



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

**March 17, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

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

MINUTES

The Prairie Heights Community Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 17, 2014. The meeting was held in the Administration Office. Those in attendance were as follows: Mr. Reed, Mr. Middleton, Bob Ledgerwood, Jim Courtright, Mike Howe and Todd Perkins. Also in attendance were: Damon Witherspoon, Jeremy Swander, Andy Arndt, Brenda Rummel, Bryce Heller, Beth Davis, Nick Bennett, Fannie Garcia, Judy Davis, Connor Davis, Karen Eagleson, Ron Northup, Guy Thompson, Kathleen Groosbeck, Stone Groosbeck, Brandon Gilliland, Bradley Gilliland, Lisa Ledgerwood, Brandon Rumsey, Tony Dyer, Jessica Dyer, Denise McNabb, Yvette Jacobs, and Mike Travis.

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Ledgerwood at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of Silence.

A presentation was made by the Prairie Heights High School Vocational Education Class.

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

- Approval of the February 22 & 27, 2014 minutes.
- Approval of February 20 & March 5, 2014 payroll.
- Approval of March claims.
- Approval of Employment – Damon Witherspoon, PHMS Principal and Mike Travis (PHMS Boys Track Coach).
- Mr. Middleton approved the employment of Lindsay Sprunger (PHES Part-time aide) and Tonya Slone (PHMS 2nd shift custodian).

The motion was seconded by Todd Perkins and approval was 4-0.

Motions were then made on the following Action Items:

- Todd Perkins moved to approve graduation for Sunday, June 8, 2014 at 3:00 pm with Baccalaureate at 1:30. Jim Courtright seconded the motion and approval was 4-0.
- Mike Howe moved to approve the establishment of a Police Department for Prairie Heights Community School Corporation. Jim Courtright seconded the motion and approval was 4-0.
- Mike Howe moved to employ Gaylon Wisel, SRO/Transportation Director. Jim Courtright seconded the motion and approval was 4-0.
- Jim Courtright moved to adopt a resolution for non-certified staff to be compensated for the state waived days of January 6 and January 7, 2014 due to travel restrictions in both counties. Mike Howe seconded the motion and approval was 4-0.
- Todd Perking moved to approve the first reading of Administrative Guidelines, Bylaws and Policies. Jim Courtright seconded the motion and approval of the first reading was 4-0.
- Mr. Ledgerwood presided over the public hearing for the Renovation of and improvements to Prairie Heights High School. Mr. Ledgerwood welcomed everyone and introduced members of the board and speakers.

Mr. Ledgerwood 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 of one million dollars it must first hold a public hearing. Notice of this public hearing was published in The LaGrange Standard and in the Herald-Republican on March 3, 2014.

It was explained that at this hearing all interested people may give testimony and/or ask questions concerning this project. The purpose of the 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 hearing was explained, the presentations regarding the need for the renovation of and improvements to Prairie Heights High School (the "Project") were given by Mr. Middleton. An evaluation of the existing facilities was given. The plan was then given explaining the proposed facilities. The estimated Project cost and schedule were then presented to the public. The financial consultant explained how this Project could be funded and the tax rate impact.

After the above presentations, the Board President announced they would no hear testimony and questions from the public. No questions or testimony were given.

Mr. Middleton made a recommendation to the Board to adopt a Resolution to construct the Project at a cost of more than one million dollars. 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.

The Superintendent stated that he had consulted the firm of Ice Miller LLP, bond counsel of Indianapolis, Indiana, 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. He then presented to the Board a form of resolution approved by Ice Miller LLP, and recommended by them for adoption for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of bonds.

After consideration of the preliminary bond resolution, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the same was adopted 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. Upon a motion made and seconded the hearing was adjourned.

- Todd Perkins moved to approve the purchase of 12 – Temspec Hi-Rise Unit Ventilators from Indiana Thermal Solutions. Jim Courtright seconded the motion and approval was 4-0.

Adjournment was at 7:59 pm.

Documents were signed.