

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 **November 09, 2020** in the Prairie du Chien High School PAC, 800 E. Crawford, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, 6:30 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 6:30 p.m.

Present BOE Members:

Lonnie Achenbach
Nick Gilberts
Cassie Hubanks
Lynn O'Kane
Tom Peterson
Michael Higgins, Jr.

Absent BOE Members:

Duane Rogers

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Higgins, Jr. and seconded by Gilberts 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. 10.05.20 Special Meeting

2. 10.12.20 Regular Board Meeting
3. 10.26.20 Annual Budget Meeting
4. 10.26.20 Committee of the Whole Meeting

C. Personnel

1. Resignation
2. Approval
 - a) Gretchen Munson-Substitute Teacher
 - b) Krystal Forde-Substitute Teacher
 - c) Patrick Kelley-Substitute Teacher
 - d) Jena Swiggum-Substitute Teacher
 - e) Kaitlyn Junk-Substitute Teacher
 - f) Lindsey Ariss-JV Girls Basketball Coach

Motion by O'Kane and seconded by Hubanks 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. 11.23.20 Committee of the Whole Meeting 6:30 p.m. High School
2. 12.14.20 Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. High School
3. NO 12.28.2020 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

B. Information Items

1. 12.28.20 Deadline for Incumbents to File Notice of Non Candidacy (5:00 p.m.)
2. 12.31.20 Deadline for Incumbent Board Members with Tax Years Starting on Jan. 1 to Refuse Salary
3. 01.05.21 Candidate Deadline for Filing All Documents Needed to Establish Eligibility to Appear on the Ballot (5:00 p.m.)
4. Candidates up for Re-election:
 - a) Lonnie Achenbach
 - b) Michael Higgins, Jr.
 - c) Thomas Peterson
5. 01.11.21 Drawing of Lots for Ballot Order: Certify Ballot Eligibility to County Clerk(s)
6. 01.20.21-01.22.21 WI State Education Convention, Virtually

VIII. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION (action if appropriate)

A. Superintendent/Building Administrator's Report/Presentation

1. District
 - a) Rain Garden Project is complete. It is the first time in 30 years that the City of Prairie du Chien and Prairie du Chien School District

worked together. Special thanks to the Prairie du Chien Street Department.

2. Bluff View Middle School

- a) Staff is doing a fantastic job and going above and beyond.
- b) Veterans Day Program was modified by band, choir, and student council this year to virtual version.
- c) Pertaining to 5th ½ grade comment at October board meeting, staff say this isn't the case. They have made changes to curriculum and they are on track and even ahead of schedule. They continue making updates.
- d) Wednesday proposal-65% like the current Wednesday schedule. 4.3% like the High School Wednesday schedule, and 30% like option 3 giving extra prep to teachers that don't have prep.

3. Bluff View Elementary

- a) Thank you to the teacher's aides who are helping out everywhere.
- b) Halloween was turned into a pajama day with fun activities in the afternoon.
- c) Parent teacher conferences are going on.
- d) Wednesday update-2nd and 3rd grades have flexible Wednesdays. One class is doing half a day instruction, and some staff scheduling meetings with families. It is a week to week basis. 4th grade teachers are going week to week and being in a flexible schedule.

4. B.A. Kennedy

- a) Thank you to staff, staff specials and teacher's aides for filling in for others where needed.
- b) Halloween was turned into a pajama day.
- c) Parent teacher conferences after Thanksgiving.
- d) Some challenges are staff coverages, student attendance, materials needed for students going virtual and structured schedules are limited because of social distance.

5. High School

- a) Sources of Strength had a scavenger hunt and pumpkin carving for Halloween.
- b) Staff are helping athletes stay connected to classes. Kids are doing amazing logging into classes.
- c) Wednesday model is working and classes are on schedule.

6. Mighty River-GEDO

- a) Virtual students have tripled enrollment compared to past years. There are a lot of local families.
- b) 80% of GEDO and Alternative Ed have jobs, highest percent in a long time.

- c) Alternative Ed had 5 discipline referrals this year so far. Last year there were 80.
- d) Most students are passing every single class.
- e) GEDO testing at SWTC is continuing to be a problem. They can't test anymore at SWTC but have a backup plan.

B. Community Connections and Celebrations

- 1. Prairie du Chien Street Department; Dan Titlbach and Nick Gilberts, Blair Dillman (donated rock), Gale and Cheryl Beneker (donated black soil), Forestry Class with Kelly Renner, helped complete the High School rain garden.
- 2. B.A. Kennedy had to take a different approach to Trick or Treat for the Needy this year, but we were still able to collect a nice amount of non-perishable items for the food pantry. A special thanks to the Sawmill and Peoples State Bank for also participating!
- 3. Joe2Go (the new coffee shop in town) has brought in hot and iced coffee to Bluff View and High School for a few days in a row.

IX. OLD BUSINESS (action if appropriate)

A. RFP Update

- 1. Custodial Cleaning Service
- 2. Snow Removal

B. Bus Contract Addendum

Motion by Higgins, Jr. and seconded by Gilberts to approve the November 9, 2020 Bus Contract Language/Addendum. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

C. Update on COVID-19 Protocol

- 1. Discussion of Possible Virtual Platform

Motion by Gilberts and seconded by Hubanks to go virtual learning to comply with the County Nurse's suggestion, starting November 12, 2020 and end date to be determined later. Motion declined by roll call vote 4-2.

NO-Lonnie Achenbach

YES-Nick Gilberts

YES-Cassie Hubanks

NO-Lynn O'Kane

NO-Tom Peterson

NO-Michael Higgins, Jr.

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. Haley Rasmussen (Color Street Nails) donated backpacks and supplies to B.A. Kennedy.
2. Jen Peak (B.A. Kennedy parent) donated backpacks and supplies to B.A. Kennedy).
3. Molly & Steig Sandgren family donated clothing to the B.A. Kennedy nurse's office.
4. Natalie White received a \$1000 grant from the Mark Schonwetter Holocaust Education Foundation. She is using that grant to purchase a class set of texts for her Holocaust Studies elective course.
5. Platteville Walmart has been so gracious to donate \$250 worth of school supplies (pencils, markers, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, etc) to our school.
6. Tricia Landt donated towels to B.A. Kennedy.
7. Correne Martin donated towels and shoes to B.A. Kennedy.
8. Alicia Oesterle donated clothing to B.A. Kennedy.
9. Molly & Steig Sandgren donated clothing to B.A. Kennedy.
10. Nadine & Travis Nesvold family donated socks to B.A. Kennedy.
11. Heather Roesch donated clothing, shoes, and snacks to B.A. Kennedy.
12. Max & Ashley Erickson family donated shoes and socks to B.A. Kennedy.
13. The Hurda family donated 80 masks as well as hats and gloves to Bluff View.
14. Chuck and April Miller (Bethany Baumgartner's parents) gave a monetary donation to help a family in need. Winter clothing items were purchased for a family.
15. Cari Abb donated shirts and pants to the B.A. Kennedy nurse's office.
16. Brita Prew and family donated paper masks, handmade masks, shoes, gloves, and hats to B.A. Kennedy.
17. Sherry Jazdzewski donated gently used clothing to the B.A. Kennedy nurse's office.
18. Miranda Polodna donated shirts and shoes to the B.A. Kennedy nurse's office.
19. Jessica LaMere, Scott, Evan and Trevor Hurda donated handmade masks for students at B.A. Kennedy.
20. Betty Frydenlund donated shoes, boys and girls underwear, and socks to B.A. Kennedy.

C. Full-Time Custodian-HS

Motion by Higgins, Jr. and seconded by Gilberts to approve Justin Frazier as Full-Time Custodian. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

D. Review High School Winter Sports Season

1. Player Protocol

Motion by Higgins, Jr. and seconded by Peterson to approve Winter High School Sports.
Motion passed by roll call vote 4-2.

YES-Lonnie Achenbach
NO-Nick Gilberts
NO-Cassie Hubanks
YES-Lynn O'Kane
YES-Tom Peterson
YES-Michael Higgins, Jr.

Motion by O'Kane and seconded by Achenbach to reward students in an academic incentive program the chance to win 2 tickets to sporting events. Motion declined 4-2 by roll call vote.

YES-Lonnie Achenbach
NO-Nick Gilberts
NO-Cassie Hubanks
YES-Lynn O'Kane
NO-Tom Peterson
NO-Michael Higgins, Jr.

2. SWC Winter Sports Agreement

E. Review Middle School Winter Sports Season

Motion by Peterson and seconded by Higgins, Jr. to approve Middle School Winter Sports Season. Athletes will practice and play individual games, no tournaments. Motion passed by roll call vote 4-2.

YES-Lonnie Achenbach
NO-Nick Gilberts
NO-Cassie Hubanks
YES-Lynn O'Kane
YES-Tom Peterson
YES-Michael Higgins, Jr.

F. Student Travel (if any)

1. High School June Band Trip

a) Florida

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. Teacher Compensation Discussion
- B. Support Staff Compensation Discussion
- C. Management Compensation Discussion
- D. Administration Compensation Discussion
- E. Personnel
 - 1. Moving a Part-time BV Custodial Position to a Full-Time Position

Motion by Hubanks and seconded by Higgins, Jr. to go into Closed Session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss Teacher, Support Staff, Management, Administration Compensation, and Personnel. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

XII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION


Motion by Peterson and seconded by O'Kane to return to Open Session at 9:00 p.m. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

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

- A. No Action
- B. No Action
- C. No Action
- D. No Action
- E. Motion by Higgin, Jr. and seconded by O'Kane to approve Part-Time Custodian, Marla Morovits, to Full-Time Custodian. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Peterson and seconded by Gilberts to adjourn meeting at 9:01 p.m. Passed unanimously with all in favor. Meeting Adjourned.



President

Notes taken by Jackie Rodenberg