



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

*April 21, 2014  
7:00 p.m.*

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

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**MINUTES**

The Prairie Heights Community Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 21, 2014. The meeting was held in the Administration Office. Those in attendance were as follows: Mr. Reed, Bob Ledgerwood, Jim Courtright, Mike Howe, Janet Grabill, and Todd Perkins. Also in attendance were: Brenda Rummel, Andrew Arndt, Jeremy Swander, Karen Eagleson, Ron Northup, Jeanette Buchanan, Christine Cross, Guy Thompson, Denise McNabb, and Robby Morgan.

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

A motion was made by Jim Courtright to approve the following Consent Items:

- Approval of the March 13 & 17, 2014 minutes.
- Approval of March 20, April 4 & 18, 2014 payroll.
- Approval of April claims.
- Approval of Employment – Robby Morgan, PHMS Assistant Principal, Brandon Rumsey (PHMS Athletic Director) and James Magnuson (PHMS Golf Coach).
- Mr. Middleton approved the employment of Jamie Sanders (Part-time Food Service Worker).
- Mr. Middleton approved the resignation of Michelle Pontorno (PHES Teacher effective 6/11/14), Marissa Rittermeyer (PHES Teacher effective 6/11/14), and Mike Howard (PHCSC route driver).

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

Motions were then made on the following Action Items:

- The Public Hearing for additional appropriations was called to order by Bob Ledgerwood, President. Mike Howe presented to the Board proofs of publication and posting notice of the notice to taxpayers of the hearing to be held at this meeting on the matter of the additional appropriation proposed to be made on account of said building project, which proofs of publication and posting show that such notice was published in The LaGrange Standard and in the Herald-Republican on March 24, 2014 and March 31, 2014, and posted in three public places on March 21, 2014. Todd Perkins made a motion to approve the publications and posted and made part of the records of this Board. Jim Courtright seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- The President then stated that the Board was ready to hear all taxpayers desiring to be heard in respect to the matter of the additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,000,000 proposed to be made on account of the renovation of and improvements to Prairie Heights High School. No comments were given.
- Janet Grabill moved to adopt the additional appropriation resolution "Exhibit A". Mike Howe seconded the motion and approval was 5-0. On duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Secretary of the Board was directed to advertise the sale of the bonds heretofore unauthorized.
- The Assistant Superintendent stated that the administration had consulted the firm of Ice Miller LLP, bond counsel of Indianapolis, Indiana, relative to the procedure to be followed in connection with the proposed bond issue and the rendering of an opinion approving the legality of the bonds. He then presented to the Board a form of resolution approved by Ice Miller LLP, and recommended by them for

adoption for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of bonds. Mike Howe made a motion to approve the final bond resolution. Todd Perkins seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

- Jim Courtright moved to close the public hearing for additional appropriations. Todd Perkins seconded the motion and the hearing was adjourned.
- Mike Howe moved to approve the second reading and adoption of the Administrative Guidelines, Bylaws and Policies presented in the March meeting. Janet Grabill seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Todd Perkins moved to approve the out-of-state Professional Development trip for 2 (two) Prairie Heights Elementary staff members. Jim Courtright seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Mike Howe moved to approve two summer Ag workers as presented in writing by Mr. Noll and Mr. Leu. Janet Grabill seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Jim Courtright moved to approve the proposed changes to the Prairie Heights High School and Prairie Heights Middle School grading scale. Todd Perkins seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.
- Todd Perkins moved to approve the advertisement for construction bids for the Prairie Heights High School project. Mike Howe seconded the motion and approval was 5-0.

Mr. Reed presented information to the board regarding the Common School Loan. The board gave permission for him to pursue the application process.

Adjournment was at 7:23 pm.

Documents were signed.