



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

**May 16, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

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

MINUTES

The Prairie Heights Community Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 16, 2011. The meeting was held in the Administration Office. Those in attendance were as follows: Alan Middleton, Mike Howe, Todd Perkins, Janet Grabill, Mark Thrasher and Bob Ledgerwood. Also in attendance were Karen Eagleson, Jeremy Swander, Brenda Rummel, Jeff Reed, Denise McNabb and Steve Engleking.

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

A motion was made by Bob Ledgerwood to approve the following Consent Items:

- Approval of the April 18, 2011 minutes.
- Approval of April 22 & May 6, 2011 payrolls.
- Approval of May claims.
- Approval of Employment: Jennifer Cook (Prairie Heights Elementary Teacher), Chad Howald (MS Track Coach), Joe Oiler (Assistant HS Football Coach), Todd Gerbers (8th Grade Football Coach), Jamie Thompson (8th Grade Football Coach), Brad McGraw (Volunteer 8th Grade Football Coach), Vince Troyer (Seventh Grade Football Coach), Rich Frey (Seventh Grade Football Coach), and Brad Shepard (Volunteer MS Football Coach).
- Resignations accepted by Mr. Middleton from Brenda Smoker (Prairie Heights Elementary Teacher) and Kevin Applegate (Assistant HS Football Coach).
- Retirement accepted by Mr. Middleton from Connie Harmon (Prairie Heights Middle School Teacher), Mary Ann Hoppe (Prairie Heights Middle School Aide) and Janet Christlieb (Prairie Heights Elementary Aide).

The motion was seconded by Mark Thrasher and approval was 5-0.

Motions were then made on the following Action Items:

- Todd Perkins made a motion to approve the proposed 2011-2012 field trips presented by the building administrators. Janet Grabill seconded the motion, the motion passed 5-0.
- Mark Thrasher made a motion to approve the 2011-2012 fundraisers presented by the building administrators. Janet Grabill seconded the motion, the motion passed 5-0.
- Mark Thrasher made a motion to approve the proposed Middle School and High School book rental fees for 2011-2012. Bob Ledgerwood seconded the motion, the motion passed 5-0.
- Todd Perkins made a motion to approve the 2011-2012 student handbook changes as presented. PHMS and PHHS will have the same dress code regarding holes in students clothing. PHHS presented the following grading changes: For a student to receive an A+ they will have to have a 4.0 for a non-weighted class. The weighted scale for a class is Choice A. Only AP/Dual Credit classes will be weighted. The formula for calculating semester grades will be determined by the high school administration and for a student to receive semester credit using 2 nine week grades or a semester exam, the student must pass 2 of the 3 grades. The high school grading scale will be re-evaluated

next year having collaboration with the elementary and middle school. Bob Ledgerwood seconded the motion, the motion passed 3-2.

- Mark Thrasher made a motion to approve the liquidation of two trailers owned by the band boosters. Todd Perkins seconded the motion, the motion passed 5-0.
- Todd Perkins made a motion to approve the transfer of the Salem Center property to Steuben County. Mark Thrasher seconded the motion, the motion passed 5-0.
- Bob Ledgerwood made a motion to approve 2 summer Ag workers at \$7.50 and hour. Mark Thrasher seconded the motion, the motion passed 5-0.
- Mark Thrasher made a motion to approve the trip to Cedar Point for the High School Freshman Focus Student Leaders and the trip to the Toledo Zoo for seniors. Janet Grabill seconded the motion, the motion passed 5-0.
- Mark Thrasher made a motion to approve Alan Middleton as the REMC Representative for the annual meeting. Bob Ledgerwood seconded the motion, the motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment was at 7:55 p.m.

Documents were signed

Executive Session - I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2a) to discuss Collective bargaining and I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) to discuss job performance of an employee began at 8:15 and adjourned at 9:55.