

# 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 **September 11, 2023** in the Prairie du Chien High School, Room 103, 800 E. Crawford St., Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, 5:30 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 5:30 p.m.

#### Present BOE Members:

Lonnie Achenbach

Nick Gilberts

Dustin Brewer

Michael Higgins, Jr.

Tom Peterson

Jim Hackett

#### Absent BOE Member:

Lacie Anthony

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

### IV. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

### 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. 08.14.2023 Regular Board Meeting**

**C. Personnel**

**1. Resignation**

- a) Dave Petrowitz-Driver's Ed Teacher
- b) Amy West-High School Special Education Teacher
- c) Tiffany Reynolds-Middle School Teacher
- d) Julie Harbaugh-High School Food Service

**2. Approval**

- a) Tomi Nice-Gebhard-Administrative Contract (210-260 days)
- b) Jeremiah Brockman-Substitute Teacher
- c) Bert Hale-B.A. Kennedy Custodian
- d) Jordan Reuter-JV Basketball Coach
- e) Taylor Langmeier-7th/8th Grade Math Teacher
- f) Traci Konichek -B.A. Kennedy Administrative Assistant
- g) Aaron Ziegler-Full-Time Custodian
- h) Julie Mezera-Bluff View Full-Time Special Education Teacher's Aide
- i) Amber Poole-Bluff View Full-Time Special Education Teacher's Aide
- j) Katie Tonne-Bluff View Teacher's Aide
- k) Stephanie Mezera-Special Education/Guidance Administrative Assistant
- l) Kellie Kramer-Substitute Teacher
- m) Randy Schneider-8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
- n) Paige Rickleff -JV 2 Volleyball Coach
- o) Kyle Quick-7th/8th Grade Football Coach

**D. Alternative Open Enrollment Applications (5)**

Motion by Gilberts and seconded by Higgins, Jr. 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. 10.09.2023 Regular Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. Prairie du Chien High School
2. 10.23.2023 Annual Budget Hearing 5:30 p.m. Prairie du Chien High School
3. 11.13.2023 Regular Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. Prairie du Chien High School

B. Future PAAC Events

1. PDC Community Theater Play - December 1-3, 2023
2. Christmas In Killarney - December 9, 2023
3. Eagle's Heart & Cancer Telethon - January 27, 2024
4. Wisconsin Singers - February 10, 2024
5. Wingra Woodwind Quintet - March 22, 2024

VIII. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION (action if appropriate)

A. Superintendent/Building Administrator's Report/Presentation

1. Bluff View Middle School
  - a) Picture day was today and Open House on 8/30 was well attended.
  - b) PdC Empowerment was discussed with staff.
  - c) Student Teacher Assistant Program has started and the students are very excited about it.
  - d) Congratulations to the Middle School Music program for Certificate of Recognition for achieving accredited status through the Wisconsin School Music Association.
2. B.A. Kennedy
  - a) A shout out to Jackie Rodenberg and Vicki Waller for doing a great job as Human Resources with all the new hires.
  - b) K-2nd universal assessments are taking place.
  - c) Thank you to the community members that have dropped off all kinds of goodies for the staff for the new school year.
  - d) Bussing has started the year off smoothly with no problems or confusions.
3. High School
  - a) Athletics are going on and Homecoming week is the last week of September.
  - b) Faculty Leadership is meeting and Student Leadership and Parent Group is developing.

- c) PLC's are starting Tuesday on Fundamental 5.
- d) College Board nationally recognized six students at the high school.

4. Bluff View Elementary

- a) Open house had a high turnout.
- b) Staff Committees are being set up for the school year.
- c) High School students are tutoring the elementary students.
- d) Staff is working on new reading curriculum.

5. District

- a) Bussing is having a great start.
- b) There is a new literacy bill for 24-25 school year. More information will be out in January.
- c) Vicki Waller and Andy Banasik are busy getting the budget ready for the October 23rd meeting.
- d) Doug Morris and Mike Bennett are working on setting up a ELA program with CESA 3.

B. Community Connections and Celebrations

IX. OLD BUSINESS (action if appropriate)

A. Monthly Finance Update

1. Esser 2 & 3 Update

B. 2024-2025 School Calendar

C. Exit Interviews for Employees

Motion by Gilberts and seconded by Brewer to approve Exit Interview Questionnaire to be given to employees, who are leaving, which gets turned into Human Resources. Human Resources will give it to the District Administrator to give to the School Board. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

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. Anonymous donor gave 2 Walmart gift certificates for snack and miscellaneous supplies for the nurses cupboard at Bluff View.
- 2. Anonymous donor gave a monetary donation in memory of Pauline Clanton to the nurses cupboard at Bluff View.
- 3. Cynthia and Patrick White donated money to the Class of 1962 Scholarship.

4. Lawrence Geisler, Jr donated money to the Class of 1962 Scholarship in memory of his classmate, the late Sharon (O'Brien) Warwick.
  5. Fuel House and Rech Family Gardens donated drinks and flowers to all of the staff.
  6. Bluff View received school supply donations from Knights of Columbus, Novares Group, Eagles Club, and Michelle Capello.
- C. Annual Budget Hearing Date
1. October 23, 2024 5:30 p.m.
- D. Sick Bank Leave-Employees

Tabled to October

**E. US News and World Report: Best High School**

Motion by Hackett and seconded by Higgins, Jr. to approve the spending up to \$1000 to advertise the US News and World Report results. Passed 5-1, Peterson opposed.

**F. Student Travel (if any)**

Motion by Peterson and seconded by Gilberts to approve FFA National Convention and Junior Class traveling to La Crosse, WI on 9/25/23. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

**G. 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. Personnel

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Gilberts to go into Closed Session at 6:56 p.m. to discuss Personnel. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

XII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Higgins, Jr. and seconded by Gilberts to return to Open Session at 7:00 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 Peterson and seconded by Brewer to adjourn meeting at 7:01 p.m. Passed unanimously with all in favor. Meeting Adjourned.



President

Notes taken by Jackie Rodenberg