

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

July 26, 2011

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President TJ Larsen called the Regular Board of Education meeting of July 26, 2011 to order at 6:34 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. Finnegan, Principal, Mr. Heiar, Principal, and Mr. Rogers 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 Nicole Conetzky.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Bolin made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2011, June Imprest Fund, Closed Session Meeting Minutes of April 26 and June 28, 2011, July Payment of bills, July Payroll, and the June Student Activity Funds. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Mr. Heiar reported:

- The State of Illinois has certified that Willowbrook is making Adequate Yearly Progress, based on student test scores, attendance and other qualities.
- Mr. Heiar spoke of two candidates he is recommending that the Board hire: Erin Turek and Richard Klein.

Mr. Finnegan reported:

- Prairie Hill made AYP as this past year.
- Mr. Finnegan spoke of Jenny Phimmachak and Amy Mylin, two candidates he is recommending for employment at PHS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Mr. Bolin moved to raise Julia Saunders' salary as District Treasurer by 3% for FY 2012. Mr. Cushing seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Rehl presented a FY12 Budget summary; the full Budget will be presented at the August 23rd Board Meeting.

Mr. Bolin moved to adopt the Resolution on Fund Balances in accordance with GASB 54. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried by Mr. Aronson, Mr. Barenbaum, Mr. Bolin, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Stitt and Mrs. Servant voting aye. Mr. Cushing abstained.

Mr. Cushing and Mr. Bolin expressed some disappointment with the customer service provided by our auditors and may explore the use of other firms.

Mr. Bolin moved to adopt the Resolution for Membership in the Prairie State Insurance Cooperative. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

EDUCATION

Mr. Bolin moved to approve the Personnel Report as follows:

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EMPLOYMENT:

Recommendation to hire Amy Mylin as 50%-time Reading Recovery teacher at PHS, BA+0, Step 0

Recommendation to hire Erin Turek as a full-time Special Ed teacher at WMS, BA +0 Step 3

Recommendation to hire Jenny Phimmachak as a 50%-time Gifted and Talented teacher at PHS, BA+0, Step 0.

Recommendation to hire Danielle Zoeller as part-time Language Arts teacher at WMS, BA + 0, Step 0 and as part-time WMS Librarian at \$9.00 per hour.

Recommendation to hire Richard Klein as a full-time para-professional at WMS for \$9.50 per hour.

Recommendation to hire Justin Bonne as JV Boys Basketball Coach

Recommendation to hire Justin Bonne as Renaissance Co-Coordinator

Recommendation to hire Heather McIlwain as Quiz Bowl Timekeeper

Recommendation to hire Michelle Wright as a full-time paraprofessional at \$9.50 per hour, to work for the WCSEC.

RESIGNATION:

Nicole Conetzky

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

Class size projections were shared with the Board, and the Kindergarten registration is currently at 61 students.

Mr. Rehl shared ideas from the Education Committee regarding increased communication with parents about school events, improving teacher homework pages, and adding a blog from the Superintendent once per month.

POLICY

Mr. Aronson moved to approve the Second Reading of, and to Adopt Policy:
3:70 Succession of Authority

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

TRANSPORTATION

There will be a meeting with Illinois Central and the area Superintendents Thursday, July 28th.

BUILDING

Mr. Rehl was given a rough cost estimate of \$750,000 to fully air condition Prairie Hill. The Board will consider this. In preparation for this school year, Mr. Rehl was instructed to look at other options to cool the building, including leased equipment.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Rehl received no FOIA requests this month.

Mr. Bolin moved that Mr. Rehl destroy Closed Session meeting tapes from August 2009 – January 2010. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Tesluk reported a very large increase in the number of books checked out from the PHS library in the past year versus previous years.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:50 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 ILSC 120/2(c)(2), Mr. Bolin seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

The Board entered Open Session at 8:50 p.m.

Mr. Bolin moved to adopt a new Grading Scale District-wide, as follows:

A = 94-100

B = 85-93

C = 75-84

D = 65-74

F = 64 and below.

Mrs. Stitt seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Barenbaum moved to approve the Employment Contract between the District and the PHFT as presented to the Board, and to instruct Mr. Rehl sign the contract should it be approved by the PHFT. Mr. Bolin seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 p.m., Mr. Barenbaum moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Stitt seconded and the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Willowbrook Middle School's library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Aronson, Secretary

TJ Larsen, President