



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

**December 16, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

**Administration Office  
03055 1150E, LaGrange, IN**

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## **MINUTES**

The Prairie Heights Community School Board of Education met in a regular session on Thursday, December 16, 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: Christine Orr, Dustin Holden, Alecia Pfefferkorn, Gaylon Wisel, Jeremy Swander, Damon Witherspoon, Brad Jones, Andy Arndt, Charity Sparklin, Brian Wesson, Kella Sparklin, Brent Byler, Kristen King, Kevin King, Gwen King, Rachel Pocock, Jude Budde, Craig Arnold, Leslie Arnold, Bridger Arnold, Celia Motz, Robin Johnson, Dustin Johnson, Bryan Cheesman, Brooke Cheesman, and Lauren German. 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.

A presentation was given by the elementary Lego Club.

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

- Approval of the November 3, 11 & 15, 2021 minutes.
- Approval of November 24 & December 10, 2021 payroll.
- Approval of December claims.
- Approval of Employment:
  - Gene Smith – JV Baseball Coach
  - David Priestley – JV Baseball Assistant Coach
  - Aspen Dirr – Varsity Girls Track Assistant Coach
  - Shane Richards – JV Baseball Volunteer Coach
  - Reese Smith – JV Baseball Volunteer Coach
  - Nathaniel Weimer – PHHS Special Education Teacher

Mr. Reed approved a retirement letter from Maria Gonzalez (PHES Instructional Assistant) effective 12/17/21. Mr. Reed approved resignations from Alexis Skeens (Boys Tennis Volunteer Assistant Coach), and Isaac Allen (Varsity Football Volunteer Assistant Coach). Mr. Reed approved the employment of Nichole Scalzo (PHMS Instructional Assistant) and Stephanie Eagleson (PHES/PHMS Custodian). Mr. Reed approved the reassignments of the following employees: Mike Gustin (JV Baseball Coach to Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach), Lee Frey (JV Wrestling Coach to Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach), Mike Levitz (Varsity Assistant Wrestling Volunteer Coach to JV Wrestling Coach), Mackenzie Ramer (Varsity Assistant Volunteer Coach to Varsity Assistant Softball Coach), Dave Snyder (JV Assistant volunteer coach to JV Assistant Softball Coach) and Cecilia Betancourt (PHES Instructional Assistant to Corporation ELL Assistant). Heather Culler seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

Motions were then made on the following Action Items:

- Mike Howe moved to set the Board of Finance and Reorganization meeting for January 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Aaron Pfafman seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

- Heather Culler moved to approve the Resolution to Transfer Expenditures. Todd Perkins seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Aaron Pfafman moved to approve the updated 2021-2022 Back to School Plan. Heather Culler seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Todd Perkins moved to approve the Resolution to transfer to Rainy Day Fund. Mike Howe seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Todd Perkins moved to reappoint Jerry White to a 4 year term for the LaGrange County Public Library Board. Aaron Pfafman seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

Mr. Reed thanked the LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce "Power of the Purse" event that raised \$14,500 for each LaGrange County School district to use for the Boomerang Backpack program.

Adjournment was at 6:45 p.m.

Documents were signed.

Executive Session I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(C) to discuss the implementation of security systems began at 6:55 p.m. and adjourned at 7:30 p.m.