



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

**March 14, 2011
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 14, 2011. 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 Jeff Reed, Vicki Walker, Brenda Rummel, Donell Housel, Bryce Heller, Jim Young, Karen Eagleson, Shane Shanton, Stacy Smith, Danny Hamm, Hannah Siegel, Chris Bacon, Chris Amos, Ray Amos, Andrew Amos, Zach Beebe, Denise McNabb, Matt Neeley, Travis Barroquillo, Joe Boots, Ryan Chandler, Kristian Miller, Adam Steele, Suzi Walpert, Kathy Dunafin, Rod Dunafin, Emily Dunafin, Dillon Delancey, Donna Henschen, Marty Young, Travis Smoker, Mike Gaetz, Greg Gaetz, and Shelby Kemper.

The meeting was called to order and chaired by Vice-President Todd Perkins at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of Silence.

Mr. Middleton and the board presented awards to the Prairie Heights High School Varsity Wrestling Team for being the Team Sectional Champions. Danny Hamm, Cole Lorntz, Joe Boots, Travis Barroquillo, Matt Neeley, Adam Steele, Logan Hayes, Zach Beebe, Reed Holcomb, Ryan Chandler, Dillon DeLancey, Mike Gaetz, Taylor Grubb, and Andrew Amos also received individual awards for placing in post-season meets.

A motion was made by Janet Grabill to approve the following Consent Items:

- Approval of the February 16, 23 and March 3, 2011 minutes.
- Approval of February 25 & March 11, 2011 payrolls.
- Approval of March claims.
- Approval of Employment: Natasha Carr (4th Grade Teacher), Abby Lantz (½ time MS Computer Teacher), Lori Forbes (transfer to PHES Aide), Rhonda Rathburn (PHES Aide 2.5 hours), Carla Gappinger (PHES Aide 2.5 hours), Kelly Tons (added 2.25 hours a day for PHES Aide), Joyce Thomas (PHMS ISS Supervisor), Craig Burkholder (JV Baseball Coach), and Eric Carbone (Volunteer Softball Coach).
- Resignations accepted by Mr. Middleton from Jeff Boswell (Volunteer Softball Coach) and Craig Burkholder (Volunteer Softball Coach).
- Retirement accepted by Mr. Middleton from Peggy Mance (Milford Elementary Teacher).

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

A motion was made by Mark Thrasher to approve Superintendent's recommendation to ratify the notice of dismissal of Kurtis Dunafin on March 4, 2011 effective said date. The motion was seconded by Mike Howe and approval was 3-2.

Motions were then made on the following Action Items:

- Mike Howe made a motion to approve Graduation as Sunday, June 12 at 4:00 p.m. and Baccalaureate will be at 2:30 p.m. Bob Ledgerwood seconded the motion, the motion passed 4-1.

- Mark Thrasher made a motion to approve the amendment of the 2011-2012 calendar and implement a 3-hour delay schedule if needed beginning Monday, March 28, 2011 and continuing into the 2011-2012 school year. The following changes will be made to the calendar: Wednesday, November 23, 2011 school will be in session, Thursday, December 22, 2011 school will be in session, Monday, February 20, 2012 school will be in session, Friday, April 6, 2012 school will be in session with the possible last student day being May 31, 2012. With the above changes the calendar has 185 student days. A decision in the April, 2012 meeting will be made regarding the five extra days. If the five extra days are not needed, possible Friday vacation days may be granted in May or school will end early on the 180th day. Bob Ledgerwood seconded the motion, the motion passed 4-1.
- No recommendation was given regarding make-up days. School will be in session on Wednesday, April 6 and Friday, April 22 as two make-up days. The remaining seven days will be made up at the end of the school year. The current last student day is Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

Mr. Middleton gave a report on the LaGrange County Utility District and Milford Elementary property.

Adjournment was at 8:19 p.m.

Documents were signed

Executive Session I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2A) to discuss the job performance of an employee began at 8:30 and adjourned at 8:55.