

**WEST PRAIRIE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #103  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEST PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL  
November 12, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

The West Prairie School District #103 Board of Education met on November 12, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in a regularly scheduled meeting, at West Prairie High School. Board members present were: Lee Moore, Scott Vogler, Sherrie Weaver, Matt Zimmerman, Lisa Butterfield, and Matt Mencil. Members absent: David Geltmacher.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Board and audience stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Superintendent Gradert announced November 15<sup>th</sup> as School Board Members Day recognizing the outstanding efforts of elected school board members throughout the State of Illinois. Lisa Butterfield, Scott Vogler, and Sherrie Weaver were recognized for maintaining their Master Board Member status. Lee Moore and Matt Mencil were recognized as new Master Board Members. Superintendent Gradert announced the district would be taking an adaptive pause and going full remote learning through November 27, 2020. He stated his appreciation of the flexibility, support and cooperation within the organization. Gradert thanked the Colchester Lions Club for the use of tents, tables and chairs and the Colchester Area Gathering Place for the backpack program.

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:**

Principal Watson announced the Middle School Students of the Month as follows: Fifth Grade – Khloe Shoup; Sixth Grade – Aiden Percy; Seventh Grade – Tristan McConnell; Eighth Grade – Sam Johnson.

Principal Cox announced the High School Students of the Month as follows: Ninth Grade – Claire Nelson; Tenth Grade – Michael Kindhart; Eleventh Grade – Bailey VanBrooker; Twelfth Grade – Briar Friday. The High School Staff Member of the Month is Ms. Bethany Morath.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

There were no comments from the public.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Zimmerman moved and Mencil seconded to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2020 regular meeting and the bills and activity accounts. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, and Mencil. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Principal/Athletic Director Caleb Hall announced that Macomb 185 will join the Prairieland Conference beginning the 2021-2022 season.

Principals Cox, Watson, Edholm and Hall all commended their respective staffs for adapting successfully to the adaptive pause.

Superintendent Gradert provided Report Card data for the schools. Three were given the Summative Designation of Commendable while the South Elementary was rated Comprehensive. He announced that the BWP Athletic Cooperative will dissolve at the end of the 2020-2021 sports season. Mr. Hall reassured the players that the sports year would be completed as allowed.

**APPROVE TO SUSPEND WITH REGRET THE 2020-2021 BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL SEASON:**

Zimmerman moved and Vogler seconded to suspend with regret the 2020-2021 boys and girls basketball season. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, and Mencil. Nays: None. Abstain: Weaver. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF COMPENSATION FOR COACHES:**

Mencil moved and Zimmerman seconded to approve to pay one half of the coaching stipend for coaching done before the delayed athletic season and the remainder after the season has been completed. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, and Mencil. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION OF BWP ATHLETIC COOPERATIVE:**

The board discussed the dissolution of the Bushnell West Prairie Athletic Cooperative. The board wishes Bushnell-Prairie City good luck and will move forward with opportunities for West Prairie students. Discussion only.

**APPROVAL OF SOUTH ELEMENTARY PRE-K PLAYGROUND RENOVATION:**

Vogler moved and Weaver seconded to approve the Pre-K South Elementary playground equipment project as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”:

Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, and Mencil. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN:**

Vogler moved and Zimmerman seconded to approve the Risk Management Plan as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, and Mencil. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE TAX LEVY:**

Mencil moved and Butterfield seconded to approve the 2020 Tentative Tax Levy as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, and Mencil. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING:**

Mencil moved and Zimmerman seconded to set a Truth in Taxation Hearing for December 17, 2020 prior to the regular meeting. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, and Mencil. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL TO PERMIT PAYMENT OF BILLS BEYOND THE 30 DAY CYCLE:**

Vogler moved and Weaver seconded to approve the payment of bills beyond the 30 day cycle for the months of November and December. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, and Mencil. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS AND ABATE THE TAXES TO PAY ALTERNATE REVENUE BONDS AS PRESENTED:**

Vogler moved and Mencil seconded to approve the resolution transferring funds from the school facility occupation tax fund of Community Unit School District Number 103 McDonough, Hancock, and Henderson Counties, Illinois, to the bond and interest fund of said School District and (ii) abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2021 to pay debt service on the General Obligation School Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2020, of said School District. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, and Mencil. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**FACILITY COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The Facility Committee reported on the middle school roof project, attendance centers, Health Life Safety work, and the Unit Office. Discussion only.

**APPROVE TO DIRECT GRAHAM & HYDE ARCHITECT INC. TO DESIGN PLANS FOR A 7-12 ATTENDANCE CENTER AT WEST PRAIRIE MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

Zimmerman moved and Mencil seconded to direct Graham & Hyde Architect Inc. to design plans for a 7-12 attendance center at WPMS and to include plans for a unit office. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, and Mencil. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION OF SALE OF HEALTH LIFE SAFETY BONDS:**

The board discussed the sale of Health Life Safety bonds. Discussion only.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Zimmerman moved and Butterfield seconded to enter into executive session at 8:49 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with the Act. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).

Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, and Mencil. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

Weaver moved and Mencil seconded to return to open session at 9:37 p.m. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, and Mencil. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**EMPLOYMENT:**

Zimmerman moved and Butterfield seconded to approve Daniel Wyatt as full-time custodian pending all background checks and required paperwork. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, and Mencil. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**LEAVES:**

Weaver moved and Mencil seconded to approve the maternity leave of Jadrien VanFleet as requested. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, and Mencil. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**RESIGNATIONS:**

Vogler moved and Mencil seconded to approve the resignation of Shawna White as middle school teacher, effective October 30, 2020 with thanks for her service to the students of West Prairie as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Butterfield, and Mencil. Nays: Zimmerman. The motion carried.

**TRANSFERS:**

Zimmerman moved and Weaver seconded to approve the transfer of Katie Rossio to North Elementary paraprofessional as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, and Mencil. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**ADJOURN:**

Zimmerman moved and Mencil seconded to adjourn at 9:54 p.m. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, and Mencil. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The next scheduled monthly meeting will be December 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at West Prairie High School.

**APPROVED BY RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WEST PRAIRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT #103  
McDonough, Hancock, Henderson Counties, Illinois on \_\_\_\_\_**

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President

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Secretary