

**PRAIRIE HILL COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 133**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 26, 2010**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board President TJ Larsen called the Regular Board of Education meeting of October 26, 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, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Servant, and Mr. Sorenson. Mr. Bolin, Mr. Barenbaum and Mrs. Stitt were absent. Also in attendance were Mr. Rehl, Superintendent, Mr. Michowski, Principal, Mr. Heiar, Principal, and Mrs. Julian, Mrs. Ball, Mr. Thorpe and Mr. Gregoire 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. Donald Benning from Benning Group, LLC, presented a review of the 2009-2010 District Audit.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Aronson made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2010, September Treasurer's Report, September Imprest Fund, and the September Student Activity Funds as presented. Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Bolin, Mr. Barenbaum and Mrs. Stitt were absent.

Mr. Aronson moved to approve the October bills and October payroll as presented. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Bolin, Mr. Barenbaum and Mrs. Stitt were absent.

**PRINCIPALS' REPORT**

Mr. Heiar reported:

- Shelley Wagner was awarded a grant by the Illinois Retired Teachers Association for \$300. The grant will used to purchase age-appropriate but readable books for lower level readers.
- Ms. Dani Zoeller, who is Mrs. Andrews' maternity sub, is celebrating National Novel Writing Month. She has 25 students meeting with her after school to write novels.
- The Boy's Basketball teams have been chosen and will open their season with the "Blue and White Game" where last year's Varsity comes back to play against this year's Varsity. Proceeds from this game will go towards a new scholarship offered by the Boosters for former Prairie Hill students who continued in athletics at Hononegah and are planning to attend college.

- Concerts last week were well-attended and very nice to listen to.
- A Character Assembly was held at WMS. The program, presented by Chris Fascione, emphasized good character and held the students rapt.
- Explore testing, which is used by Hononegah for high school placement, will be given to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders on 10/27.
- The Halloween Dance had a huge turnout and lots of parent volunteer chaperones. Lots of fun was had by all.

Mr. Michowski reported:

- Fire Prevention Week was spearheaded by Kelly Rogers who developed a curriculum that was very informative and prepared the children well for the week's culminating activity, a presentation on the Great Chicago Fire. The presenters complimented the PHS students on their behavior, and the staff on the event's organization and thorough preparation of students
- The Jog-A-Thon met the PSA's fundraising goal. Exact figures will be forthcoming.
- Movie Night was held with over 200 attendees. This was a 100% increase over last year. The movie shown in the PHS Gym was "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs", and the event's success has ensured its inclusion in next year's event calendar.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE**

Mr. Sorenson reported that the Coop has decided to stop holding its annual meeting as a dinner buffet. Costs were becoming overly burdensome and attendance didn't warrant the effort and expense. Board of Education members are still encouraged to attend the annual meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

A brief discussion of making Board meeting materials available electronically was held. Concern for wasted paper and inefficiency was mentioned. Further discussion of this issue will follow.

### **EDUCATION**

Mr. Rehl presented a summary of the National Learning Standards. He was pleased with what the Federal government has designed. Mr. Rehl assured the Board that the District's current curriculum already covers all the points in the National Learning Standards; our curriculum includes many more targets.

Mr. Sorenson moved to hire Elise Bottensek as a 50% time paraprofessional at PHS for \$8.50 per hour. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Mr. Bolin, Mr. Barenbaum and Mrs. Stitt were absent.

Mr. Sorenson moved to hire Michelle Wright as a Full-time Paraprofessional at PHS for \$8.50 per hour. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Bolin, Mr. Barenbaum and Mrs. Stitt were absent.

## **POLICY**

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

- 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest
- 2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
- 3:40 Superintendent
- 4:50 Payment Procedures
- 4:110 Transportation
- 4:160 Environmental Quality of Building and Grounds
- 5:100 Staff Development Program
- 5:190 Teacher Qualifications
- 5:280 Educational Support Personnel – Duties and Qualification
- 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 7:180 Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:190 Student Discipline
- 7:240 Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
- 7:285 Food Allergy Management Program
- 7:300 Extracurricular Athletics

Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote. Mr. Bolin, Mr. Barenbaum and Mrs. Stitt were absent.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. Rehl has given contract and bid information to our attorneys to review in case legal recourse should be needed against Illinois Central.

## **BUILDING**

No Report this month

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Rehl received a FOIA request from Cook Illinois Bus Company requesting records surrounding the transportation bid presented by Illinois Central, insurance documentation, and other documents associated with the District's contract with Illinois Central. Mr. Rehl will supply the requested materials.

Mr. Sorenson moved to designate Ted Rehl, Marilyn Kraus and Colleen Bell to receive election paperwork. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote. Mr. Bolin, Mr. Barenbaum and Mrs. Stitt were absent.

Mr. Aronson moved to destroy closed session meeting tapes from the following dates:

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| March 30, 2004  | March 29, 2005 | February 27, 2007 |
| May 25, 2004    | April 20, 2005 | July 31, 2007     |
| July 27, 2004   | June 28, 2005  | May 28, 2008      |
| August 31, 2004 |                |                   |

Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote. Mr. Bolin, Mr. Barenbaum and Mrs. Stitt were absent.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The first community/staff anti-bullying meeting was held. Minutes have been distributed to the Board and the next meeting of the committee is: November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 at Willowbrook.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

There was no Closed Session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Sorenson moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote. Mr. Bolin, Mr. Barenbaum and Mrs. Stitt were absent.

**The next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at Willowbrook Middle School's library.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Nathan Bolin, Secretary**

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**TJ Larsen, President**