



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

**September 20, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

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

MINUTES

The Prairie Heights Community School Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, September 20, 2021. The meeting was held in the Administration Office. Those in attendance were as follows: Jeff Reed, Brook German, Todd Perkins, Mike Howe, Heather Culler and Aaron Pfafman. Also in attendance: Brad Jones, Christine Orr, Dustin Holden, Gaylon Wisel, Dustin Johnson, Damon Witherspoon, Jeremy Swander, Melissa Stowe, Jennifer Krontz, Alecia Pfefferkorn, Beverly Coolman, Andy Arndt, Brian Wesson and Abigail Bainbridge. The meeting was called to order by President Brook German at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Dustin Johnson thanked the board for allowing parents and families to make decisions that are best for their kids. Beverly Coolman then asked a few questions relating to COVID.

A motion was made by Todd Perkins to approve the following Consent Items:

- Approval of the August 16, 2021 minutes.
- Approval of August 25 & September 10, 2021 payroll.
- Approval of September claims.
- Approval of Employment:
 - a) Ella Thompson – Volunteer Freshman Volleyball Assistant Coach
 - b) Jalen King – Volunteer Boys Basketball Assistant Coach
 - c) Monica Severe – Volunteer MS Volleyball Assistant Coach
 - d) Kourtney Shough – Volunteer MS Volleyball Assistant Coach
 - e) Gina Green – MS Cheerleading Co-Coach
 - f) Jerica Malone – MS Cheerleading Co-Coach
 - g) Molly Krieger – Part-time Milford Custodian

Mr. Reed approved the resignation of Cassidy Roush (PHHS Food Service) and Bill Morr (PHMS Golf Coach). Mr. Reed approved the employment of Lacey Smith (PHMS Instructional Assistant), Tracey Norris (PHHS Cafeteria Manager), and Taylor Stukey (PHMS Part-time Food Service Worker). The motion was seconded by Aaron Pfafman and approval was 5-0.

Motions were then made on the following Action Items:

- Mike Howe moved to approve an increase to the bus driver base pay from \$83.00 a day to \$93.00 a day. Heather Culler seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- President Brook German opened the Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget, CPF Plan and Bus Replacement Plan at 6:10 p.m. Mrs. Orr made a presentation and answered any questions. After no discussion the hearing was closed at 6:20 p.m. by President Brook German. Adoption of the 2022 Budget, 2022 CPF Plan & 2022 Bus Replacement Plan will be at the October 18, 2021 meeting.

- Heather Culler moved to approve the use of COVID days for any employee that test positive for COVID. Staff that tests positive will receive six (6) COVID days during the 2021-2022 school year only. Any COVID day will be considered an excused absence. Mike Howe seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Mike Howe moved to approve an additional field trip to Maplewood Nature Center for third grade. Heather Culler seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

Mr. Reed explained the teacher evaluation process for the 2021-2022 school year. He also reported results from the 2020-2021 school year of 84 Highly Effective and 11 Effective Certified Staff Members.

Adjournment was at 6:33 p.m.

Documents were signed.

Executive Session I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(2)(A) Collective bargaining began at 6:40 p.m. and adjourned at 7:50 p.m.