



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

**May 18, 2015
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 18, 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: Ron Northup, Andy Arndt, Jeremy Swander, Elizabeth Engleking, Steve Engleking, Karen Eagleson, Robby Morgan, Brenda Rummel, Lisa Ledgerwood, Denise McNabb, and Mike Travis.

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

A motion was made by Mike Howe to approve the following Consent Items:

- Approval of the April 20, 2015 minutes.
- Approval of April 24 & May 8, 2015 payroll.
- Approval of May claims.
- Approval of Employment:
 - a) Greg Ziegler – Varsity Assistant Football Coach
 - b) Kenny Kill – Varsity Assistant Football Coach
- Mr. Reed approved the resignation of Cory Scherer (Varsity Girls Tennis Coach), McKinley Wheeler (PHES Teacher), Nicole Prough (PHCSC Bus Driver), and Jenna Stuckey (PHMS Teacher).
- Mr. Reed approved the employment of Tami Close and Nancy Burkhalter (PHCSC Food Service).

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

Motions were then made on the following Action Items:

- Bill McClanahan moved to approve the 2015-2016 field trips proposed by building administrators. Jim Courtright seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Bill McClanahan moved to approve the 2015-2016 fundraisers proposed by building administrators. Mike Howe seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Jim Courtright moved to approve the 2015-2016 textbook rental amounts proposed by building administrators. Kirk Perkins seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Kirk Perkins moved to approve the 2015-2016 student handbook changes proposed by the building administrators. Mike Howe seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Superintendent Reed made a recommendation for a reduction-in-force nonrenewal of temporary teaching contracts of Kassie Barroquillo, Kirsten Schwyn and Misty Stezowski at the end of the current school year. Mike Howe moved to approve the recommendation. Bill McClanahan seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Superintendent Reed made a recommendation for a reduction-in-force cancellation of the part-time teaching contract of Brandon Rumsey at the end of the current school year. On May 1,

2015 the above stated teacher was given written notice of the preliminary decision of Mr. Witherspoon to cancel his teaching contract effective at the end of the school year. This notice advised Mr. Rumsey of the right to a conference with the Superintendent should one be requested within five (5) days of receiving written notice of the Principal's preliminary decision. Mr. Rumsey failed to request a conference within the allotted time. In accordance with IC 20-28-7.5-2(e), if a teacher does not request a conference, the Principal's preliminary decision is considered final. A motion was made by Jim Courtright to approve the cancellation of the teaching contract of Brandon Rumsey at the end of the school year. Bill McClanahan seconded the motion and approval was 5-0

- Superintendent Reed made a recommendation that the following reduction-in-force cancellation of full-time teaching contracts of the following: Jennifer Holden, Elizabeth Looper and Kyle Karum. On May 1 and May 4, 2015 the above stated teachers were given written notice of the preliminary decision of Mr. Swander and Mr. Witherspoon to cancel his/her teaching contract, effective at the end of the school year. This notice advised Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Looper, and Mr. Karum of the right to a conference with the Superintendent should one be requested within five (5) days of receiving the written notice of the Principal's preliminary decision. Mrs. Holden and Mrs. Looper failed to request a conference within the allotted time. In accordance with IC 20-28-7.5-2(e), if a teacher does not request a conference, the Principal's preliminary decision is considered final.

However, on May 4, 2015 Mr. Karum requested a conference with the superintendent. A conference was held on May 7 between Mr. Karum and Superintendent Reed. Mr. Karum then requested a conference with the board. A private conference was held May 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building with the board, Mr. Karum, Mr. Swander and Superintendent Reed.

A motion was made by Mike Howe to approve the cancellation of the teaching contracts of Jennifer Holden, Elizabeth Looper and Kyle Karum effective at the end of the school year. Kirk Perkins seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

- Kirk Perkins moved to approve the reduction-in-force call back policy presented by Superintendent Reed. Jim Courtright seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

Adjournment was at 7:26 p.m.

Documents were signed.