

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 12, 2009 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 214 West Blackhawk Avenue, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President, Brian Edwards at 6:30p.m.

Achenbach- present                      Atkins- present                      Edwards- present  
Quamme- present                      Forsythe-present                      Ruskey- present                      Wagar- present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Atkins seconded by Ms. Wagar to certify the agenda with moving #4 from Reports and Discussion to after Citizen Participation, move #1 under Reports and Discussion to February meeting and move #3 from Old Business to February meeting on the agenda with all in favor. Motion carried.

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)

Motion by Ron Quamme seconded by Jamie Wagar to approve all agenda items with all in favor. Motion carried

1. Approval of Minutes
  - (a) December 15, 2008 Special Board Meeting
2. Financial Report: Approval of Payment Request Report  
(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.)
4. Personnel
  - (a) Discussion/action re: Approval of an addition to Substitute Teacher list, Ruth L. Taylor
  - (b) Discussion/action re: Approval of contract lane change for Tara Neuman
  - (c) Discussion/action re: Confirm of administrative decision to terminate employment of a support staff employee per 12/18/2009 letter

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Brandie Wagner did not show.

School Counseling- Maureen McCartney (Social Worker) gave Drew into on grants that may be available to be written. Mary Garrity (Former Counselor and Former School Board Member) talk about the troubled children. Sean Schmidt mimics concerns of Maureen, Mary Ann, Wendy Garrity and the teachers. Need to have a process no matter if we hire add'l counselors or not. Board decided that will get a committee together w/Sean, Wendy, etc. to see what our needs are for Pupil Services and then report back to board.

## CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

### 1. Upcoming Meetings and Board Items

- (a) 2009 WASB's Convention; January 20-23; Milwaukee
- (b) Brian Edwards, Mark Forsythe, and Ron Quamme to be on ballot for April 7, 2009 Election. (Clerk will draw for ballot order)-**ORDER-Mark Forsythe, Brian Edwards, Ron Quamme**
- (c) Early Retirement Declaration deadline January 14, 2009
- (d) Fund 80 Meeting; January 14, 2009 in HS Office @ 6:30pm

## REPORTS AND DISCUSSION (action if appropriate)

1. Demonstration of City Council Chamber's projector-**moved to Feb. meeting**
2. Superintendent's Report/presentation
  - (a) Audited books complete, 07-08 financial wrap-up
  - (b) Long range financial planning, impact of state budget deficit
3. Sporting Activity cost and break-out-**was e-mailed to board members last week**
4. School Counseling-**moved to after Citizen Participation**
5. Student Information System
6. Other Sub-Committee Reports, as needed

Joe Ruskey gave recap of what Student Information System we currently have and proposing to have – Skyward. Joe Atkins approved \$100,000 over 3 years and Mark Forsythe seconded Motion, with all in favor. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS (action if appropriate)

1. Update on locker room project
2. Discussion on possible cooperation with the City of Prairie du Chien in the future
3. Long range financial planning, impact of state budget deficit – **moved to Feb. meeting**

Drew gave update on locker room project with looking into taking a wall out. Southwest Motors gave price on sanding and refinishing lockers.

Motion by Jamie Wager seconded by Ron Quamme to make a decision by March Board meeting as to whether we will post for full-time counselor for 2009-2010 School year.

## NEW BUSINESS (action if appropriate)

1. Grants & Donations read into record and approved (if any)-**NONE**
2. Any items removed from Consent Agenda for further discussion-**NONE**
3. Subscription to WASB's policy publication, *The FOCUS*-**wait until Feb. meeting**
4. January 28<sup>th</sup> Self Assessment Focus Group planning
5. Accept early retirement(s), if any (PEA contract, deadline January 14, 2009)

Motion by Jamie Wager (with thanks) seconded by Ron Quamme to accept early retirement from Stephanie McCumber, with all in favor. Motion carried.

### 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) Negotiations (PEA, Support Staff, Administrators)

(a) Possible Restructuring of supervisory/management

(b) Discussion on a student disciplinary action; possible charges and other actions for possible expellable offense

Motion by Jamie Wager seconded by Joe Atkins to move to closed session at 9:00 p.m. with all in favor. Motion carried.

### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Ron Quamme seconded by Tina Ruskey to return to open session at 9:55 p.m. with all in favor. Motion carried.

### ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION (if any)

NONE

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jamie Wagar seconded by Tina Ruskey to adjourn the meeting with all in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Brian Edwards, President

Notes taken by Vicki Waller