan as Prairie Hill principal beginning July 1, 2011 at a base salary of \$66,000 for a 210 day contract. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Rehl made a brief statement recognizing the retirements of Mrs. Ciciora, Mrs. Titterton and Mr. Thorpe.

Class size projections were shared with the Board, and the Kindergarten registration is low.

Curricula for Physical Education, Art, and Music will be posted soon on the website for public comment.

The Social Studies and Science curricula have been available for comment for 90 days or more, and are ready for Board approval. Mr. Bolin moved to adopt these curricula. Mrs. Stitt seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **POLICY**

No Report this Month

### **TRANSPORTATION**

No Report this Month

## **BUILDING**

Mr. Rehl reported that the electrical work at Prairie Hill that was specified in the 10 year Life Safety survey has been completed.

Replacement of unit ventilators in some classrooms will create the opportunity to air condition the rooms with a central system. Mr. Rehl has requested pricing estimates by the June Board meeting.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Rehl received a FOIA request from Xerox for contract and pricing data for our copiers. This was fulfilled.

Mr. Bolin moved to name Jeff Aronson as the District's IASB Representative. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Rehl reported that Mike Duffy, the mayor of South Beloit, will open discussions on Impact Fees. Mr. Rehl will keep the Board updated.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:22 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), 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 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Bolin moved to accept the recommendations in the Personnel Report as follows:

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Recommendation to hire Justin Bonne as a full time Physical Education teacher. BA +0

## **RESIGNATIONS**

Recommendation to accept the resignation of Tina Graham effective June 6, 2011.

Recommendation to accept the resignation of Elise Bottensek effective June 6, 2011.

## **NON-RENEWALS OF NON-CERTIFIED STAFF**

Resolution to dismiss Samantha Gaffey effective June 6, 2011

Resolution to dismiss Michelle Wright effective June 6, 2011

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

Mr. Bolin moved to accept Michelle Haygen's resignation. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:33 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, June 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Willowbrook Middle School's library.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Jeff Aronson, Secretary**

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**TJ Larsen, President**