

PRAIRIE HILL COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 133
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 24, 2009
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President T.J. Larsen called the Regular Board of Education meeting of November 24, 2009 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, Mr. Sorenson and Mrs. Stitt. Also in attendance were Mr. Rehl, Superintendent, Mr. Michowski, Principal, Mr. Heiar, Principal, and Carrie Wallyn, Michelle Mathewson and Emily Breakfield representing PHFT. Mrs. Servant was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

RECEPTION OF COMMUNICATION AND AUDIENCE OF VISTORS

Thank you notes received from Mrs. Blecker and Mrs. Williams.

A letter was read from Kim Andrews notifying the board of her intention to resign as JV Soccer Coach. Mrs. Froman will coach the JV on her own next fall.

A donation of printers from Stateline Instrument Repair was gratefully accepted by the Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Bukowski were present and asked to address the board.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Bolin made a motion to enter into closed session for discussion of personnel matters at 6:35. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a voice vote.

At 7:12 the Board returned to Open session.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sorenson made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2009, October Treasurer's Report, October Imprest Fund, and October Student Activity Funds as presented. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion and the motion carried by a roll call vote with all Board members present saying aye. There were no opposing votes. Mrs. Servant was absent.

After discussion of the November Bills, and removing check number 21146 – Carroll Seating - Mr. Bolin moved to approve the November Bills, November Payroll, Closed Session Minutes of October 26, 2009 and the September 29, 2009 minutes as corrected. Mr. Barenbaum seconded and the motion carried by a roll call vote with all members present answering aye. There were no opposing votes. Mrs. Servant was absent.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Mr. Michowski reported that Maureen Ciciora, Shannon Anderson and Jaci Coomer are pursuing the Golden Apple. The Board is very proud of them and wishes them luck in this process. H1N1 vaccinations were administered today at PHS and WMS. Cookies provided by the PSA cheered up some reluctant students.

There are new Federal programs coming to the district in the future that will attempt to make testing standards more uniform across the country.

Mr. Heiar reported that Linda Julian was the WREX Teacher of the Week! She was nominated by student Kyle Wright and was interviewed on television.

Attendance has been better than last month.

The "Soft lock down drill" was very informative and went very smoothly.

Several Choir students performed at NIU at the Illinois Music Educator's Association Regional concert.

November 7th the Varsity Basketball team won the Sterling tournament.

Cassidy Brandt sang the National Anthem at a home B Ball game and wowed everyone with her terrific singing.

December 15th will be the dedication of the "George A. Palmer Gymnasium" at 5:15 p.m. at Willowbrook.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Mr. Bolin moved to accept the Resolution to permanently transfer lease levy funds to Fund 20. Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion which passed by a roll call vote with all members present answering aye. Mrs. Servant was absent.

Mr. Bolin moved to accept the Resolution to transfer \$200,000 from the Education Fund to the Operation and Maintenance Fund. Mrs. Stitt seconded the motion which passed by a roll call vote with all members present answering aye. Mrs. Servant was absent.

Mr. Don Benning from the Benning Group presented a draft of the FY09 District audit. Mr. Bolin moved to accept the audit with the changes outlined by Mr. Benning. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which passed by a roll call vote with all members present answering aye. Mrs. Servant was absent.

Mr. Rehl presented the bids for snow removal. Three companies submitted bids. The low bidder was JD Construction at \$55 per hour per truck and \$5 per bag for salt. Mr. Aronson moved to award the FY10 Snow Removal contract to JD Construction. Mr. Bolin seconded the motion which passed by a roll call vote with all members present answering aye. Mrs. Servant was absent.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met with Mr. Rehl, Mr. Heiar, Mr. Michowski, Traci Hill and Becky Christofferson to discuss the progress of the curriculum mapping effort. They are pushing to get the process to the point where information can be shared with the community.

Mr. Bolin moved to accept Mrs. Andrew's resignation as assistant JV soccer coach. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which passed by a roll call vote with all members present answering aye. Mrs. Servant was absent.

POLICY

Jeff Aronson moved to approve the Second Reading of the following Policies:

- 2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board
- 2:40 Board Member Qualifications
- 2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
- 3:40 Superintendent
- 4:30 Revenue and Investments
- 4:40 Incurring Debt
- 4:100 Insurance Management
- 4:110 Transportation
- 4:140 Waiver of Student Fees
- 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 5:100 Staff Development Program
- 5:120 Ethics
- 5:250 Professional Personnel – Leaves of Absence
- 5:280 Educational Support Personnel – Duties and Qualifications
- 5:330 Educational Support Personnel – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves
- 6:110 Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program
- 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
- 7:190 Student Discipline
- 7:240 Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
- 7:300 Extracurricular Athletics
- 8:100 Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies

Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which passed by a roll call vote with all members present answering aye. Mrs. Servant was absent.

TRANSPORTATION

No Report this month.

BUILDING

No Report this month.

MISCELLANEOUS

A Board Self-Evaluation Training will be held in January; members are asked to check availability for January 12th at 6:00.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bolin moved to approve destruction of tape recordings of closed session meetings dated prior to May 1, 2008. Dates of tapes to be destroyed pending Board approval:

1/25/2005; 2/22/2005; 3/29/2005; 7/26/2005; 8/30/2005; 9/29/2005; 10/25/2005;
5/30/2006; 6/27/2006; 7/25/2006; 8/29/2006; 9/28/2006;
2/27/2007; 3/22/2007; 5/29/2007; 6/26/2007; 7/21/2007; 8/28/2007; 9/27/2007;
10/30/2007; 11/27/2007; and
4/29/2008.

Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which passed by a roll call vote with all members present answering aye. Mrs. Servant was absent. The tapes from those meeting dates will be destroyed.

Mr. Rehl has two parent volunteers for the Parent-Teacher Committee. They are Dia Rini and David Wright. Two teacher volunteers are being selected. The first meeting will be in January.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bolin made a motion to adjourn at 8:50p.m. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion and the motion carried with all members present answering aye. Mrs. Servant was absent.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m. at Willowbrook Middle School's library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Bolin, Secretary

TJ Larsen, President