# **Prairie du Chien Area School District**

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### POLICY COMMITTEE 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 March 3, 2014 in the Prairie du Chien High School Library, 800 East Crawford Street, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, 6:30 a.m. Matters to be taken up, discussed and acted upon at this meeting are as follows:

Met in HS Office conference room

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Christine P at 6:40 am.

BOE Members:

Christine Panka

Lynn O'Kane

Others Present: Drew Johnson

II. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING POLICY (action if appropriate)

Will take up when Karen Reilly is back; initially supportive of concepts

- III. OLD BUSINESS (action if appropriate)
- IV. NEW BUSINESS (action if appropriate)A. Marketing

Radio ads options; take to full Board, revisit total budget

B. School Health Services Project-Speaker Karen Reilly

Did not discuss; wait until Karen R comes back

C. Inclement Weather Policy/Recess Policy for BAK

Removed; will include as possible change in handbooks for next year

#### D. Electronic communications Policy

Will bring wording to next Board meeting; add to agenda

#### E. Other Items for Discussion

<u>Jeff Riter</u>: Brought up PTO, talk for months but no action; frustrated that handbook changes can be made in 24 hours.

- 1. Wants to be able to use sick leave first.
- 2. Example: Jim Schilling got sick last year and he lost all flexibility and could not take vacation for family etc.
- 3. Jeff feels that there are ways to fix this to give more flexibility.
- 4. New people in district are having difficult time planning for families.
- 5. Sick days conversion was based on 7.5 hours rather than 8.
- 6. Current policy is no out-of-state travel is allowed during the school year; Jeff stated that Professional Days are given for Coaches to go to Chicago; denied to all others is inconsistent.
- 7. Calendar is an issue; there is no large breaks during school year to take vacations.
- 8. Wants to go retro for this year.

<u>Mike McCoy</u>: Has used some of his PTO days, now he is taking a vacation and wants to use sick leave to take a vacation. Mike cashed out his PTO days last year and now is short. Does not want to have a pay dock.

<u>Dawn McCoy:</u> Feels that changes should not be based on paperwork changes or adding more work for Patti. That should not be part of the discussion.

- V. PARKING LOT (action if appropriate)
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Christina P and seconded by Lynn O to adjourn meeting at 7:32 am.

Joe Atkins, President