

PRAIRIE HILL COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 133
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2009
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President T.J. Larsen called the Regular Board of Education meeting of July 28, 2009 to order at 6:31 p.m. with a roll call vote. The following members answered aye to signify their presence: Mr. Aronson, Mr. Barenbaum, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Servant, and Mr. Sorenson. Mr. Bolin was absent. Also in attendance were Mr. Rehl, Superintendent, Mr. Heiar, Principal, Mrs. Ciciora, and Mrs. Stephens on behalf of the Prairie Hill Teacher's Federation.

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE – led by Mrs. Larsen, Board President

RECEPTION OF COMMUNICATION AND AUDIENCE OF VISITORS

Mrs. Larsen read a letter from Mrs. Christin Booth requesting maternity leave from September 28, 2009 until December 4, 2009. She plans to use 26 sick days and 18 days under the Family Medical Leave Act. Mr. Barenbaum made a motion to approve her request. Mr. Aronson seconded and the motion passed with all members present voting aye. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Mr. and Mrs. Brockway, parents of an incoming Kindergartener, were present, with Carrie Brockway expressing interest in the Board vacancy. Mrs. Jennifer Stitt was also present, expressing an interest in the Board vacancy.

Mr. Rehl and Mrs. Larsen made a presentation of flowers and a commemorative plaque to Colleen Bell in recognition of her 4 years of service to the District. During the presentation, Mr. Rehl fell and bumped his head. Mrs. Ciciora drove him to Northpointe Clinic so a doctor could examine his head. His injury required 5 staples, but he returned to the meeting following closed session.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Barenbaum made a motion to approve the June 30, 2009 Meeting Minutes, June 30th Closed Session Meeting Minutes, July Bills, July Payroll, June Treasurer's Report, Imprest Fund, and Student Activities Report as presented. Mrs. Servant seconded the motion and the motion carried with all Board members present answering by saying aye. There were no opposing votes. Mr. Bolin was absent.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Barenbaum moved to enter Closed Session at 7:20 p.m. Mr. Sorenson seconded. The motion carried with all members present answering aye. Mr. Bolin was absent.
The Board returned to Open Session at 7:42 p.m.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Heiar informed the Board that the Willowbrook library furniture has been installed and that phone lines and computer networks should be working by the first week in August.

A student handbook will be distributed to each child, including a page to be signed and returned by the family indicating that they understand the rules and expectations of the schools.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION

2009-2010 Staff list is included in the School Directory and on the website.

Mr. Rehl's performance evaluation was delivered to him by Mrs. Larsen prior to the Regular Meeting. Mr. Barenbaum moved that Mr. Rehl be given a raise of 3.5%. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion, which carried with all members present answering aye. Mr. Bolin was absent.

FINANCE

The FY2009-2010 Budget is still being worked on, but will be ready for display following the Regular Board of Education meeting of August 25, 2009.

Mr. Barenbaum made a motion to reappoint Julia Saunders as the District's Treasurer at an annual salary of \$3,120. Mr. Sorenson seconded the motion which passed unanimously with all members present answering aye. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Mr. Sorenson moved that Don Eibergen be compensated in the amount of \$9692.80 for IMRF unused/uncompensated sick days. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion that passed unanimously with all members present answering aye. Mr. Bolin was absent.

POLICY

Mr. Aronson recommended that the review of policies 7:60 and 7:70 be postponed until the August meeting.

TRANSPORTATION

No report this month.

BUILDING

Mrs. Bell reviewed the monthly construction project meetings. The issue of remediating drainage problems at Willowbrook was discussed after hearing three options proposed by Batterman Engineering. Option 1 consisted of drain tile, lots of excavation and dry wells, for \$46,000.

Option 2 consisted of merely excavating deposits of topsoil and silt for \$14,000.

Option 3 consisted of excavating to a depth of 777' with a large trench down the middle of the basin, with clean #3 stone in the trench for \$16,072.

Mrs. Bell presented the civil engineer's recommendation that Option 3 be chosen. The board agreed, and Mr. Rehl was asked to inform Northern Illinois Service to begin the work.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Barenbaum nominated Mr. Bolin to be the Board Secretary. Mr. Aronson seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Mr. Bolin was elected unanimously with all members present answering aye. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Regular Board of Education meetings will continue to be held at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Sorenson moved that Mr. Bolin be the Board representative to review financial statements and audit reports. Mr. Barenbaum seconded the motion, which passed with all members present answering aye. Mr. Bolin was absent.

August 11, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. is the proposed time to interview candidates for the Board vacancy. Members were asked to submit questions to Colleen Bell to aid in the creation of a list to use during interviews. Mrs. Bell will distribute the list of questions to candidates prior to August 11th to give them adequate time to prepare.

Mr. Barenbaum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Mr. Aronson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all Board members present answering aye. Mr. Bolin was absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Bolin, Secretary

T. J. Larsen, President