



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

*November 17, 2009  
7:00 p.m.*

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

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## **MINUTES**

The Prairie Heights Community Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, November 17, 2009. 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, Bill Eberhard, Karen Eagleson, Jeff Reed, Donell Housel, Pat Long, Gayle Green, Sue Tyler, Bill Stockberger, Beth Ferguson, Gloria Sherwood, Barbara Halsey, Shari Schippers, Jim Young, Julie Deveau, Janelle Troyer, Kiska Carr, Naomi Carr, Cierra Domer, Steve Engleking, Laura Freed, Denise McNabb, Matthew Perkins, Mark Walter, Cheri Bovee, Kim Gerbers, Jerry Perkins, Bryce Heller, Deb Snyder, Jeanette Buchanan, Kevin Schlegel, and Jim Shilander.

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.

Superintendent Middleton presented Matthew Perkins an award for participating in the Cross Country State Meet. Nicholas Lagemann was also recognized for being a participant at the Cross Country State Meet.

Mrs. Shari Schippers and several high school Leo Club members presented information regarding the Boomerang Back-Pack program. By consensus the board gave the Leo Club permission to participate in this program beginning at Milford Elementary.

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

- Approval of the Minutes for October 20, 2009.
- Approval of October 23 & November 6, 2009 Payroll.
- Approval of November claims.
- Approval of Alissa Schoon leave of absence.
- Approval of Larry Johnson as a volunteer 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach.
- Approval of Scott West as a volunteer 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach.
- Approval of Cheri Bovee as a volunteer cheerleading coach.
- Approval of Tony Everidge as a volunteer boys basketball coach.
- Approval of Dylan Forbes as a volunteer high school wrestling coach.
- Approval of Rusty Niccum as a volunteer high school cross country/track coach.
- Mr. Middleton accepted the resignation of Molly Rowe as a volunteer cheerleading coach.
- Mr. Middleton approved employment of Kathy Randol as an evening custodian at PHMS.

The motion was seconded by Janet Grabill and approval was 5-0.

Motions were then made on the following Action Items:

- Bob Ledgerwood made a motion to approve that the superintendent issue a written preliminary notice of the board's consideration of nonrenewal to those administrators in the school corporation whose

contracts may not be renewed by the Superintendent. Todd Perkins seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

- Principal Housel presented a report to the Board on the Block 4 schedule using State data and local input from teachers, parents, and students. Mrs. Housel highlighted the strengths and weaknesses of the block 4. The following main issues were highlighted to the Board: 1) End of Course Assessments are a new dynamic to graduate. 2) Consistency and continuity in core subject areas especially in grades 9 & 10. 3) Study halls are long for students and not effective. 4) Less minutes for instruction inside the block. After Principal Housel the PHEA presented ideas on how to tweak the block 4, to offer better course sequencing with prerequisites, and limiting when students can take a class, i.e., World History. Their report did state that a majority of High School PHEA teachers favor utilizing the block with suggested adjustments being made. The board members discussed their points of view regarding the block 4 schedule.

Mark Thrasher made a motion to direct the administration that block 4 schedule in the High School is off the table as it is now being used and they should continue their efforts to bring a recommendation of a new schedule to remedy issues presented in Mrs. Housel's report. The board wants this recommendation in 60 days (January) and a progress report in 30 days (December). Todd Perkins seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

Adjournment was at 8:27 p.m.

Documents were signed

Executive Session – I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) to discuss job performance of an employee adjourned at 10:10 p.m.