

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

**August 24, 2010**

**6:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board President TJ Larsen called the Regular Board of Education meeting of August 24, 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. Bolin, Mr. Barenbaum, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Servant, Mr. Sorenson and Mrs. Stitt. Also in attendance were Mr. Rehl, Superintendent, Mr. Michowski, Principal, Mr. Heiar, Principal, and Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Books and Mrs. Keilback representing the PHFT.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**RECEPTION OF COMMUNICATION AND AUDIENCE OF VISTORS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Aronson made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2010, July Treasurer's Report, August bills, August payroll, July Imprest Fund, and the July PHS 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.

**PRINCIPALS' REPORT**

Mr. Michowski reported:

- PHS Back-to-School Night was very well attended but also stiflingly hot. Parents and children really appreciated the chance to bring their supplies to school early and get to see their teachers.
- 23 new students have enrolled at PHS for this year.
- A Reading Recovery training course is being taken by Danielle Sage, Shannon Anderson and Amy Wright.

Mr. Heiar reported:

- Volleyball Tryouts were held and all students who tried out will be involved; either as a player or team managers.
- Soccer try-outs will be held August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at PHS.
- Macktown football program is using the fields; Wes feels that although the turf is being smashed down a bit, the work Macktown does in the Fall will make up for it.
- September 7<sup>th</sup> Mr. Rhines and Mr. Heiar will hold a Sportsmanship Assembly as they do each year. They use the opportunity to reinforce expectations and encourage participation in Athletic programs and events.
- The Jog-A-Thon is planned for September 17. An All-School Assembly will be held prior to boost enthusiasm for this PSA Fundraiser.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE**

Mr. Sorenson moved to post the FY11 District Budget in the District Office for 30 days. Mrs. Stitt seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote. The Budget will be on display until 3:30 p.m. on September 27, 2010.

Mr. Sorenson moved to approve the Resolution to appoint Mr. Rehl to prepare the Draft Financial Report. Mrs. Stitt seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Sorenson moved to hire Mrs. Jacqueline Thompson as a full-time Fifth Grade teacher, BA+0, Step 0. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Barenbaum moved to hire Ms. Jessica Levan as full-time P.E. Teacher at PHS, BA+0, Step 0. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Sorenson moved to hire Andrea Wood as full-time Custodian at \$8.25 per hour.

### **EDUCATION**

Mr. Rehl is working with teachers on curriculum and will keep to the schedule he shared with the Education committee.

Mr. Bolin moved to hire Samantha Gaffey as full-time para-professional at Willowbrook for \$8.50 per hour. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Barenbaum moved to hire Amy Sorenson as a lunch aide at WMS at \$8.25 per hour. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which passed by a roll call vote with Mr. Aronson, Mr. Bolin, Mr. Barenbaum, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Stitt, and Mrs. Servant answering aye. Mr. Sorenson abstained.

Mr. Sorenson moved to hire Susan Sterr as a lunch aide at PHS for \$8.25 per hour. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

### **POLICY**

Mr. Aronson moved to incorporate  
4:80 Operational Services  
into the District Policy manual.

Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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

2:160 Board Attorney

4:140 Waiver of Student Fees

5:190 Professional Personnel – Teacher Qualifications

5:250 Professional Personnel – Leaves of Absence

5:270 ESP – Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment

5:280 ESP – Duties and Qualifications

- 5:330 ESP – Sick Days, Vacations, Holidays, and Leaves
- 6:130 Program for the Gifted
- 6:140 Education of Homeless Children
- 6:280 Grading and Promotion
- 7:40 Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students
- 7:90 Release During School Hours
- 7:150 Agency and Police Interviews
- 7:325 Student Fund-Raising Activities
- 8:80 Gifts to the District

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

### **TRANSPORTATION**

There have been complaints from several families about a lack of communication from Illinois Central. Mr. Rehl has reached out to parents and will take their calls and follow up on their concerns. He will ride buses each day this week to meet with parents and help bus drivers with their routes.

A meeting has been set for the week of September 20<sup>th</sup> for Mrs. Servant and Mr. Rehl to meet with Illinois Central to discuss any outstanding issues.

### **BUILDING**

No Report this month.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Rehl received no FOIA requests this month.

Mr. Barenbaum moved to place the following Closed Session Meeting Minutes into Regular Meeting Minutes:

- November 25, 2003
- June 27, 2006
- October 30, 2007
- August 11, 2009
- September 29, 2009
- June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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

Mr. Sorenson moved to approve the WCSEC Policy Resolution. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

**CLOSED SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Barenbaum moved to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a voice vote.

**The next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 28 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**