

Prairie du Chien Area School District

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRAIRIE DU CHIEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public notice is hereby given as required by law that a Meeting of the Prairie du Chien Board of Education will convene on **January 11, 2021** in the Prairie du Chien High School PAC, 800 East Crawford St., Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, 6:30 p.m. Matters to be taken up, discussed and acted upon at this meeting are as follows:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Lonnie Achenbach at 6:32 p.m.

Present BOE Members:

Lonnie Achenbach

Nick Gilberts

Cassie Hubanks

Lynn O'Kane

Tom Peterson

Michael Higgins, Jr.

Duane Rogers

Absent BOE Members:

None

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Hubanks and seconded by Gilberts to accept the Agenda. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

IV. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

A. Adrienne Udelhoven

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

(The School Board may approve all items with one motion or any Board Member can simply request to remove certain items for later discussion)

A. Approval of Payment

(The Prairie du Chien Board of Education does hereby accept and agree to pay invoices for the last month as presented, included are dated bills to avoid late charges.)

B. Approval of Minutes

1. 12.03.2020 Special Board Meeting
2. 12.14.2020 Regular Board Meeting

C. Personnel

1. Resignation

- a) Kaila Slaght-Life Skills Teacher's Aide
- b) Elizabeth Ramos-District CNA
- c) Lindsey Ariss-Freshmen Volleyball Coach
- d) Jennifer Miller- B.A. Kennedy Teacher's Aide
- e) Madison Wagner-JV Volleyball Coach

2. Approval

- a) Gracie Ferries-Substitute Teacher

Motion by Higgins, Jr. and seconded by Gilberts to approve Consent Agenda Items.
Passed unanimously with all in favor.

VI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

VII. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

(These are listed for reference, but will not be read off at meeting to expedite the agenda)

A. Upcoming Meetings and Board Items

1. 01.25.2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting 6:30 p.m. High School
2. 02.08.2021 Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. High School
3. 02.22.2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting 6:30 p.m. High School

B. Information Items

1. 01.20.21-01.22.21 WI State Education Convention, Virtually

VIII. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION (action if appropriate)

A. Superintendent/Building Administrator's Report/Presentation

1. District

- a) One of the B.A. Kennedy boilers is down, more information will be presented at Committee of the Whole meeting.
- b) Mike Liddell is working on program for bringing more students into Alternative Ed program. Protocols will be presented in March.
- c) Seven staff are retiring and they are going to be hard to replace. Thank you to the number of years they have been here. You are tremendous people.

2. High School

- a) Students are back to hybrid schedules and everything is going successfully.
- b) Junior ACT practice is 1/13/21 and is required for students to come in. 3/9/21 is the ACT test.
- c) Final exams week is 2 day testing for cohorts. Students with grades below C's will come in all week.

d) Students will be looking at next year's classes at the end of the month.

3. Bluff View Middle School

a) 150 students in building, 75 during virtual time.

b) Lockers will be available starting next week.

c) Feature Artist program, each week, will feature a student artist's work in the cafeteria. Virtual Art Show information is going out and link will be sent out end of February.

d) MS play practice is starting, MS sports started this week, and Solo Ensemble will be happening.

e) Still in need of custodians. Staff is trying to help out when they can.

4. Bluff View Elementary

a) Teacher's Aides are helping during virtual learning; running students material to students, and transporting students to/from school during virtual learning.

b) Teachers are meeting with families at different times and adjusting their schedules during virtual learning.

c) Custodians are doing a great job even though they are short handed.

d) 4th grade staff are working on sending out Standards Base Grading letters to parents.

e) 2nd grade core teachers received movable smart boards and laptops. Theirs were in poor shape.

f) Some specials teachers received laptops that will help students and staff.

5. B.A. Kennedy

a) Great to have kids back. A lot of what is happening at Bluff View Elementary is happening at B.A. Kennedy with staff and students.

b) Staff are looking at student progress for when they start 3rd quarter.

B. Community Connections and Celebrations

IX. OLD BUSINESS (action if appropriate)

X. NEW BUSINESS (action if appropriate)

A. Any items removed from Consent Agenda for further discussion

B. Grants & Donations read into record and approved (if any)

1. 62 hats and 92 pairs of gloves were donated by Adams Auction and Real Estate and Wildwood Tree Service.

2. Joe and Sharon Atkins donated money to Pick a Pack Program.

3. Karen Moris donated money to the PTO through the 3M Foundation for a volunteer match program.

4. Cory Koenig donated children's clothes to Bluff View School.

5. First Lutheran Church of McGregor donated money to Bluff View School to be used for socks, boots, clothes, shoes etc. for students.
6. Barb Ames donated art supplies to Bluff View.
7. Brenda Anderson donated masks to Bluff View.
8. Gregory and Diane Steger donated money to Bluff View School Tech Ed program.
9. Michael Higgins, Jr. purchased coffee from Joe2Go for the District Office Ladies.
10. Brandee Lendosky and family, from Fennimore, donated money to the athletic department.
11. Casey's General Store donated money through their Cash for Classrooms and Casey's Rewards program.
12. Walmart donated money to Will Zeeh's Food Service Program.
13. 3M donated cleaning supplies to the High School.

C. Approval of Preliminary Retirement

1. Gary Morovits
2. David Antoniewicz
3. Tammy Antoniewicz
4. Lynn Larson
5. Dawn McCoy
6. Scott Gordon
7. Karen Sjoberg

Motion by Hubanks and seconded by O'Kane to approve Preliminary Retirement.
Passed unanimously with all in favor.

D. Drawing of Lots for Ballot Order

1. Dustin L. Brewer
2. Lonnie Achenbach
3. Thomas F. Peterson
4. Michael D. Higgins, Jr.

E. Open enrollment Period Opens February 1, 2021-April 20, 2021

F. Nonresident district (NONRES) must designate regular and special education spaces at January school board meetings and amend any policies or procedures to be used during upcoming application period; must be done before February 1st.

1. Open Enrollment Space: By state law, each School Board is required to designate its numbers of open enrollment spaces at the January board meetings and the January board minutes should reflect that decision.
2. In the past the PdC Area School District has not limited open enrollment spaces as there has been an intention to help all students and to approve all regular education applications.

3. In the past the PdC Area School District has not limited open enrollment spaces for special education applications as there has been an intention to help all students.

Motion by Higgins, Jr. and seconded by Gilberts to approve no limit on open enrollment spaces for regular and special education applications. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

G. COVID-19 Return to School (Review 5 days a week/Cohorts/Virtual)

Motion by Higgins, Jr. and seconded by Gilberts to stay status quo and address at the next board meeting and future meetings. Passed 6-1, Achenbach opposed.

H. Parking Lot (Items for future agenda)

XI. CLOSED SESSION

Be it resolved that the Prairie du Chien Board of Education moves to go into Closed Session in which may be convened pursuant to Statute 19.85 of Sub-Chapter of the Open Meetings Law exemptions: sub (1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; (e) Deliberating or conducting other specific public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Closed Session in which may be convened pursuant to Statute 19.85 of Sub-Chapter of the Open Meetings Law exemptions: sub (1) (a) and (1) (f) which allow a meeting to be closed to the public when a government body is going to deliberate concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi –judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body, or where the governmental body considers financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration or specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where Section 19.85 (b) applies, which, if discussed in public would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data or involved in such problems or investigations.

A. Administrative Contract Renewals Discussion

Motion by O'Kane and seconded by Higgins, Jr. to go into Closed Session at 8:22 p.m. to discuss Administrative Contract Renewals Discussion. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

XII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Peterson and seconded by Higgins, Jr. to return to Open Session at 8:56 p.m.
Passed unanimously with all in favor.

- XIII. ACTION TAKEN, IF APPROPRIATE, AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION (if any).
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Higgins, Jr. and seconded by Hubanks to adjourn meeting at 8:57 p.m.
Passed unanimously with all in favor. Meeting Adjourned.



President

Notes taken by Jackie Rodenberg