

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 9, 2012 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

Rutherford-present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Ron Quamme seconded by Mark Forsythe to adopt agenda with all in favor. Motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKER

1. Chris Schneider- presentation on the merits/costs of natural gas vehicles
Vance Hagen and Bryan Wood spoke in place of Chris Schneider about Compressed Natural Gas (Diesel \$3.18/gallon vs. CNG \$2.09/gallon, which is a savings of \$8,000/year by using CNG) Busses with CNG option cost 20-40% more to purchase.
2. Insurance Committee presentation
Brian White gave PowerPoint presentation (see attached copy)

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)

3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. November 15, 2011 Regular Board Meeting
 - b. November 30, 2011 Building and Grounds Meeting
 - c. December 13, 2011 Negotiations Committee Meeting
 - d. December 13, 2011 Special Board Meeting
4. Financial Report: Approval of Payment Request
(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.)
5. Personnel
 - a. Approval of Substitute Teacher Kari Granzow and Michael Bowar
 - b. Approval of Casey Bode as Assistant MS Drama Director and Tony Bolen as Fund 80 wrestling coach
 - c. Resignation of Vicki Scott as HS Volleyball Coach, Mitch Tollefson as HS Technology Education Teacher and as HS Head Track Coach, Clara Steffen as 4K/Early childhood Special Education Teacher and Joanne McDuffy as part-time cook
 - d. Approval of long-term substitute Adriane Kochie for Scott Gordon HS History teacher and long-term substitute Eric Mumm for HS Technology Teacher
 - e. Give Administration approval to hire a 4K/Early childhood Special Education Teacher, a part-time cook and an Educational Interpreter (This is a long-term substitute situation until a full-time Deaf or Hard of Hearing Teacher applies) to fill immediate openings
6. Early Graduates (if any)
7. Youth Options for Spring (if any)
8. Continuing Contracts (if any)

Motion by Lonnie Achenbach seconded by Joe Atkins to approve all items above with all in favor. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS (action if appropriate)

1. Upcoming Meetings and Board Items
 - a. January 16, 2012 Special Board Meeting, Peoples State Bank @ 6:00 p.m.
 - b. February 13, 2012 Regular Board Meeting, City Hall @ 6:30 p.m. (Guest Speakers- Don McGuire City Assessor and Joe Ruskey IT Services)
 - c. March 9, 2012 Regular Board Meeting, City Hall @ 6:30 p.m.
 - d. April 9, 2012 Regular Board Meeting, City Hall @ 6:30 p.m.
 - e. Set Building and Grounds Meeting to approve air conditioning projects
2. Information Items
 - a. WASB State Convention 2012, Milwaukee, WI from January 17 through January 20, 2012
 - b. February 21, 2012 Primary Election (top 8 to be placed on Spring ballot)
 - c. Open Enrollment applications can be submitted to Bridget Wright between Feb. 6, 2012 and no later than 4:00 p.m. Feb. 21, 2012
 - d. April 3, 2012 Spring Election (select 4 Board members)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION (action if appropriate)

1. Superintendent/Building Administrator's Report/presentation
Preliminary ACT data power point and staffing changes for 2012-13

OLD BUSINESS

1. Homecoming date for 2012- September 28th first choice

Motion by Lonnie Achenbach seconded by Ron Quamme to approve Homecoming date for 2012 as September 28, 2012 with all in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (action if appropriate)

1. Grants & Donations read into record and approved (if any)
 - a. Dependable Solutions donated \$250.00 for High School Library furniture
 - b. Peoples State Bank donation of \$1,000.00 to purchase a bench to be placed @ BAK
 - c. Barb and Merle Frommelt donation of \$1,000.00 to purchase a bench to be placed @ BAK
 - d. Wolf Machine donation of \$1,000.00 to purchase a bench to be placed @ BAK
 - e. \$25,000 from the Estate of James G. Bittner to give to the Prairie du Chien High School to be used to construct an athletic facility or to be used for the maintenance and upkeep or upgrading of a present athletic facility. Determination of the use of said funds shall be solely the prerogative of the governing body of the Prairie du Chien School District. Mr. Bittner was a major supporter of the PdC High School athletics, this gracious and generous gift to the benefit of the students and community is momentarily appreciated.
2. Any items removed from Consent Agenda for further discussion
3. Clerk will draw for Ballot Order for Primary 2012 Election, Brian Edwards, , Mark W. Forsythe, Wendy K. Garrity, Lynn O'Kane, , Alex Osterkamp Christine L. Panka, Ron H. Quamme, Robert Saddler, Jamie M. Wagar

1. Wendy K. Garrity
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4. Discussion/Approval change of polling place for town of Wauzeka for the primary School Board election they will vote at the Town of Bridgeport polling place
5. Discussion of an adjustment in teacher sub pay
 - a. current sub rate is \$102.37; move to \$104.00 (\$13.00/ hour)
 - b. current long-term sub rate is \$157.50; move to \$160.00 (\$20.00/ hour)
6. Discussion of Alternative uses for the Hospital-The hospital has purchased land and has started a three year process toward building a new facility in a new location. That will leave the current Hospital facility open for future use. This is to start a discussion on whether the School District may have any ideas on alternative uses for the Hospital building or the surrounding land? Do we want to set up a time to take a tour of the current facility?

Bill Sexton was unable to attend the meeting tonight but will come to a future meeting, if we want.

Lonnie says to pick a date, e-mail board members and whoever can attend the meeting would be fine.

7. Approval of Health Insurance RFP (draft is attached)
8. Discussion of future gymnastics
 - a. Equipment purchases- need a new vault, approximately \$3500.00
 - b. Co-coaching system not working as well as hoped- probably only need to have one head coach
 - c. High School co-op with Richland Center is working but few participants- High School participation numbers -9 PdC and 2 RC
 - d. Junior High and Middle School; students practice one day a week for an hour- 27 total participants

Extend practice time @ BV on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Vaulting- Saturdays or mornings during the week

Aaron will talk to Jim Stoehr regarding getting our vault out of storage.

9. Discussion/Approval of School District Calendar
10. Eliminate Policy 471, 471.1, 471.2, 471.4, 732 and 745 as these are a duplication in the Employee Handbook
11. Adult Crossing Guard Recognition Week

A Proclamation

Whereas Wisconsin's adult school crossing guards provide an invaluable service in helping to ensure the safe passage of our youngest, most vulnerable pedestrians, children walking between home and school; and

Whereas adult school crossing guards typically serve with a dedication that discounts the rigors of harsh weather, split shifts, and heavy traffic; and

Whereas for more than five decades, adult school crossing guards have served communities across Wisconsin; and that service has helped to drive down the rates of young pedestrian deaths and injuries, despite increases in traffic volume; and

Whereas adult school crossing guards add to the effectiveness of the student safety patrol members with whom they often serve and whose activity they help direct; and

Whereas adult school crossing guards help reinforce in the minds of the young people they assist the importance of traffic-hazard identification and safe street-crossing behavior; and

Therefore, be it resolved that January 9-13, 2012, be declared Adult School Crossing Guard Recognition Week in the State of Wisconsin

Thank you to our crossing guards!

12. Student Travel (if any)
Political Science to Madison on 1/10/12
A + P to LaCrosse 1/11/12

Motion by Joe Atkins seconded by Ron Quamme to approve all grants and donations with all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron Quamme seconded by Joe Atkins to approve change in polling place for town of Wauzeka for the primary School Board election to move to the town of Bridgeport with all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Lonnie Achenbach seconded by Ron Quamme to approve an increase in teacher sub pay to \$104.00 per day and long-term sub pay to \$160.00 per day with all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Atkins seconded by Ron Quamme to approve Health Insurance RFP with all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Lonnie Achenbach seconded by Joe Atkins to approve school district calendar with all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Atkins seconded by Lonnie Achenbach to approve the elimination of policy 471, 471.1, 471.2, 471.4, 732 and 745 as these are a duplication in the Employee Handbook with all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron Quamme seconded by Joe Atkins to go into closed session at 8:45 p.m 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. Administrative Evaluations/Written Contracts

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Ron Quamme seconded by Joe Atkins to come out of closed session at 9:15 p.m. with all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Lonnie Achenbach seconded by Ron Quamme to Delegate Brian and Joe to get Administrative contracts finalized executed per the boards discussion with all in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Ron Quamme seconded by Joe Atkins to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. with all in favor.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.**

Notes taken by Vicki Waller

Brian Edwards, President