



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

*January 9, 2019
6:35 p.m.*

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

MINUTES

The Prairie Heights Community School Board of Education met in a regular session on Wednesday, January 9, 2019. The meeting was held in the Administration Office. Those in attendance were as follows: Jeff Reed, Bob Ledgerwood, Jim Courtright, Mike Howe, and Kirk Perkins. Also in attendance: Ron Northup, Glen Smith, Brad Jones, Damon Witherspoon, Gaylon Wisel, Andy Arndt, Jeremy Swander, Alecia Pfefferkorn, Karen Eagleson, and Tyler Loeffelholz.

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Ledgerwood at 6:35 p.m.

Board Reorganization

- **Officers – President** – A motion was made by Kirk Perkins to nominate Bob Ledgerwood. Mike Howe made a motion to close nominations. Kirk Perkins seconded the motion the motion passed 3-0-1. Bob Ledgerwood was elected President elect for 2019 by acclamation. **Vice-President** – A motion was made by Kirk Perkins to nominate Jim Courtright. Kirk Perkins made a motion to close nominations. Mike Howe seconded the motion and approval 4-0. Jim Courtright was elected Vice-President elect for 2019 by acclamation. **Secretary** – A motion was made by Kirk Perkins to nominate Mike Howe. Kirk Perkins made a motion to close nominations. Jim Courtright seconded the motion and approval was 4-0. Mike Howe was elected Secretary elect for 2019 by acclamation.
- **School Corporation Treasurer** – A motion was made by Mike Howe to approve Karen Eagleson as the School Corporation Treasurer and Kathy Perkins as the Deputy School Corporation Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Jim Courtright and approval was 4-0.
- **School Board Attorney** – A motion was made by Mike Howe to approve Bill Eberhard as the Board Attorney. The motion was seconded by Jim Courtright and approval was 4-0.
- **Board Salary** – A motion was made by Jim Courtright to approve the salary for the board members to be Status Quo. The motion was seconded by Kirk Perkins and approval was 4-0.
- **Superintendent Committee Appointments** – Mr. Reed appointed the following committees:
 - a. Meet & Discuss – Bob Ledgerwood & Jim Courtright
 - b. Sick Bank – Mike Howe & Brook German
 - c. Legislative – Bob Ledgerwood
 - d. Agriculture – Kirk Perkins
 - e. Projects – Bob Ledgerwood & Jim Courtright
 - f. Negotiations – all five members
 - g. Wellness – Brook German
 - h. Technology – Kirk Perkins
- Mike Howe made a motion to leave monthly board meetings on the third Monday of the month beginning at 6:30 p.m. for the year. The motion was seconded by Jim Courtright and approval 4-0.

A motion was made by Mike Howe to approve the following Consent Items:

- Approval of the December 17, 2018 minutes.
- Approval of December 24, 2018 payroll.
- Approval of December 31st claims.

- Approval of Employment:
 - a) Tara Nott – Volunteer 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

Mr. Reed approved employment of Michelle Deter (PHES Part time Aide). Mr. Reed approved the resignation of Corey Wagner (PHHS Custodian effective 12/28/2018). The motion was seconded by Kirk Perkins and approval was 4-0.

Motions were then made on the following Action Items:

- Mr. Ledgerwood presided over the public hearing for the Renovation of and improvements to Prairie Heights Elementary/Middle School. Mr. Ledgerwood welcomed everyone and introduced members of the board and speakers.

Mr. Reed explained the purpose of the meeting was that under Indiana law whenever a school corporation proposed to construct or renovate a school building at a cost in excess one million dollars it must first hold a public hearing. Notice of this public hearing was published in The LaGrange Standard/News on and in the Steuben Herald-Republican on December 28, 2018. The proofs of publication of the notice of the hearing were presented to the meeting.

It was explained that at this hearing all interested people may give testimony and/or ask questions concerning the renovation of and improvements to school facilities including site improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology (the "Project"). The purpose of the Project Hearing is two-fold: (1) the first purpose is to inform the public as to the proposed Project; and (2) to allow all interested parties, the taxpayers and the patrons of Prairie Heights Community School Corporation to voice their opinions as to the Project and ask questions.

After the purpose of the Project Hearing was explained, the presentations regarding the need for the renovation of and improvements to Prairie Heights Elementary/Middle School (the "Project") were given. An evaluation of the existing facilities was given. The Project plan was then given explaining the proposed renovations and improvements. The estimated Project cost and schedule were then presented to the public. Mr. Reed explained how this Project could be funded and the tax rate impact.

After the above presentations, Mr. Ledgerwood, Board President announced that the Board would now hear testimony and questions from the public. No questions were asked.

At the conclusion of the public testimony and question, a motion was made by Mike Howe to adopt the following resolution. Jim Courtright seconded the motion and approval was 4-0. The board adopted the resolution attached hereto as Exhibit A.

It was then explained that Ice Miller, LLP, bond counsel had been consulted, relative to the procedure to be followed in connection with the proposed bond issue and the rendering of an opinion approving the legality of the bonds. The Board was then presented with a form of preliminary bond resolution approved by Ice Miller LLP, and recommended by them for adoption for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of bonds.

After due consideration of the preliminary bond resolution, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the same was adopted 4-0 and is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

The President next stated that the Board needed to consider a Reimbursement Resolution. On Motion duly made, the resolution attached as Exhibit C was adopted by a vote of 4-0.

- Kirk Perkins moved to approve the Resolution to Transfer Amounts from Education Fund to Operations Fund. Mike Howe seconded the motion and approval was 4-0.

Mr. Reed discussed that Panther Club volleyball will be held on Sundays from January 27 through Spring Break.

Adjournment was at 7:13 p.m.

Documents were signed