



Prairie Heights Community School Corporation
Board of Education Meeting

September 16, 2024

Administration Office

MINUTES

The Prairie Heights Community Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 16, 2024 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, Jesslyn Senecal, Heather Culler, Damon Witherspoon, Andy Arndt, Christine Orr, Brian Wesson, Gaylon Wisel, Dustin Holden, Dustin Johnson, Erinn Carmichael, and Jamie Staton. 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: Dustin Johnson spoke about the threats and legal consequences for the students involved.

A motion was made by Jesslyn Senecal to approve the following consent items:

- Approval of the August 19, 2024 minutes
- Approval of the August 23, 2024 and September 10, 2024 payroll
- Approval of the September 2024 claims
- Approval of Employment
 - New Hires: Karly Perkins – Corporation Social Worker, Erinn Carmichael – ELL Instructor/Director, Christine Mory – Corporation Bus Driver, Hunter Kleeberg – Elementary Paraprofessional, Sy Musi – JV Head Baseball Coach, Lance Brodock – Assistant JV Baseball Coach (Volunteer), Cal Wilhelm – Assistant Soccer Coach (Volunteer), Samuel Hartman – Assistant Soccer Coach (Volunteer), Mary Mahler – Middle School Volleyball Coach (Volunteer), Lauren Parr – Middle School Football Coach (Volunteer), Brad Beer – Middle School Cross Country Coach (Volunteer)
 - Reassignments:
 - Resignations: Jeff Wolhelter – Corporation Bus Driver, Mairyn Gutierrez – ELL Paraprofessional, Sarah Keck – MS Volleyball Coach (volunteer), Tanner Friend – MS Football Coach (volunteer)
 - Retirements:

The motion was seconded by Mike Howe and approval was 5-0.

A motion was made on the following Action Items:

- President Todd Perkins opened the Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget, 2025 CPF Plan, and 2025 Bus Replacement Plan. Christine Orr, CFO, went over the budget and plans. After answering questions from the Board, Mike Howe made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Aaron Pfafman seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Heather Culler moved to approve the first reading of ISBA Policies. Jesslyn Senecal seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Heather Culler moved to approve the 2024-2025 Snack and Beverage Proposal as presented by the Northern Indiana Educational Service Center. Aaron Pfafman seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Aaron Pfafman moved to approve the purchase of a 14 passenger bus with wheelchair lift from Kerlin Bus Sales for \$123,279.00. Mike Howe seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Jesslyn Senecal moved to approve the 7th Grade Field Trip to the Botanical Conservatory and the 8th Grade Field Trip to the Fort Wayne Coliseum for Junior Achievement Job Spark. Heather Culler seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Jesslyn Senecal moved to approve the Prairie Heights Branding Guide. Mike Howe seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

Building principals gave updates, Officer Wisel provided updates to transportation and law enforcement, and Dustin Holden gave updates on facilities.

Adjournment was at 6:40 pm.

Documents were signed.