

Prairie du Chien Area School District

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10 13 2025 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, 2025 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.

Lonnie Achenbach

Dustin Brewer

Kyle Maahs

Lacie Anthony

Absent BOE Members:

Nick Gilberts

Noah White

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Achenbach and seconded by Brewer 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. 09.02.2025 Special Meeting
2. 09.08.2025 Regular Board Meeting
3. 09.15.2025 Strategic Planning Meeting

C. Personnel

1. Resignation

- a) Brianna Kinley-Bluff View Teacher's Aide
- b) Jordan Stagman-7th Girls Basketball Coach
- c) Heather DeBruin-Yearbook Advisor
- d) Lara Czajkowski Higgins-Head High School Girls Soccer Coach
- e) Cory Koenig-Assistant High School Wrestling Coach

2. Approval

- a) Veronica Zinkle-JV Girls Basketball Coach
- b) Hannah Dammen-5th/6th Volleyball Coach
- c) Todd McDonald-5th Boys Basketball Coach
- d) Jennifer Severson-B.A. Kennedy Teacher's Aide
- e) Tyler Keeney-5th Girls Basketball Coach
- f) Lindsey Welter-7th Girls Basketball Coach
- g) Molly Mason-7th Girls Basketball Coach
- h) Emily Moe-B.A. Kennedy Full-Time Teacher's Aide
- i) Caitlyn Bittner- High School Yearbook Advisor

D. ECCP/Start College Now (if any)-1

E. Alternative Open Enrollment Applications-1

Motion by Achenbach and seconded by Anthony to approve Consent Agenda Items. 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. 10.20.2025 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Prairie du Chien High School
2. 10.27.2025 Annual Finance Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Prairie du Chien High School
3. 10.29.2025 Policy Meeting 12:00 p.m. Prairie du
Chien High School
4. 11.10.2025 Regular Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Prairie du Chien High School
5. 11.17.2025 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Prairie du Chien High School

B. Information Items

1. School Board Week-October 5-11th

C. Future PAAC Events

1. 11.06-09.2025 PDCHS Musical: Into the Woods
2. 11.18.2025 Pro Arte Quartet
3. 12.12.2025 America's Sweethearts Christmas
4. 02.14.2026 Wisconsin Singers
5. 03.20.2026 Katie McMahon's Celtic Celebration

VIII. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION (action if appropriate)

A. Superintendent/Building Administrator's Report/Presentation(Specificity of Notice)

1. Staff and Student Recognitions and Accomplishments
2. Recent and Upcoming Events/Activities in the Schools

a) B.A. Kennedy

- (1) Students loved participating in Homecoming activities at the high school.
- (2) Team building activity is making the scarecrows outside of the school.
- (3) Fire Prevention Week, Flu shot, and vision screening clinic was last week.
- (4) Scenic Bluffs collaboration has been a gift for our school.

b) Bluff View Elementary

- (1) Safety first drills happened at school.
- (2) Bookfair was a success.
- (3) Literacy Buddy Program, Robotics Club, and Math Club started.

c) Bluff View Middle School

- (1) I-Ready diagnostics were done.
- (2) Mathcounts have over 50 students. Thank you to Alex Mathies for helping with this and Robotics Club.
- (3) Intervention center has started to help students.
- (4) Positive referrals are going out to students and parents as a new program.

d) High School

- (1) Homecoming week just finished.
- (2) PSAT test will be Tuesday morning.
- (3) Food Service A la cart program is a success.

e) District

- (1) Monday, Oct.27th is the Budget meeting, which will have houses for sale, and school start date resolutions for 26-27 school year on it.
- (2) Oct.17th is a no school day for students. Teachers have a professional development day.

B. Community Connections and Celebrations

1. Middle and High School Sources of Strength recognized 988 Day by campaigning with the slogan, “Battery Low? Plug into Strength,” featuring colorful displays and writing icons for students and staff to share the strengths they lean into when life feels tough.

IX. OLD BUSINESS (action if appropriate)

- A. Monthly Finance Update
- B. 2026-27 Calendar-Snow Days

Tabled to future agenda.

X. NEW BUSINESS (action if appropriate)

- A. Any items removed from Consent Agenda for further discussion
- B. Grants and Donations read into record and approved (if any)
 1. The George Foundation donated money to BluffView Middle School for trapper-keeper binders.
 2. An anonymous donor donated food to the Pick a Pack program.
 3. The family of Fiona Chen donated large bottles of hand sanitizer for teachers to use in their classrooms.

4. The following individuals and organizations donated money to the Booster Club for the golf outing: Mill Coulee Angus Farm, Royal Bank, Excalibur Laundries, Anthony Hoppenjan, Kelsey Whitt, Nicolas Fiskaali, Elkader Subway, Girls Golf Coaches Tyler Boylen and Gary Wynos, PdC Softball Club, and The Porch.
5. Bluff View School received a school supply donation from the Women's Auxiliary.
6. Ron Kucko and his construction class donated their time and scrap wood pieces to make scarecrow frames for B.A. Kennedy's Scarecrow Stuffing Event.
7. Molly Stuckey and the Steve Achenbach family farm donated straw bales for B.A. Kennedy's Scarecrow Stuffing Event.
8. Jan Sturmer, with Coulee Cap, donated plums to all B.A. Kennedy students for their fresh fruit snack and mini Halloween muffins for trick-or-treating on Halloween.
9. Krystal and Brian Pink, of BK Bundt Cakes, made a donation towards activities for students at BA Kennedy.

C. Support Staff -8 employees \$1.05 Past Pay Rate
Removal

Moved to Closed Session

D. Substitute Support Staff Pay Rate

Motion by Achenbach and seconded by Maahs to approve Substitute Support Staff Pay Rate to \$15.00 per hour. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

E. Bluff View Gutter Bid: Decision on the gutter bid for the back of Bluff View School

Motion by Maahs and seconded by Anthony to approve Gutter repair for \$7,500. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

F. Lawnmower Purchase- High School/Bluff View

Motion by Achenbach and seconded by Anthony to purchase residential lawnmower from local vendor. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

G. Prairie du Chien High School Early 2026 Graduate

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Maahs to approve Aysia Lockington for Early 2026 Graduate. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

H. 3rd Friday Pupil Count Update

I. Student Travel (if any)

1. National FFA Convention. This event takes place from October 28th to November 1st in Indianapolis, Indiana. We will be traveling with Markesan High School. We will have seven students attending this year.

2. High School Band Trip: Friday, May 29th and Saturday, May 30th- Windy City Experience

Motion by Achenbach and seconded by Anthony to approve the two student overnight trips. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

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 Expulsion - Start at 7:00 p.m., Room 103, may return to open session to complete the school board agenda.
- B. Staffing
- C. Finance: Support Staff Substitute Pay/Support Staff-\$1.05 Past Removal

Motion by Anthony and seconded by Brewer to go into Closed Session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss Student Expulsion, Staffing, Finance: Support Staff-\$1.05 Past Removal. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

XII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Maahs to go into Open Session at 7:09 p.m. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

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

- A. Motion by Maahs and seconded by Brewer to approve the \$1.05 given back to the 8 employees that it was taken away from years ago. Passed by roll call vote: Maahs-Yes, Anthony-Yes, Higgins, Jr. - Yes, Achenbach-Yes, Brewer-Yes. Passed 5-0.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Anthony to adjourn meeting at 7:10 p.m. Passed unanimously with all in favor.

Nick Gilberts

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