

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 **February 10, 2025** in the **Prairie du Chien High School, Little Theater**, 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 Michael Higgins, Jr. at 5:30 p.m.

Present BOE Members:

Michael Higgins, Jr.
Nick Gilberts
Lonnie Achenbach
Dustin Brewer
Lacie Anthony
Noah White-attended virtually

Absent BOE Member:

Jim Hackett

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Gilberts and seconded by Achenbach 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. 01.06.2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting
2. 01.13.2025 Regular Board Meeting
3. 01.27.2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting

C. Personnel

1. Resignation

- a) Will Zeeh-Food Service Director
- b) Andrew Waller-JV Baseball Coach

2. Approval

- a) Nancy Cooper-Substitute Teacher
- b) Riley Kieler-Substitute Teacher
- c) Brad Gillitzer-Substitute Teacher
- d) Food Service Director Position

Motion by Achenbach and seconded by Gilberts to approve Consent Agenda Items but C2d Food Service Director Position, moved into Closed Session.
Passed unanimously with all in favor.

VI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Consistent with School Board Policy 1130 on Citizen Participation, comments will be limited to 5 minutes, and no action can be taken on non-agenda items. All individuals who comment during the public comment period are reminded that the information provided this evening is intended to provide information to the Board so that it can fulfill its role. In that vein, all parties are reminded that all information offered is truthful and honest. False statements or stigmatizing charges may subject the individual making such statements to legal repercussions, including, but not limited to, defamation claims. Comments identifying students shall be subject to the Wisconsin pupil records law and FERPA. As such, student information that is not directory data as designated by the board, for example, individual student behavioral or progress records, shall not be discussed in this forum. Comments identifying personnel are subject to the applicable personnel records statutes in section 19.36(10), Wis. Stats. The Board may inform the speaker that his/her comments are not permitted if, in the opinion of the Board, they are not subject to release under the above applicable standards. (Board Policy 1155 on Public Complaint)

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. 02.17.2025 Strategic Planning Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Prairie du Chien High School
2. 02.21.2025 Site Visit to Whitehall, WI
3. 03.10.2025 Regular Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Prairie du Chien High School

B. Information Items

C. Future PAAC Events

1. 02.13.2025 Middle School Play
2. 02.22.2025 Wisconsin Singers
3. 03.18.2025 PDCHS Band & Choir Concert
4. 03.21.2025 Artrageous

VIII. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION (action if appropriate)

A. Superintendent/Building Administrator's Report/Presentation

1. Bluff View Middle School
 - a) Completed MAPS testing.
 - b) 8th grade scheduling for 25-26 school year starts Tuesday.
 - c) Middle school play starts Thursday.
 - d) Alice in Dairyland presentation, faculty basketball game, and Valentines Dance are coming up.
2. High School
 - a) Allison Mathies is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist.
 - b) Historical Society presentation is on 2/20.
 - c) ASVAB and Pre-SAT tests done last week and ACT is 3/11.
 - d) Reality Check is 3/12.
 - e) FFA week is next week with daily activities.
3. Bluff View Elementary
 - a) 100th day of school celebrated.
 - b) Valentines Day parties will be happening on Friday along with a school dance.
 - c) Each grade working on Wit/Wisdom units with different activities.
4. B.A. Kennedy
 - a) Act 20 assessments went home to families.
 - b) All students went to the LaCrosse Children's Museum thanks to donations from PTO to pay for bussing and a grant from Xcel energy that discounted the ticket cost.
5. District
 - a) Jessica from CESA 3 is working on the survey that will go out to community members regarding referendum.
 - b) Committees have started meeting.
 - c) Start date for the 2025-2026 school year will be Sept.1st. We will apply for early start date for August 2026 at October school board meeting.

B. Community Connections and Celebrations
IX. OLD BUSINESS (action if appropriate)

A. Monthly Finance Update

1. Working on fine tuning this year's budget and next year's budget.
2. Finance meeting 1st Monday of the month starting in March.

B. 6/7/8 Possible Move

C. 25-26 Calendar

1. Michelle Kirchman

Motion by Achenbach to move forward with the 25-26 Calendar that is presented.
No one seconded.

Motion by Gilberts to cut 5 days off the calendar and 15 minutes less each school day. No one seconded.

Motion by Anthony to move 25-26 calendar into Closed session. Motion can't happen because it's not on the agenda for Closed Session.

D. 02.04.2025 Strategic Planning Meeting Update

E. CTE Trip to Whitehall

February 21, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

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. Prairie du Chien Police Department donated gloves, mittens, and other items to Bluff View Elementary and B.A. Kennedy.
2. Numerous community members donated items for the Bluff View Elementary Elf Store.
3. Lisa Mink donated books to the libraries.
4. Jane Bushnell donated clothes, winter coat, boots/shoes and puzzles to B.A. Kennedy.
5. Katherine and Kevin Achenbach donated snowpants, hats, and mittens to B.A. Kennedy.
6. Czajkowski-Higgins family donated games and craft supplies to B.A. Kennedy.
7. Janelle and Alex Mathies donated Amazon gift cards to B.A. Kennedy staff.

C. 2025 Early Graduate-Mighty River

Motion by Gilberts and seconded by Anthony to approve 2025 Early Graduate from Mighty River online school. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

D. Potential Future Reductions with and without Operating Referendum Passing

Moved to Closed Session

E. Mid-Year AGR Report

Presented by Laura Stuckey

F. Student Travel (if any)

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

B. Future Financing (District)

Motion by Anthony and seconded by Gilberts to go into Closed Session at 6:33 p.m. to discuss Personnel, Future Financing and Food Service Director. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

XII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Gilberts to return to Open Session at 8:52 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 Brewer and seconded by Anthony to adjourn meeting at 8:53 p.m.
Passed unanimously with all in favor. Meeting Adjourned.



President

Notes taken by Jackie Rodenberg