



Prairie Heights Community School Corporation
Board of Education Meeting

April 21, 2025

Administration Office

MINUTES

The Prairie Heights Community Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 21, 2025 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held in the administration office. Those in attendance were as follows: Jeff Reed, Todd Perkins, Aaron Pfafman, Jesslyn Senecal, Heather Culler, Jamie Staton, Andy Arndt, Brian Wesson, Jeremy Swander, Damon Witherspoon, Brent Tubbs, and Christine Orr. 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: None

A motion was made by Heather Culler to approve the following consent items:

- Approval of the March 17, 2025 minutes
- Approval of the March 25 and April 10, 2025 Payroll
- Approval of the April 2025 Claims
- Approval of Employment
 - New Hires: Sarah Park – Middle School Track Assistant Coach, Rodney Wolschleger – Middle School Track Assistant Coach, Eric Yoder – Middle School Assistant Track Coach (volunteer), Dylan Forbes – Varsity Head Wrestling Coach, Daniel Barnett – Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach
 - Reassignments: Twylla Hinkle – Second Grade Teacher to Fifth Grade Science Teacher, Letha Harris – First Grade Teacher to Fifth Grade Language Arts Teacher, Melissa Bontrager – Seventh Grade Girls Volleyball Head Coach to Eighth Grade Girls Volleyball Head Coach, Holt Shrock – Middle School Track Assistant Coach (volunteer) to Middle School Track Coach (paid)
 - Resignations: Emma Temple – Elementary Paraprofessional, Mike Levitz – JV Wrestling Head Coach, Cecie Shuck – Varsity Cheerleading Coach (volunteer), Brandon Ewing – Boys Track Assistant Coach (volunteer), John May – Middle School Football Coach, Madison Perkins – Middle School Track Coach

- Retirements: Jody Dyer – Corporation Bus Driver effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, Kathy Ray – Fifth Grade Science Teacher effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year

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

A motion was made on the following Action Items:

- The Board was advised that it needed to consider the financing of the renovation of and improvements to Prairie Heights High School, including site improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology (collectively, the "High School Project"). Jamie Staton moved to approve the adoption of the Resolution determining need for the High School Project. Aaron Pfafman seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- The Board was advised that it needed to consider the financing of the renovation of and improvements to Prairie Heights Middle School and Prairie Heights Elementary School, including site improvements, renovations to the AG Building, and the purchase of equipment and technology (collectively, the "Elementary/Middle School Project, which collectively with the High School Project shall be referred to as the "Project"). Jesslyn Senecal moved to approve the adoption of the Resolution determining need for the Elementary/Middle School Project. Heather Culler seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Mr. Reed stated that the Prairie Heights Multi-School Building Corporation (the "Building Corporation") has been formed to assist the School Corporation in the financing of certain projects. After discussion, Aaron Pfafman moved to approve the adoption of the Resolution Approving Formation of Building Corporation. Jamie Staton seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Mr. Reed stated that counsel for the Prairie Heights Multi-School Building Corporation (the "Building Corporation") has drafted and submitted to the school Corporation a proposed form of Lease Agreement (the "Lease"), which proposed form of Lease was examined by all members of the Board. After discussion, Jamie Staton moved to approve the adoption of the Resolution approving Preliminary Plans, Form of Lease, and Authorizing Publication of Notice of Lease Hearing. Heather Culler seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Jesslyn Senecal moved to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of ISBA Policies. Aaron Pfafman seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Heather Culler moved to approve the changes to the 2025-2026 School Calendar. Jesslyn Senecal seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

Principals gave building updates. Mr. Reed and the Board discussed the potential impacts of Senate Bill 1 relating to property taxes.

Adjournment was at 6:15 pm.

Documents were signed.