



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

**February 15, 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, February 15, 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, Ron Northup, Gaylon Wisel, Karen Eagleson, Bryce Heller, Kayla Williams, Sheila McCrea, Jeremy Swander and Andy Arndt.

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 students of the month from Prairie Heights Middle School and Prairie Heights High School.

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

- Approval of the January 18, 2016 minutes.
- Approval of January 25 & February 10, 2016 payroll.
- Approval of February claims.
- Approval of Employment – Quinton Bland (Volunteer Middle School Wrestling Coach)(3 days/week), Julie Kellett (Volunteer Assistant Varsity Boys Track Coach), Matthew Perkins (Volunteer Assistant Varsity Boys & Girls Track Coach), and Casey Rowe (Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach)(3 days/week).
- Mr. Reed approved the retirement notices from Scott Monroe (PHHS Teacher) and Jaymee Monroe (PHES Teacher) effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
- Mr. Reed accepted the resignation of Mike Travis (PHMS Boys Track Coach).

The motion was seconded by Kirk Perkins and approval was 5-0.

Motions were then made on the following Action Items:

- Jim Courtright moved to advise Mr. Reed that his contract would be extended one year pursuant to paragraph 18 of his contract. Bill McClanahan seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Kirk Perkins moved to adopt the proposed 2016-2017 school calendar. First day for students will be August 12, 2016 with the first semester ending December 20, 2016. Second semester will begin January 4, 2017 and the potential last day for students would be June 1, 2017. Mike Howe seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Mike Howe moved to approve a field trip for Prairie Heights High School High Ability Students to Chicago on Friday, April 8, 2016. Students will be visiting Chicago's Shedd Aquarium and The Field Museum. Bill McClanahan seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- The Public Hearing for additional appropriations was called to order at 6:42 p.m. by Bob Ledgerwood, President. Mr. Reed presented to the Board proofs of publication and posting notice of the notice to taxpayers of the hearing to be held at this meeting on the matter of the additional appropriation proposed to be made on account of said building project, which proofs of publication and posting show that such notice was published in The LaGrange Standard/News on January 25, 2016 and in the Herald-Republican on January 26, 2016.

- Jim Courtright moved to approve the proofs of publications. Bill McClanahan seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- The President then stated that the Board was now ready to hear all taxpayers desiring to be heard in respect to the matter of the additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,000,000 proposed to be made on account of the renovation of and improvements to Prairie Heights Elementary/Middle School.
- After no comments were made relative to said additional appropriations, Bill McClanahan moved to adopt the additional appropriations “Exhibit A”. Mike Howe seconded the motion and approval was 5-0. The secretary was directed to advertise the sale of the bonds.
- Mr. Reed 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 the bonds. Mike Howe moved to adopt the final bond resolution “Exhibit B” and the Post Issuance Compliance Procedures “Exhibit C”. Jim Courtright seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Bill McClanahan moved to close the public hearing for additional appropriations. Kirk Perkins seconded the motion and approval to close the hearing at 6:45 pm was 5-0.

Mr. Reed reported that the 2014-2015 school year evaluation results for certified employees were 76 highly effective and 20 effective.

Adjournment was at 7:00 p.m.

Documents were signed.

Executive Session I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) to discuss the job performance of an employee began at 7:10 p.m. and adjourned at 7:50 p.m.