



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

*July 21, 2009
7:00 p.m.*

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

MINUTES

The Prairie Heights Community Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, July 21, 2009. The meeting was held in the Administration Office. Those in attendance were as follows: Alan Middleton, Mike Howe, Todd Perkins, Janet Grabill, Mark Thrasher, and Bob Ledgerwood. Also in attendance were Karen Eagleson, Sue Tyler, Barbara Halsey, Gloria Sherwood, Lindsay Stalf, Rhonda Bartlett, Barbie Schlegel, Guy Thompson, Craig Burkholder, Ben Wall, Bryce Heller, Jim Grider, Rick Miller, Casey Anderson, Matt Shultz, Mitch Bellam, Derick Shipe, Julie Reynolds, Susie Shultz, Tim Shultz, Tracy Anderson, Gina Bellam and Jim Shilander.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Howe at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a reading of the Mission Statement.

Mr. Middleton and the Board of Education recognized the Prairie Heights High School Golf Team and their coach Mr. Miller for qualifying to play in the State Golf Match. Matthew Perkins was also recognized for participating in the State Boys Track Meet.

A motion was made by Todd Perkins to approve the following Consent Items:

- Approval of the corrected Minutes for July 7, 2009.
- Approval of July 3, 2009 Payroll and July Claims.
- Approval of Donell Housel as the Principal at PHHS on a one year Interim contract.
- Approval of Bryce Heller as the Athletic Director at PHHS.
- Approval of additional days and adjustment to Amy Bertram's contract.
- Approval of Rea Klink and Laurie Cork for the Temporary Vocational Bus Routes for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Approval of Abby Lantz as the 6th Grade Reading Teacher.
- Approval of Brandon Howe as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach.

The motion was seconded by Bob Ledgerwood and approval was 5-0.

Motions were then made on the following Action Items:

- Mark Thrasher made a motion to approve the title change for Vicki Walker from Director of Special Services to Assistant to the Superintendent. Janet Grabill seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Janet Grabill made a motion to approve Prairie Heights Community Schools joining the Partnership 4 Excellence. Bob Ledgerwood seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- The recommendation to eliminate the ½ day Kindergarten noon shuttle busing was tabled.
- Mark Thrasher made a motion to approve the new Organizational Chart for the District. Janet Grabill seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Mark Thrasher made a motion to approve the Policy Changes 1st Reading. Bob Ledgerwood seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

- Todd Perkins made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) activity buses from Kerlin Bus Sales at a unit price of \$44,723.00. Mark Thrasher seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Bob Ledgerwood made a motion to approve an increase in pay for substitutes by \$5.00. Janet Grabill seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

Mr. Middleton made the following announcement: Enrollment has been declining at Prairie Heights Community School Corporation for a number of years. Therefore, due to low enrollment coinciding with teacher vacancies in grades 3 and 4 at Milford Elementary, the PHCSC is surveying all Milford parents who have children in the 3rd and 4th grades seeking volunteers to transfer their students to Prairie Heights Elementary to assist with balancing class sizes across grade levels.

Adjournment was at 7:53 p.m.

Documents were signed

Executive Session -5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) – to discuss the job performance of individual employees adjourned at 8:55 p.m.