



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

**February 16, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

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

MINUTES

The Prairie Heights Community Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 16, 2015. The meeting was held in the Administration Office. Those in attendance were as follows: Mr. Reed, Bob Ledgerwood, Jim Courtright, Mike Howe, Bill McClanahan, and Kirk Perkins. Also in attendance were: Damon Witherspoon, Brenda Rummel, Sharon Springer, Ashley Springer, Karen Eagleson, John Mettert, Carrie Mettert, Olivia Mettert, Deb Snyder, Lisa Ledgerwood, Elizabeth Engleking, Steve Engleking, Gaylon Wisel, Jeremy Swander, Andrew Arndt, Mike Perkins, Todd Perkins, Monica Messer, Tony Dyer, Nick Dyer, and Denise McNabb.

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Ledgerwood at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of Silence.

Mr. Reed recognized the students of the month for Prairie Heights Middle School and Prairie Heights High School.

A motion was made by Bill McClanahan to approve the following Consent Items:

- Approval of the January 19, 2015 minutes.
- Approval of January 23 & February 10, 2015 payroll.
- Approval of February claims.
- Mr. Reed approved the resignations of Jessica Bowers (PHES part-time aide) and Travis Foster (Varsity football assistant)
- Mr. Reed approved the employment of Carla Gappinger (PHHS part-time study hall monitor) and Lisa Stukekey (PHES part-time aide).

The motion was seconded by Jim Courtright and approval was 5-0.

Motions were then made on the following Action Items:

- Mike Howe moved to advise Mr. Reed that his contract is extended 1 year pursuant to paragraph 18 of his contract. Kirk Perkins seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Mike Howe moved to adopt Option 2 for the 2015-2016 school calendar. First day for students will be August 12, 2015 with the first semester ending December 18, 2015. Second semester will begin January 4, 2016 and the potential last day for students would May 31, 2016. Jim Courtright seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Kirk Perkins moved to enforce option 3 for the Reduction in Force for 2015-2016. Option 3 eliminates 3 temporary positions, 1 vacated position, 2 part-time positions, 4 full time positions, ½ time administrative position at PHES, and reduces 2 full time positions to a 5/7 contract. The approximate savings of option 3 will be \$600,067. Bill McClanahan seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Mike Howe moved to approve a retirement incentive of \$20,000 for certified employees giving notice of their retirement before March 1st. Jim Courtright seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

Adjournment was at 7:23 p.m.

Documents were signed.

Executive Session I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2a) to discuss Collective bargaining began 7:33 p.m. and adjourned at 8:10 p.m.