

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 10, 2011 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 214 West Blackhawk Avenue, 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
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- IV. GUEST SPEAKER
 1. Michel Clark from RW Baird - credit rating and refinancing
- 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)
 1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. September 12, 2011 Regular Board Meeting
 - b. September 19, 2011 Special Board Meeting
 - c. October 5, 2011 Building and Grounds Committee and Special Meeting of the Board of Education
 2. 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.)
 3. Personnel
 - a. Approval of substitute teachers Diane Caya, Molly Halpin, Allie Glasbrenner, Patrick Mulhern, Renee Salmon
 - b. Approval of Teacher Assistants for B. A. Kennedy Casey Bode and Emily O'Brien
 - c. Approval of JV Boys Basketball Coach Randy Schneider
 4. Continuing Contracts (if any)
- VI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
- VII. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS (action if appropriate)
 1. Upcoming Meetings and Board Items
 - a. October 14, 2011 WASB School Law Seminar, Alliant Energy Center- Madison , WI
 - b. October 17, 2011 NHS New Member Dinner at Huckleberry's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m.
 - c. October 25, 2011 Annual School Board Meeting, District Office @ 5:30 p.m.
 - d. October 25, 2011 Budget Hearing Meeting, District Office following Annual School Board Meeting
 - e. November 3, 2011 Public Entity Seminar, CESA #3, 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
 - f. November 5, 2011 WASB Legislative Advocacy Conference, Chula Vista Resort-Wisconsin Dells
 - g. November 8, 2011 Bedtime Stories Reading Night, B.A. Kennedy Library from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
 - h. November 14, 2011 Regular School Board Meeting
 - i. November 16, 2011 11th Annual School Law Seminar, Alliant Energy Center Madison, WI
 - j. November 16, 2011 2011 China Town Hall, Dubuque's Carnegie Stout Library @ 6:00 p.m.
 2. Information Items
 - a. Set date/time Goal Setting (strategic management) Meeting
 - b. Set date/time Meet and Confer Meeting on insurance
 - c. December 2011 meeting or Holiday gathering
- VIII. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION (action if appropriate)
 1. Superintendent/Building Administrator's Report/Presentation
 - a. Discussion on facility use for 2012-2013
 - b. Discussion and possible demonstration on online resources that could enhance or supplement classroom education.
<http://www.khanacademy.org/>
 2. Building and Grounds
 - a. Put out a Request for Proposals to determine cost/feasibility on duct-less split type technology to add air conditioning in High School rooms with uni ventilator
 - b. Continue to study adding air conditioning to some air handlers and possibly replace the one 1960's era air handler.
 - c. Continue to move forward on Bluff View field's project in combination with Booster Club and Blackhawk funds.
 - d. B. A. Kennedy updates
 - i. BAK upstairs Bathrooms - internal project for walls/carpentry, plumbing bid out locally
 - ii. Epoxy flooring in some areas
 - iii. Play area (Report on progress), bridge over swale, plastic storage shed, painting stencil games, 4 basketball hoops, turf, playground
- IX. OLD BUSINESS
 1. Benches for B. A. Kennedy
- X. NEW BUSINESS (action if appropriate)
 1. Grants & Donations read into record and approved (if any)
 2. Discussion on possible opportunities for future/additional Foreign Language programming. (Spanish and Chinese dual programs. Add High School AP Spanish Language. Possible more Foreign Language, I-II-III, in Middle grades. Possible grants for Chinese Language expansion. Team to go to Foreign Language convention.)
 3. Resolution Authorizing the issuance and sale of \$4,255,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (This is not new debt; this is refinancing existing debt to a lower interest rate to potentially save about \$70,000 per year for remaining debt cycle)

WHEREAS, the School Board of the Prairie du Chien Area School District, Crawford County, Wisconsin (the "District") hereby finds and determines that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the District to raise funds for the purpose of paying the cost of refinancing certain outstanding obligations of the District, to wit: General Obligation Refunding Bonds, dated August 1, 2002 (the "Refunded Obligations") (hereinafter the refinancing of the District's Refunded Obligations shall be referred to as the "Refunding"), and there are insufficient funds on hand to pay said cost;

WHEREAS, the School Board deems it to be necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the District to refund the Refunded Obligations for the purpose of achieving debt service cost savings;

WHEREAS, school districts are authorized by the provisions of Section 67.04, Wisconsin Statutes, to borrow money and issue general obligation refunding bonds to refinance their outstanding obligations; and

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the School Board that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the District to authorize the issuance of and to sell the general obligation refunding bonds to Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (the "Purchaser"), pursuant to the terms and conditions of its bond purchase proposal or term sheet attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Proposal").

4. Student Travel (if any)
 - a. National FFA Convention Indianapolis, IN, October 19-22, 2011
5. Youth Options approval of students (if any)
6. National School Lunch Week October 10-14, 2011

A Proclamation

Whereas *The National School Lunch Program plays an important role in helping to ensure that every child in the nation starts school ready to learn, because a hungry or undernourished child is less likely to be an eager and attentive student; and*

Whereas *The National School Lunch Program has demonstrated a national commitment to the promotion of our children's health and well-being, allowing children to concentrate on graduating with the skills and knowledge they need to be successful in the workplace or toward further studies, a primary goal of Every Child a Graduate; and*

Whereas *In Wisconsin, 2,600 public and private schools serve more than 556,000 lunches each school day; and*

Whereas *The success of this effort is due largely to resourceful and creative local food service administrators, managers, and staff working in cooperation with parents, teachers, community groups, government personnel, and students; and*

Whereas *In recognition of the contribution of the National School Lunch Program, Congress has designated the week beginning with the second Sunday in October of each year as National School Lunch Week and has requested the President to issue an annual proclamation calling for an appropriate observance:*

Therefore, be it resolved that *I, Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, do hereby proclaim October 10-14, 2011, as*

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

7. School Board Member Vacancy

Wisconsin Statutes 17.26

17.26 Vacancies in school boards; how filled. Except as provided in s. 9.10, vacancies in a school board shall be filled as follows:

17.26(1)

(1) In a common, union high or unified school district, by appointment by the remaining members. Each appointee shall hold office until a successor is elected and takes office under s. 120.06 (4) or 120.42 (2). When a vacancy occurs in the office of a board member who is in the last year of his or her term, or when a vacancy occurs after the spring election but on or before the last Tuesday in November in the office of a board member who is not in the last year of his or her term, the successor shall be elected at the next spring election. When a vacancy occurs after the last Tuesday in November and on or before the date of the next spring election in the office of a board member who is not in the last year of his or her term, the successor shall be elected at the 2nd following spring election.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT