



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

**August 19, 2024**

**Administration Office**

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**MINUTES**

The Prairie Heights Community Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 19, 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, Jeremy Swander, Damon Witherspoon, Wes McCrea, Andy Arndt, Christine Orr, Brian Wesson, Gaylon Wisel, 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: None

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

- Approval of the July 15, 2024 minutes
- Approval of the July 25, 2024 and August 9, 2024 payroll
- Approval of the August 2024 claims
- Approval of Employment
  - New Hires: Elizabeth Brown – Third Grade Teacher, Jordan Krock – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach, Mike Duke – Assistant Varsity Football Coach (volunteer), Emma Stroth – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science, Wendy Kellett – Middle School Paraprofessional, Jan Frank – Permanent Substitute, Sy Musi – High School Math Teacher, Michayle Senecal – First Grade Teacher, Autumn Hatfield – Summer School Paraprofessional
  - Reassignments: Twylla Hinkle – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, Justin Bigelow – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher to Elementary Physical Education Teacher, Ryan Neff – Middle School Soccer Assistant Coach to Middle School Soccer Head Coach, Tomos Gill – Middle School Soccer Assistant Coach (volunteer) to Middle School Soccer Assistant Coach, Greg Hensch – Middle School Golf Co-Coach to Middle School Golf Coach (volunteer), Janeva Lepley – Elementary School part-time Paraprofessional to full time Elementary School Paraprofessional
  - Resignations: Jose Garza – Middle School Soccer Head Coach, Martin Booher – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach (volunteer), Kim Guinn – Elementary Physical

Education Teacher and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach, Lindsey Hicks – Elementary School Paraprofessional, Kerry Dulaney – High School Math Teacher, Natalie Barry – ELL Instructor

- Retirements:

The motion was seconded by Aaron Pfafman and approval was 5-0.

A motion was made on the following Action Items:

- Mike Howe moved to approve the Building Financial Reports from the 2023-2024 school year. Heather Culler seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Heather Culler moved to approve the Authority to Reduce Appropriations Resolution. Jesslyn Senecal seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Aaron Pfafman moved to approve the advertisement of the 2025 budget. Mike Howe seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Recommendation to approve the 2024-2025 Food Service Contracts as presented by the Northern Indiana Educational Service Center.
  - Action Item was tabled until September, documents from the Service Center were still being processed.

Mr. Reed informed the Board that Farmers State Bank has agreed to extend their sponsorship and license agreement until June 30, 2030. The sponsorship includes an annual donation of \$5000.00 to be used by the Prairie Heights Athletic Department. Farmers State Bank has also agreed to donate a lump sum of \$18,000.00 to support the Fine Arts Programs at Prairie Heights.

Building principals gave updates on the first few days of school and Officer Wisel provided updates to transportation and law enforcement.

Adjournment was at 6:15 pm.

Documents were signed.