

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 18, 2024** in the Prairie du Chien High School, Room 103, 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

Lacie Anthony

Noah White

Jim Hackett

Dustin Brewer-Attended virtually. Left at 7:03 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Gilberts and seconded by Hackett to accept the Agenda. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

IV. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

A. FFA National Convention Presentation

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. 10.14.2024 Regular Board Meeting
2. 10.28.2024 Annual Budget Meeting

C. Personnel

1. Resignation

- a) Tasha Buchheit-High School Gymnastics Assistant Coach

2. Approval

- a) Jordan Stagman-6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
- b) Marissa Wachter-Middle School Teacher's Aide
- c) Brogan Brewer-Middle School Assistant Wrestling Coach
- d) Darla Smith-Part-Time Custodian

D. Alternative Open Enrollment Applications-4

Motion by Gilberts and seconded by White to approve Consent Agenda Items but Darla Smith and move Darla Smith to 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. 11.25.2024 Working Session
2. 12.09.2024 Regular Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. Prairie du Chien High School
3. 01.13.2025 Regular Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. Prairie du Chien High School

B. Information Items

1. 12.27.2024 Deadline for Incumbents to File Notice of Non Candidacy (5:00 p.m.)
2. 01.07.2025 Candidate Deadline for Filing All Documents Needed to Establish Eligibility to Appear on the Ballot (5:00 p.m.)
3. Candidates up for Re-Election:
 - a) Lacie Anthony
 - b) Jim Hackett
4. 01.13.2025 Drawing of Lots for Ballot Order: Certify Ballot Eligibility to County Clerk(s)
5. 01.22-24.2025 State Education Convention

C. Future PAAC Events

1. 11.15.2024 Red Cross Blood Drive PAAC Lobby
2. 12.02.2024 B.A. Kennedy (K-2) Winter Concert
3. 12.05.2024 Bluff View Elementary (3-5) Winter Concert
4. 12.09.2024 Bluff View Middle (6-8) Band & Choir Concert
5. 12.16.2024 PdC High School Band & Choir Concert
6. 12.19.2024 PdCSD Orchestra Concert

VIII. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION (action if appropriate)

A. Superintendent/Building Administrator's Report/Presentation

1. High School
 - a) Football team had a great season! Winter sports are starting.
 - b) Pre-SAT scores show our students were 1063 which is above the 920 national average.
 - c) There were 4 behavioral threat assessments last week. Two boys restrooms are closed due to vandalism and Antisemitism, which was the 3rd report in two years.
2. Middle School

- a) US News & World Report reported the middle school is in the top 15% in the state.
- b) Stop It app is a big asset for administration to receive concerns from students anonymously.
- c) Veterans Day Program was wonderful.

3. Bluff View Elementary

- a) Five volunteers (literacy buddies) are reading with the 3rd graders.
- b) Trick or treating at Bluff Haven was a great event and fun for all involved.
- c) Students have been respectful and behaving well at all the activities that they have attended or participated at school.
- d) Chris Mezera and student council did an outstanding job putting together the Veterans Day Program.

4. B.A. Kennedy

- a) Scenic Bluffs Dental Day happened with fluoride treatments.
- b) Students attended Charlotte's Web at Luther College.
- c) Some fun activities for the students: FFA Safety Days, Trick or Treating downtown for the Needy, PTO Halloween Dance, Someone Special Breakfast, and Thanksgiving Food Drive.

5. District

- a) Working on the 25-26 school calendar.
- b) Thanksgiving meal cooked by our food service for all schools and staff was delicious.
- c) Trump event was paid in full. \$2350 went to the school for PAAC and custodial fees and \$3200 went to Dependable Solutions for IT service.
- d) Operating Referendum was defeated at November election. Decision will be made in January if it will be voted on again at April elections. If defeated, there is a 1 year wait for future operating referendum.

B. Community Connections and Celebrations

IX. OLD BUSINESS (action if appropriate)

A. Monthly Finance Update

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. Women's Civic Club donated money towards Pick a Pack Program.
- 2. Tractor Supply donated a grill to the PDC Booster Club.

3. Patrick DuCharme donated money to the GSA Club.
4. Brian and Jean Ann Dillman donated money towards a new wrestling mat.
5. Prairie Wrestling Club donated money towards a new wrestling mat.
6. Ron Sedgwick family donated clothes to the School District.

C. 2025 Early Senior Graduate

Student did not complete mandatory items to earn early graduate status.

D. Mike Liddell Presentation of Alternative Education

E. Request for an Early Start Date in 2025-26: Private School Transportation Cost.

Motion by Achenbach and seconded by Hackett to approve permission to apply for early start date for 2025-2026 school year. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

F. SWC/SWAL Future Conference Realignment

Motion by Achenbach and seconded by Gilberts to approve of Future SWC/SWAL Conference Realignment. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

G. Neola Policies Update

1. Policy 0164 Meetings
2. Policy 0174.1 Annual Report
3. Policy 2131 Educational Outcome Goals and Expectations
4. Policy 2340 District-Sponsored Trips
5. Policy 3120.04 & 4120.04 Employment of Substitutes
6. Policy 3120.08 Employment of Personnel for
Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities
7. Policy 3431 & 4431 Employee Leaves
8. Policy 5200 Attendance
9. Policy 5330 Administration of Medication/Emergency Care
10. Policy 5430 Class Rank
11. Policy 5460 Graduation Requirements
12. Policy 5505 Academic Honesty (New Policy)
13. Policy 5610 Suspension and Expulsion
14. Policy 5610.03 Alternatives to Expulsion and Reentry Plans(New Policy)

15. Policy 5771 Search and Seizure
16. Policy 6423 Use of Credit Cards
17. Policy 7540.05 Assistive Technology and Services (New Policy)
18. Policy 7540.08 Artificial Intelligence (AI)
19. Policy 7544 Use of Social Media
20. Policy 8395 Student Mental Health Services
21. Policy 8500 Food Services
22. Policy 8510 Wellness
23. Policy 8531 Free and Reduced-Price Meals
24. Policy 8540 Vending Machines
25. Policy 8550 Competitive Food Sales
26. Policy 8600 Transportation
27. Policy 8601 Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Employees that Transport Students (New Policy)
28. Policy 8640 Transportation for Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips-Rescinded
29. Policy 8660 Transportation by Private Vehicle for District-Sponsored Activities or Trips
30. Policy 8680 Transportation Services Contracts

Motion by Anthony and seconded by Gilberts to approve Neola Policy Updates. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

H. Board Resolution on 2024-2025 Retirement Compensation

1. Open retirement for Teachers is \$150 per day for unused sick days, (a day equals 8 clock hours) up to a maximum of 120 days but will not exceed \$18,000. Support Staff is \$90 a day for unused sick days, (a day equals 8 clock hours) up to a maximum of 120 days but will not exceed \$10,800.

Motion by Achenbach and seconded by Hackett to approve Board Resolution on 2024-2025 Retirement Compensation. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

I. Student Travel (if any)

J. 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. Student Bus Hearing
- B. Personnel
- C. Referendum Finances
- D. Future School District Financing

Motion by Gilberts and seconded by White to go into Closed Session at 6:29 p.m. to discuss Student Bus Hearing, Personnel, Referendum Finances, and Future School District Financing. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

XII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Anthony and seconded by White to return to Open Session at 8:56 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 Achenbach and seconded by Gilberts to adjourn meeting at 8:57 p.m. Passed unanimously with all in favor. Meeting Adjourned.


President

Notes taken by Jackie Rodenberg