

# Prairie du Chien Area School District

## Innovation for Success™

### 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 **October 13, 2014** in the City Hall Council Chambers, 214 West Blackhawk Avenue, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, 5:00 p.m. Matters to be taken up, discussed and acted upon at this meeting are as follows:

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Thank you to Police department for opening council chamber doors

*Meeting was called to order by Christine Panka at 5:05 p.m.*

#### Present BOE Members:

Lonnie Achenbach    Mark Forsythe            Lynn O'Kane (came at 6:09)  
Christine Panka     Ron Quamme

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

*Motion by Mark F and seconded by Lonnie A to accept agenda; passed unanimous with all in favor.*

#### IV. 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 Minutes

1. Policy Committee Meeting
2. Finance Committee Meeting
3. Regular Board Meeting
4. Special Board Meeting

##### B. Personnel

1. Approve Sub Teacher Sarah Fisher
2. Approve Sub Teacher Wendy Kirshbaum
3. Approve Jann Sturmer Teacher Aide BV
4. Resignation Merilee Pleggenkuhle Food Service
5. Resignation Lindsey Fisk MS Track
6. Approve Sub Teacher Mark McWilliams

7. Approve Sub Teacher Elizabeth Kristen Halverson
8. Approve SpEd Aide Dawn Eggers
- C. MONTHLY FINANCIALS (action if appropriate) (note: no finance committee meeting will be held on 10/13/14)
  - a) Financial Report: 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) Current Financials
- 2.
- D. Youth Options (3 are approved)

*Motion by Mark F and second by Ron Q to accept consent agenda items; passed unanimous with all in favor.*

V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

VI. 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. Oct 27, 2014 Annual Budget Meeting, 5:00 p.m. High School Learning Lab
2. Oct. 27, 2014 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting 5:15 p.m. High School Learning Lab
3. Oct. 27, 2014 Policy Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m. High School Learning Lab
4. Nov.10, 2014 Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers
5. Nov 10, 2014 Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers
6. Nov. 24, 2014 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting 5:00 p.m. High School Library Conference Room
7. Nov. 24, 2014 Policy Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. High School Library Conference Room
8. Dec. 8, 2014 Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers
9. Dec. 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers
10. Dec. 22, 2014 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting 5:00 p.m. High School Library Conference Room
11. Dec. 22, 2014 Policy Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. High School Library Conference Room

B. Information Items (these are listed for reference, but will not be read off at meeting to expedite the agenda)

1. October 14, 2014 WASB Region 9 - Fall Regional Meeting & Workshop, The Niehaus Banquet Hall (The Silent Woman) in Fennimore 4:00 p.m.
2. October 16-17, 2014 Employment and School Law Seminar 9:00 a.m. Kalahari Resort, Wis Dell
3. November 3, 2014 Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Celebration High School Gym
4. November 8, 2014 Legislative Advocacy Conference, 7:45 a.m. Holiday Inn Stevens Point
5. November 25, 2014, Elections: Publication of Type A Notice of School Board Election in Unified District
6. Nov 20, 2014 School Law Seminar 8:30am-3:30pm Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison-*Christine*
7. December 1, 2014 Elections: Candidate Nomination Papers May be Circulated
8. January 6, 2015 Elections: Deadline for Candidates to File
9. January 21-23, 2015 94th State Education Convention at the Wisconsin Center Milwaukee-*Drew*
10. January 23, 2015 Out to Lunch Perform at the State Education Convention at closing General Session at 10:30 am at the Wisconsin Center Milwaukee

VII. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION (action if appropriate)

A. Superintendent/Building Administrator's Report/Presentation

1. Update/approval: To compliment the School Board approved initiative of School Leadership Teams; Laura Stuckey will be trained this summer at Viterbo University in an "Ethical Leadership in Organizations" program. The program "is designed for people who want to learn how to lead effective, ethical change within their organizations. Participants will acquire practical knowledge of servant leadership and ethical decision-making. They will also learn specific leadership strategies, based upon a proven training program that will establish long-lasting and significant transformation of the workplace culture. The interdisciplinary nature of the program allows participants to tailor the program to their particular professional needs." Laura will bring back the information to be used school-wide to take the school to the next level under the umbrella of Innovation for Success TM.
2. Community Connections and Celebrations
  - a) 6th grade Outdoor Ed
  - b) B.A. Kennedy staff had a great time creating a float and participating in the Homecoming Parade!
  - c) Upcoming "Fall Into BAK" evening on October 15th.
  - d) Homecoming - Great week!
  - e)

*Homecoming was positive; like the parade route*

- f) HS Upcoming "Dry Night"
- g) Tara Herried - Girl's Golf
- h) Freshman College Visit Day
- i) Staff from B.A. Kennedy and Bluff View will be in Madison to be recognized at the Schools of Recognition ceremony; congratulations to all students and staff for embracing high expectations in student achievement

*Christine Panka reported on the ceremony at the Capitol*

- j) District is once again rated as "Exceeding Expectations" on the State Report Cards

*Mr. Johnson reported on the school once again being ranked very high*

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (action if appropriate)

- A. Any items removed from Consent Agenda for further discussion
- B. Early Graduations

*Motion by Lynn O and second by Lonnie A to approve early graduations; passed unanimous with all in favor.*

- C. National School Lunch Week Proclamation: the exceptional work done by our food service is commended (the proclamation is an agenda appendix, but will not be read off at meeting to expedite the agenda)
- D. Positive Action program (visuals, curriculum, community involvement kits, parent involvement kits and any other materials). The cost is approximately \$15,000 for grades 4K through 8; a single cost - not an ongoing expense.

*Motion by Lonnie A and second by Mark F to purchase Positive Action; passed unanimous with all in favor.*

- E. Grants & Donations read into record and approved (if any)
  - 1. Tina Henry donated 45 big books and she would have sold them for \$8 a piece for a value of \$360.
  - 2. Zoetis-FFA \$990.00
  - 3. BAK-School Supplies from National Weather Service

F. Student Travel (if any)

- IX. Special presentation and planning session; Studer Group on 'What's Right in Education': Schools are organizations that must be on a constant improvement continuum to strive for greater excellence in this time of educational turbulence and constant change. This is more important than ever, as schools are increasingly being impacted by the external

forces; there are more fiscal challenges and program changes forced from outside of the organization. Public schools are now in a competitive environment, which magnifies program and facility concerns. School systems must be aligned and focused on providing a great place for students to learn, employees to work, and parents to send their children for an excellent education. An in-depth planning process based on data will allow for better alignment of decisions and to implement effective processes to achieve higher performance levels and a positive climate in our district.

X. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion by Lonnie A and seconded by Ron Q to adjourn meeting at 7:03 p.m. Passed unanimously with all in favor. Meeting Adjourned.*



President

*Notes taken by Drew Johnson*

