

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

CALL TO ORDER

Board President TJ Larsen called the Regular Board of Education meeting of November 30, 2010 to order at 6:32 p.m. with a roll call vote and the following members answered aye to signify their presence: Mr. Aronson, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Servant, Mr. Sorenson, Mr. Bolin, Mr. Barenbaum and Mrs. Stitt. Also in attendance were Mr. Rehl, Superintendent, Mr. Michowski, Principal, Mr. Heiar, Principal, and Mrs. Froman, Mrs. Mayer, and Mrs. Hatfield 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. Jess Poppe addressed the Board with a request from the parents of Mrs. Pickle's 1st grade class to be allowed to purchase and install a window air conditioner for Mrs. Pickle's room. The Board will examine costs and respond at the December Board meeting.

Mr. David Kurlinkus, community member and Hononegah High School Board member, spoke, expressing his appreciation for the fine students being produced by the District.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Bolin made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2010, October Treasurer's Report, October Imprest Fund, the October Student Activity Funds, November bills and November payroll as presented. Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Mr. Michowski reported:

- The P.S.A. has arranged for a speaker to make an anti-bullying presentation at PHS and WMS next week.
- Ms. Emily Peterson will be a student teacher for Traci Hill in the spring of 2011. She came very highly recommended.
- The K-2 Holiday Concert will be held on December 9th at Prairie Hill. Mrs. Julian will also bring the WMS choir over to perform for the PHS students later in December.

Mr. Heiar reported:

- Mr. Heiar attended a reception for all Golden Apple nominees. He is very proud of the teachers nominated: Kelli Houghton, Linda Julian, Laurie Mayer, Kim Hatfield, Gene Gregoire, Elizabeth Hand, Amanda Books, Erin Turek and Danielle Zoeller.
- The Fifth grade had an informative visit on Native American Life from the Burpee Museum. It was a very interactive, hands-on lesson and was enjoyed by all.
- WMS hosted the Junior Elementary Music Festival on November 13th. This event involved 23 schools and more than 200 students. The children learned folk dancing, drumming, bells and other types of musical expression. Many thanks to Mrs. Julian and Mr. Gregoire for running the event.
- Student Council ran a food drive that collected over 500 items. They were featured in the Rockford Register Star in a great photo with their “turkey sculpture”.
- The Winnebago County coroner, Sue Fidducia, addressed 8th graders in a very impactful presentation showing car crashes and similar accidents that can result from drinking and driving.
- Mrs. Hand won a \$545 grant from U.S. Cellular for her project to “Save Snail Mail”. 7th graders and 3rd graders will meet and then be pen pals to help save the art of written correspondence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

The District’s Budget is on track for the year in relation to State Aid payments.

The Levy for FY 2012 was discussed and will be voted on at the December 14th meeting.

Mr. Sorenson moved to adopt a resolution to make permanent transfers as follows:

\$65,000 from Fund 10 to Fund 50

\$21,488.52 from Fund 10 to Fund 80

\$500,000 from Fund 10 to Fund 20.

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

EDUCATION

Mr. Rehl discussed committee work that is currently underway. There is a technology committee, a teacher evaluation committee, a bullying committee, and a report card committee. Reports will be made on their progress when appropriate.

POLICY

Mr. Aronson moved to approve the Second Reading of the following policies and add them to the policy manual:

- 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.

TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Rehl has planned a meeting between the area superintendents and the president of Illinois Central Bus Company to discuss any remaining issues.

BUILDING

No Report this month

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Rehl received no FOIA request this month.

Mr. Rehl will invite Board candidates to upcoming meetings so they will become versed in District concerns prior to their election.

OLD BUSINESS

No report yet from the Energy Audit.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Bolin moved to enter Closed Session for the purposes of discussing collective negotiating matters as mandated by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) and to discuss pending litigation as mandated by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote. The meeting left open session at 7:20 p.m.

At 8:07 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

Mr. Bolin moved to offer (1) one personal day to teachers who are volunteering to participate on District-wide committees. The personal day must be used this school year. Due to special circumstances, this agreement temporarily suspends section 11.8 of the Teacher Contract requiring hourly compensation for District Committee participation. There is no requirement that a teacher be expected to continue participation on a given committee if they are not in agreement with this compromise. A list of participants will be published and made available to the School Board and the PHFT. Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sorenson moved to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at Willowbrook Middle School's library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Bolin, Secretary

TJ Larsen, President