



Prairie Heights Community School Corporation
Board of Education Meeting

May 15, 2023

Administration Office

MINUTES

The Prairie Heights Community Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held in the administration office. Those in attendance were as follows: Jeff Reed, Brook German, Todd Perkins, Mike Howe, Aaron Pfafman, Heather Culler, Christine Orr, Jeremy Swander, Andy Arndt, Troy Gaff, Gaylon Wisel, and Dustin Johnson. The meeting was called to order by President Brook German at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Public Comments were heard from Dustin Johnson.

A motion was made by Mike Howe to approve the following consent items:

- Approval of the April 17, 2023 minutes
- Approval of the April 25, 2023 and May 10, 2023 payroll
- Approval of the April 2023 claims
- Approval of Employment
 - Avery Rees - 8th Grade Reading Teacher, Mary Bultemeier - High School English Teacher, Ryan Neff - 6th Grade Boys Basketball Co-Coach, Martin Booher, 6th Grade Boys Basketball Co-Coach, Brent Byler - 6th Grade Boys Basketball Assistant Coach (volunteer)
 - Resignations: Lisa McKee - Corporation Food Service, Holly DeLancey - Elementary Paraprofessional, Walker Healey - Third Grade Teacher, Lindsay MacDonald - High School Teacher
 - Retirement Notices - Effective at the end of the 2022-2023 School Year: Cheryl Hamlin - Elementary Physical Education Teacher, Jeanette Buchanan - Elementary Teacher (high ability)

The motion was seconded by Aaron Pfafman and approval was 5-0.

A motion was made on the following Action Items:

- Aaron Pfafman moved to approve the First Reading of ISBA Policies. Heather Culler seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

- Todd Perkins moved to approve the 2023-2024 Field Trips. Mike Howe seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Heather Culler moved to approve the 2023-2024 Fundraisers. Mike Howe seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Aaron Pfafman moved to approve the 2023-2024 Student Handbook Changes. Todd Perkins seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Todd Perkins moved to approve the 2023-2024 Athletic Handbook Changes. Heather Culler seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Todd Perkins moved to approve the 2023-2024 FFA Program of Activities. Heather Culler seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Mike Howe moved to approve the Alternative Physical Education Credit for High School. Aaron Pfafman seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Heather Culler moved to approve the adoption of Elementary School and Middle School Curriculum Materials. Aaron Pfafman seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

Jeremy Swander, high school principal, led a discussion on graduation stoles and cords. He explained that in the past, we've allowed a stole for the Prairie Heights top 10, National Honor Society, and Military. We have allowed cords for Theater and FFA. We are now receiving requests for cords or stoles that represent cultures or clubs. Following conversation with the Board, Mr. Swander stated that he would follow past practice for the 2022-2023 graduation. The Board requested that Mr. Swander and Mr. Reed develop a policy for future years.

The Board heard building updates from the administrators and transportation updates from Officer Wisel.

Mr. Reed discussed that we would be adding an additional third grade position and a special education position at the elementary due to class sizes. Mr. Reed also stated that the middle school special education position that was never filled this school year would be posted again for next year.

Brook German, Board President, announced that she is moving out of the district and will be resigning in June.

Adjournment was at 7:03 pm.

Documents were signed.