



**PRAIRIE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

*April 20, 2010
7:00 p.m.*

*Administration Office
0305S 1150E, LaGrange, IN*

MINUTES

The Prairie Heights Community Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, April 20, 2010. The meeting was held in the Administration Office. Those in attendance were as follows: Alan Middleton, Mike Howe, Todd Perkins, Mark Thrasher, and Bob Ledgerwood. Also in attendance were Vicki Walker, Gayle Green, Pat Long, Donell Housel, Bryce Heller, Loren Heinlen, Val Heinlen, Laura Freed, Josh Keipper, Heather Keipper, John Mettert, Carrie Mettert, Logan Mettert, Doug Terry, Tressa Terry, Lisa Ledgerwood, Andrea Ledgerwood, Jim Young, Lori Bailer, Jayne Perkins, Pat Fulton, Mitch Perkins, Stacy Smith, Jon Slone, Denise McNabb, Sue Tyler, Jim Shilander, Craig Burkholder, Cheryl Burkholder, Johanna Sheets and Samantha Sheets.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Howe at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a reading of the Mission Statement.

Mr. Middleton presented the following students awards:

TRINE University Science Fair

- Andrea Ledgerwood – 2nd Place Environmental & Earth Science
- Mitch Perkins – 4th Place Junior Biochemistry
- Samantha Sheets – 3rd Place Junior Botany & Microbiology
- Kayla Smith – 3rd Place Junior Behavioral & Social Studies

\$500 Scholarship Winner

- Logan Mettert – Boiler Vet Summer Camp at Purdue

Knight of Columbus Free Throw Contest

- Tressa Terry – State Winner

A motion was made by Mark Thrasher to approve the following Consent Items:

- Approval of the Minutes for March 16, 2010
- Approval of March 26 & April 9, 2010 Payroll.
- Approval of April claims.
- Approval of Employment – Rusty Niccum (Assistant Boys Track Coach), David Snyder (Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach), Amber Gass (Co-Sponsor PHMS Cheerleading), Shanan Staton (Co-Sponsor PHMS Cheerleading), and Kevin Frey (Varsity Girls Basketball Coach).
- Contract Termination – Debbera Fey
- Retirement Notice accepted by Mr. Middleton from Jeffrey Myers.

The motion was seconded by Bob Ledgerwood and approval was 4-0.

Superintendent Middleton made a recommendation for a reduction-in-force cancellation of Nonpermanent Teacher Contracts for the following teachers effective at the end of the current school year: Jacquelyn Bodenhafer, Natasha Carr, Jennifer Cook, Stacy Goins, Abby Lantz, Marla Nini, Jason Porter, Ryan Stellhorn,

Ben Wall and Emily Yoder. A motion was made by Todd Perkins to approve the recommendation. Mark Thrasher seconded the motion and approval was 4-0.

Superintendent Middleton made a recommendation for the following reduction-in-force cancellation of the following Permanent/Semi-Permanent Teacher Contracts: Laura Allen, Lori Bailer, Beth Ferguson, Andria Folsom, Pam Hamilton, Michelle Johnson, Gloria Sherwood, and Brett Smith. On March 15 & 16, 2010 the above stated teachers were given written notice of the Board's consideration of the cancellation of his/her teaching contract effective at the end of the school year. This notice advised the above stated teachers of the right to a hearing should one be requested within 15 days of receiving written notice. The above stated teachers failed to request a hearing within the allotted time, and therefore, have granted consent for this Board to decide the matter without a hearing. The recommendation to the board that said teacher's teaching contract be cancelled effective at the end of the school year are due to budgetary cuts and justifiable decrease in teaching positions. A motion was made by Mark Thrasher to approve the cancellation of teaching contracts of the teachers identified by the Superintendent effective at the end of the school year. Todd Perkins seconded the motion and approval was 3-1.

Superintendent Middleton made a recommendation that the following reduction-in-force cancellation of 1/2 of Permanent/Semi-Permanent Teacher Contracts: Sarah Lyon, Lynne Perkins and Damon Witherspoon. On March 15 & 17, 2010 the above stated teachers were given written notice of the Board's consideration of the cancellation of his/her teaching contract effective at the end of the school year. This notice advised the above stated teachers of the right to a hearing should one be requested within 15 days of receiving written notice. The above stated teachers failed to request a hearing within the allotted time, and therefore, have granted consent for this Board to decide the matter without a hearing. The recommendation to the board that said teacher's teaching contract be cancelled effective at the end of the school year are due to budgetary cuts and justifiable decrease in teaching positions. A motion was made by Todd Perkins to approve the cancellation of teaching contracts of the teachers identified by the Superintendent effective at the end of the school year. Mark Thrasher seconded the motion and approval was 4-0.

Motions were then made on the following Action Items:

- Todd Perkins made a motion to approve the 2010 FFA Program of Activities. Bob Ledgerwood seconded the motion and approval was 4-0.
- Mark Thrasher made a motion to approve 2 summer Ag workers. Bob Ledgerwood seconded the motion the motion passed 4-0.
- Mark Thrasher made a motion to approve the 2010-2011 School Calendar. Todd Perkins seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-1. Mike Howe was against the motion.
- Mark Thrasher made a motion to approve to participate in the summer feeding program through the school lunch program. Bob Ledgerwood seconded the motion the motion passed 4-0.
- Bob Ledgerwood made a motion to approve the early retirement incentive as presented. Mark Thrasher seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.
- Mark Thrasher made a motion to approve the authorization approval for the Board President to execute agreements and Memorandum of Understanding's between now and the May Board meeting. All agreements will be presented at the May meeting. Todd Perkins seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Superintendent Middleton announced the Meet the Candidate Night on Monday, April 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria.

Adjournment was at 7:52 p.m.

Documents were signed