



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

**February 19, 2018
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 19, 2018. The meeting was held in the Administration Office. Those in attendance were as follows: Mr. Reed, Bob Ledgerwood, Jim Courtright, Mike Howe, Patty Lorntz and Kirk Perkins. Also in attendance were: Hilliard Munsey, Jeff LaRone, Ron Northup, Karen Eagleson, Alecia Pfefferkorn, Damon Witherspoon, Gaylon Wisel, Brad Jones, Jeremy Swander, Andy Arndt, Ron Noll, and Arthur Franke. 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. Swander recognized PHHS students of the month.

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

- Approval of the Board of Finance and January 15, 2018 minutes.
- Approval of January 25 & February 9, 2018 payroll.
- Approval of February claims.
- Approval of Employment:
 - a) Julie Kellett – Boys Assistant Varsity Track Coach
 - b) Randy Rathburn – Girls Varsity Track Coach
 - c) Terry McClanahan – JV Baseball Coach
 - d) Chad Shuck – Volunteer JV Assistant Baseball Coach
 - e) Casey Wilhelm – PHES P.E. long-term substitute
 - f) Allison Hall – PHMS Golf Coach
 - g) Jennifer Benedetti – PHMS Girls Track Coach
 - h) Josh Keipper – PHMS Cross Country Coach
- Mr. Reed approved the retirement of Kim Harris (PHHS Teacher effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year).
- Mr. Reed approved a resignation from Heather Mellinger (PHCSC Food Service effective 1/22/2018), Christine Orr (PHMS ED Aide) and Ed Mahnesmith (Boys Varsity Assistant Track Coach).
- Mr. Reed approved the employment of Christine Orr (PHCSC Food Service).

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

A motion was made by Kirk Perkins to approve canceling the teaching contract of Brandon Rumsey effective February 2, 2018. The motion was seconded by Jim Courtright and approval was 5-0.

Motions were then made on the following Action Items:

- Patty Lorntz moved to reappoint Jerry White to a 4 year term for the LaGrange County Public Library Board. Jim Courtright seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Mike Howe moved to advise Mr. Reed that his contract is extended 1 year pursuant to paragraph 18 of his contract. Patty Lorntz seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Kirk Perkins moved to approve the bidding process for the sale of timber. Bids will be accepted in the summer allowing for up to 2 winters to complete the "Conventional Harvest". Once the "Conventional Harvest" is complete, the removal of the White Oak trees will be completed by Draft Horse Harvest. Concurrently beginning the application with the USDA for the Forestry Management Program utilizing any educational components available. Jim Courtright seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

- Patty Lorntz moved to amend the 2018-2019 School Calendar and approve the 2019-2020 School Calendar. Mike Howe seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Mike Howe moved to approve a field trip for PHHS High Ability students to Chicago, Museum of Science and Industry. Jim Courtright seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

Adjournment was at 8:09 p.m.

Documents were signed.