



**Prairie Heights Community School Corporation**  
**Board of Education Meeting**

**August 21, 2023**

**Administration Office**

**MINUTES**

The Prairie Heights Community Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held in the administration office. Those in attendance were as follows: Jeff Reed, Todd Perkins, Mike Howe, Aaron Pfafman, Heather Culler, Jesslyn Senecal, Christine Orr, Gaylon Wisel, Monica Rowe, Tatsy Hayes, Damon Witherspoon, Dustin Holden, Jeremy Swander, Brent Byler, Andy Arndt, and Troy Gaff. The meeting was called to order by President Todd Perkins at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Public Comments: Atta "Tatsy" Hayes and Monica Rowe gave a presentation on the Turkey Creek Rangers.

A motion was made by Aaron Pfafman to approve the following consent items:

- Approval of the July 17, 2023 minutes
- Approval of the July 25, 2023 and August 10, 2023 payroll
- Approval of the July 2023 claims
- Approval of Employment
  - **New Hires:** Amanda Lawson – High School Spanish Teacher and Middle School Cross Country Assistant Coach (volunteer), Nancy Blomeke – Temporary Kindergarten Teacher (10 weeks), Mary Ditmars – Second Grade Teacher, Thomas Harris – Work-Based Learning Program (culinary), Emily Burkholder – Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach, Andrew Dane – Boys Tennis Assistant Coach, Sara Keck – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Volleyball Coach (volunteer), Jay Abbott – Middle School Football and Middle School Wrestling Coach (volunteer), Wendy McCrea – Corporation Bus Driver, Dana VanAuken – Corporation Bus Driver
  - **Reassignments:** Aspen Dirr – Assistant Girls Track Coach to Varsity Girls Track Head Coach, Brodie Rice – JV Baseball Head Coach to Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach, Caitlin Tracey – Second Grade Teacher to Third Grade Teacher, Chandler Sailor – Part-Time Paraprofessional to Full Time Paraprofessional
  - **Resignations:** Chuck Reed – High School Spanish Teacher, Brandee Hoffman – Third Grade Teacher, Cassy Cummins – High School Paraprofessional, Lois Carroll – High School Paraprofessional, Tyler Kaiser – Girls Varsity Tennis Coach, Joe Clark – Middle School Golf Coach

The motion was seconded by Jesslyn Senecal and approval was 5-0.

A motion was made on the following Action Items:

- Mike Howe moved to approve the Authority to Reduce Appropriations Resolution. Heather Culler seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Heather Culler moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing Litigation Against Social Media Companies. Aaron Pfafman seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Mike Howe moved to accept the 2023-2024 Food Service Contracts as presented by the Northern Indiana Educational Service Center. Jesslyn Senecal seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Mike Howe moved to approve the advertisement of the 2024 budget. Heather Culler seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Jesslyn Senecal moved to approve the first reading of ISBA policies. Aaron Pfafman seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Mike Howe moved to suspend the rules to allow for the reading of ISBA policies for a second time. Heather Culler seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Mike Howe moved to approve the adoption of policies 3011, 3120, 3540, 4204, 4210, 4300, 4303, 4340, 5051, 5340, 5372, 6100, 6110, 6210, 7100, and the revision of policy 3010 on its reading. Jesslyn Senecal seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Heather Culler move to approve the third grade field trip to Bill Blagg's Magic in Motion. Aaron Pfafman seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Mike Howe moved to approve the recommendation to approve the condenser and coil replacement for the high school auxiliary gym at a cost of \$71,810.00 Heather Culler seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

During the public comments, Atta "Tatsy" Hayes and Monica Rowe requested that the Turkey Creek Rangers plaque that is on display in the middle school be loaned out and displayed in South Milford at the old Farmers State Bank building. The Board agreed to this for a time period of one year and then will revisit. Tatsy or Monica will contact Mr. Reed when they are ready for it.

Building Principals gave updates on the start of the school year.

Officer Wisel provided updates on transportation and Dustin Holden gave a recap of the summer projects that were completed.

Mr. Reed informed the Board that the NEISEC CHOICE open house is September 14 from 1:00-4:00.

Mr. Reed provided information on the 2023 IREAD results and information on student enrollment for vocational classes.

Adjournment was at 6:50 pm

Documents were signed.

Executive Session I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(2)(A) to discuss Collective Bargaining began at 7:00 pm and adjourned at 8:10 pm.