

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

June 29, 2010

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President TJ Larsen called the Regular Board of Education meeting of June 29, 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, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Servant, Mr. Sorenson and Mrs. Stitt. Mr. Bolin was absent. Also in attendance were Mr. Rehl, Superintendent, Mr. Michowski, Principal, Mr. Heiar, Principal, and Mrs. Ball 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. Terri Michelsen read a letter from herself and her husband advocating the reinstatement of Mrs. Wright and the Gifted and Talented program. She also shared a letter on the same subject from Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

Kerry Ptacin read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Byron in support of the gifted program and shared her own strong belief that the program be reinstated.

Melissa Middleton spoke on behalf of reinstating Mrs. Wright and the importance of gifted education for a portion of our students.

Mrs. Larsen read a letter from Alicia Sheriff resigning her position as aide.

Mrs. Larsen read a letter from Marilyn Hart resigning her position as lunch aide at Prairie Hill.

Mrs. Larsen read a letter from Faye Johnson stating her retirement from her position as Reading Recovery Specialist at the close of the 2009-2010 school year.

Mrs. Larsen read a thank you note from Mary Mackenthun for the gift the Board gave to mark her retirement.

Mrs. Larsen read a letter from Gene Gregoire announcing his plans to retire at the close of the 2012-2013 school year.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Barenbaum moved to enter Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employees as mandated by 5 ILCS 120/2(2)(1). Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a voice vote. Mr. Bolin was absent. The Meeting left Open Session at 6:48 p.m.

At 7:45 p.m., the Meeting returned to Open Session.

Mr. Barenbaum moved to direct Mr. Rehl to post an opening for a Fifth Grade teacher for upcoming year. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Mr. Barenbaum moved to direct Mr. Rehl to post an opening for a 100% time P.E. Teacher for the upcoming year. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Mr. Barenbaum moved to direct Mr. Rehl to post an opening for a 50% Reading Recovery position for the upcoming year. Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Mr. Barenbaum moved to re-instate Mrs. Amy Wright to her position as a 50% time Gifted and Talented teacher for the upcoming year. Mrs. Stitt seconded the motion which carried by the following vote: Mr. Aronson aye; Mr. Barenbaum Aye; Mrs. Servant aye; Mrs. Stitt aye, Mrs. Larsen aye; Mr. Sorenson abstained. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Mrs. Servant moved to re-instate Mrs. Julie Tesluk as Librarian at Prairie Hill for the upcoming year. Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Mr. Barenbaum moved to re-instate Mrs. Marcy Johnson as Librarian at Willowbrook for the upcoming year. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Mr. Barenbaum moved to re-instate Mrs. Colleen Bell as District Secretary for the upcoming year. Mrs. Stitt seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Aronson made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2010, May Treasurer's Report, June bills, June payroll, May Imprest Fund, and May Student Activity Funds as presented. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion and the motion carried by a roll call vote with all Board members present saying aye. Mr. Bolin was absent.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Mr. Michowski reported:

- Training on the new Math program at Prairie Hill had been conducted and went very well. Copies were made of the presentation for teachers who were unable to attend.
- A substitute teacher has been arranged to cover Mrs. Coomer's maternity leave.
- Ms. Long will have a student teacher working with her this fall.

- Prairie Hill and Willowbrook will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress testing this coming year. This testing is not evaluative of our students in particular; it is merely gathering nation-wide progress data.
- Barb Murray presented Prairie Hill with a certificate from the Girl Scout Regional Office congratulating us on having 49% of all eligible girls participating in Girl Scouts.
- PSA members and the Administrators re-mulched the Prairie Hill playground on June 26th. It was a lot of work, but looks great for the new year.

Mr. Heiar reported:

- A maternity sub has been arranged for Kim Andrews.
- Mrs. Turek's ESM class made a yearbook highlighting their service learning activities.
- The PSA purchased 8 swings for WMS. Parents are invited to help with their installation in July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Mr. Sorenson moved to Appoint Julia Saunders as District Treasurer for FY11 and to increase her salary by 3%. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a roll call vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Mr. Sorenson moved to purchase a Surety Bond to cover the District Treasurer for FY11. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Mr. Aronson moved to increase salaries for all eligible non-certified staff by 3% for FY11. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Mr. Sorenson moved to approve Blackhawk Bank as the District's Bank for FY11. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Mr. Barenbaum moved to approve contracts for Mr. Heiar and Mr. Michowski. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

EDUCATION

Mr. Rehl shared the enrollment numbers for grades K-4. Four sections of each grade level is recommended based on these numbers.

Mr. Barenbaum moved to approve the distance proposed to be travelled by the Band/Choir trip to Cincinnati in the upcoming year. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Mr. Aronson moved to accept Marilyn Hart's resignation. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried by a unanimously voice vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Mr. Aronson moved to accept Alicia Sheriff's resignation. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Mr. Aronson moved to accept Faye Johnson's retirement. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Mr. Sorenson moved to hire Larry Hoffman as part-time summer help at \$18 per hour for 4 hours per day. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried by a roll call vote as follows: Mr. Aronson aye; Mr. Barenbaum aye; Mrs. Larsen aye; Mrs. Servant aye; Mr. Sorenson aye; Mrs. Stitt abstained. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Mr. Sorenson moved to hire Brad DalSanto as part-time summer help at \$8.25 per hour for 4 hours per day. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried by a roll call vote as follows: Mr. Aronson aye; Mr. Barenbaum aye; Mrs. Larsen aye; Mrs. Servant aye; Mr. Sorenson aye; Mrs. Stitt abstained. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Mr. Aronson moved to approve the Calendar of Regular School Board meetings for FY11. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

POLICY

Mr. Aronson moved to approve the First Reading of the following policies:

- 4:30 Revenue and Investments
- 4:60 Purchases and Contracts
- 4:90 Activity Funds
- 4:110 Transportation
- 4:170 Safety
- 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- 5:30 General Personnel
- 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
- 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Mr. Aronson moved to approve the Second Reading of the following policies:

- 6:60 Curriculum Content
- 7:240 Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities

Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a voice vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

These policies were reviewed:

- 8:20-E Application and Procedures for Use of School Facilities
- 7:300 Extracurricular Athletics

TRANSPORTATION

No Report this month.

BUILDING

The specifics of the District's Agreement with the Macktown Warriors football program have yet to be finalized. Upon receiving Board input, Mr. Barenbaum will prepare a written agreement.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Rehl received no FOIA requests this month.

The Parent-Teacher Committee met and reviewed the Student Handbook. Their suggestions are being incorporated into the Handbook.

The Joint Board Meeting that was attended by Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Stitt and Mr. Bolin contained less substantive discussion and information than was hoped.

Mrs. Bell presented the report from the Prairie Hill Securing Tomorrow's Educational Priorities Today Foundation.

OLD BUSINESS

None this Month

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Barenbaum moved to enter Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employees as mandated by 5 ILCS 120/2(2)(1). Mrs. Stitt seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a voice vote. Mr. Bolin was absent. The Meeting left Open Session at 9:05 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barenbaum moved to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a voice vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held Tuesday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Willowbrook Middle School's library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Bolin, Secretary

TJ Larsen, President