



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

**December 20, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

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

MINUTES

The Prairie Heights Community Schools Board of Education met in an executive session I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2a) to discuss collective bargaining and I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) to discuss job performance of an employee at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Office. The executive session adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The regular session began at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office. Those in attendance were as follows: Alan Middleton, Mike Howe, Todd Perkins, Mark Thrasher and Bob Ledgerwood. Also in attendance were Karen Eagleson, Jacob Geiger, Denise McNabb and Jim Young.

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

A motion was made by Mark Thrasher to approve the following Consent Items:

- Approval of the November 15, 2010 minutes.
- Approval of November 19, December 3 & 17, 2010 payroll.
- Approval of December claims.
- Mr. Middleton accepted the resignation of Sue Sommers (PHES Educational Interpreter).
- Approval of employment – Jacquelyn Fair (half time PHES Mild Disabilities teacher & half-time ISS assistant), Victoria Martin – Volunteer Dance Coach, and Angela Anderson (part-time Educational Interpreter).

The motion was seconded by Bob Ledgerwood and approval was 4-0.

Motions were then made on the following Action Items:

- Bob Ledgerwood made a motion to approve the 2011-2012 School Calendar. Todd Perkins seconded the motion the motion passed 4-0. First student day for 2011-2012 will be August 23, 2011.
- Mark Thrasher made a motion to approve the recommendation to change graduation credits required in 2012 to 44 then to 42 for graduating classes that follow. Orientation to Life and Careers and Human Ecology will be dropped as a requirement. Todd Perkins seconded the motion the motion passed 4-0.
- Todd Perkins made a motion to approve the changes in course offerings at Prairie Heights High School in 2011-2012. The following courses will be added: Themes in Literature/Technical English, Geography & History of the World, Planning for College & Career Success, and Personal Financial Responsibility. Mark Thrasher seconded the motion the motion passed 4-0.
- Mark Thrasher made a motion to approve termination of use of Salem Center property. The Salem Center Volunteer Fire Department used this property for storage and no longer need to use it. Todd Perkins seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0. Mark Thrasher then amended the motion and wants to do a site review before terminating the use. Todd Perkins seconded the amendment and the amendment passed 4-0.

Mr. Middleton reported on the following items:

- IPFW Regional Campus will be coming to Kendallville near the 4 County Vocational campus.
- Review facilities for 2011-2012 – reported on the walk-through that was completed on Monday, December 13, 2010.

Adjournment was at 8:05 p.m.

Documents were signed