

PRAIRIE HILL COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 133
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2010
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President TJ Larsen called the Regular Board of Education meeting of September 28, 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. Barenbaum, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Servant, Mr. Sorenson and Mrs. Stitt. Mr. Bolin was absent. Also in attendance were Mr. Rehl, Superintendent, Mr. Michowski, Principal, Mr. Heiar, Principal, and Mrs. Partlow, and Mrs. Mayer 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 from Jaci Coomer requesting maternity leave.

FY 2010-2011 BUDGET HEARING

Beginning Time 6:33 p.m. Concluded 6:35p.m.

At the conclusion of the Budget Review for 2010-2011, Mr. Aronson moved to approve the Budget. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Bolin was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Bolin arrived at 6:40.

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

Mr. Aronson moved to approve the September bills and September payroll as presented. Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Mr. Heiar reported:

- Mr. Nick Blicht is a student teacher who has been working with Mr. Thorpe since the beginning of the year and is doing very well. He is running a Dodgeball tournament at WMS next week.
- Ms. Lisa Koch will be a Student Teacher in the spring, working with Sarah Burk.

- The first Fire Drill of the year went smoothly, only taking a little over 2 minutes to clear the building.
- The Rebecca Caudill Reading program will kick off with showings of student videos about the featured books. Many students volunteered to do these projects; Mr. Heiar can't wait to see the results.
- The Burpee Museum's Animal Encounters program visited the 5th grade today. The children got up close and personal with amphibians, invertebrates, reptiles, and other creatures.
- Soccer and Volleyball seasons are winding down; Boys Basketball try-outs are next week.
- Student Council Elections were held last week. The candidates gave excellent speeches in an assembly for the entire school. The officers are:
Megan Magee, President
Emily Rini, Vice-President
Erin Markley, Treasurer
Sarah Stitt, Secretary

Mr. Michowski reported:

- Fire Prevention Week will culminate on the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, with a presentation by an expert on the event.
- Institute Day last week featured a visit by the Curriculum Mapper speaker who has worked with the District in the past. The challenge of converting the mapping already done in line with the Illinois Learning Standards to the new requirements of Common Core Standards was discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Mr. Bolin moved to hire Lana Darin as a PHS Lunch Aide at \$8.25 per hour. Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Bolin moved to hire Linnea Moist and Melanie Steen as part-time nurses at WMS at \$18 per hour. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Bolin moved to approve the Annual Compensation Report. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

EDUCATION

Mr. Rehl presented a summary of research on what makes a good reading curriculum. He will share this Power Point with any interested parents on the nights of conferences. The Board is happy that the Administration is continually striving to improve instruction and working with teachers to challenge them to do their best.

Mr. Barenbaum moved to hire Nick Blich as the JV Boys Basketball coach. Mr. Bolin seconded the motion which carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Barenbaum moved to hire Michelle Wright as a classroom aide at PHS for \$8.25 per hour, should a particular student be determined to need a one-on-one aide. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

POLICY

Mr. Aronson moved to approve the Second Reading of the following policies and to incorporate them into the District Policy Manual:

- 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
- 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 roll call vote.

TRANSPORTATION

The Rockton school district prepared materials outlining grounds for a breach of contract suit against Illinois Central. The letter sent to Illinois Central has been shared with all the members of the transportation coop. The Board is hopeful that Illinois Central will quickly address the areas of concern before any legal recourse becomes necessary.

BUILDING

The recent Life Safety Audit mentioned some small things that need to be corrected. The custodial staff will take care of them.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Rehl received a FOIA request from First Student 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 has supplied the requested materials.

Nominating papers are available for the School Board election. Interested candidates may pick up a packet from the District Office.

Mr. Bolin moved that Mr. Rehl submit the ISBE Recognition of Schools application for this year. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:18 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), after a five minute break. Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:55 p.m. At 8:56, Mr. Aronson moved to Adjourn. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Willowbrook Middle School's library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Bolin, Secretary

TJ Larsen, President