



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

**January 18, 2016  
6:30 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 Monday, January 18, 2016. 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, Sheila McCrea, Karen Eagleson, Dana Wannemacher, Ryan Bowland, Kayla Williams, Gaylon Wisel, Andy Arndt, Jim Measel, Alecia Pfefferkorn, Jeremy Swander, Lisa Ledgerwood and Mike Travis.

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.

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

- Approval of the December 21, 2015 & January 7, 2016 minutes.
- Approval of December 24, 2015 & January 8, 2016 payroll.
- Approval of January claims.
- Approval of Employment – Cierra Young (Varsity Assistant Volleyball Coach).
- Mr. Reed approved the employment of Jennifer Hayward (PHES Title I Part-time Instructional Assistant).
- Mr. Reed accepted the resignation of Mary Goodwin (PHES Title I Part-time Instructional Assistant)

The motion was seconded by Mike Howe and approval was 5-0.

Motions were then made on the following Action Items:

- Jim Courtright moved to approve and adopt the Administrative Guidelines, Bylaws and Policies. Kirk Perkins seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Mr. Ledgerwood presided over the public hearing for the Renovation of and improvements to Prairie Heights Elementary/Middle School. Mr. Ledgerwood welcomed everyone and introduced members of the board and speakers.

Mr. Reed explained the purpose of the meeting was that under Indiana law whenever a school corporation proposed to construct or renovate a school building at a cost in excess one million dollars it must first hold a public hearing. Notice of this public hearing was published in The LaGrange Standard/News on December 28, 2015 and in the Steuben Herald-Republican on December 30, 2015. The proofs of publication of the notice of the hearing were presented to the meeting.

It was explained that at this hearing all interested people may give testimony and/or ask questions concerning this project. The purpose of the hearing is two-fold: (1) the first purpose is to inform the public as to the proposed project; and (2) to allow all interested parties, the taxpayers and the patrons of Prairie Heights Community School Corporation to voice their opinions as to the project and ask questions.

After the purpose of the hearing was explained, the presentations regarding the need for the renovation of and improvements to Prairie Heights Elementary/Middle School (the "Project") were given by Mr. Reed and Ryan Bowland. An evaluation of the existing facilities was given. The plan was then given explaining the proposed facilities. The estimated Project cost and schedule were then presented to the public. Mr. Reed explained how this Project could be funded and the tax rate impact.

After the above presentations, the Board President announced they would now hear testimony and questions from the public. Questions from board members, superintendent and a patron were also discussed. Upon a motion made and seconded the hearing was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Mr. Reed made a recommendation to the Board to adopt a Resolution to construct the Project at a cost of more than one million dollars. A motion was made by Mike Howe to adopt the following resolution. Bill McClanahan seconded the motion and approval was 5-0. The board adopted the resolution attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The Superintendent stated that he had consulted the firm of Ice Miller LLP, bond counsel of Indianapolis, Indiana, relative to the procedure to be followed in connection with the proposed bond issue and the rendering of an opinion approving the legality of the bonds. He then presented to the Board a form of resolution approved by Ice Miller LLP, and recommended by them for adoption for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of bonds.

After consideration of the preliminary bond resolution, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the same was adopted 5-0 and is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

The President next stated that the Board needed to consider a Reimbursement Resolution. On Motion duly made, the resolution attached as Exhibit C was adopted by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Reed announced that President's Day (February 15, 2016) will be used as a make-up day.

Adjournment was at 6:57 p.m.

Documents were signed.