

**WEST PRAIRIE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #103
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEST PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL
December 19, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The West Prairie School District #103 Board of Education met on December 19, 2019, 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, Matt Mencil, and David Geltmacher. Members absent: none.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

Middle School Students of the Month selected by the West Prairie staff were: fifth grade, Jaycee Reynoso; sixth grade, Ryan Clark; seventh grade, Keira Metcalf; eighth grade, Drew Powell.

High School Students of the Month were freshman, Lauren Bell; sophomore, Addison DeSpain; junior, Gage Casey; senior, Hayley Kubis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Superintendent Kilver announced the retirement of bus driver Linda Comstock and thanked her for her years of service. She also announced that Johnnie Dean was named as an Illinois State Scholar and Mr. Hall was named as the Western Region nomination for Assistant Principal of the Year. The United Community Bank in Colchester donated \$182 to the Red Book Shelf program. Principal Cox received a grant from the ROE for Raising Student Achievement and was able to take himself and three teachers to the conference in December. Superintendent Kilver also announced that IASB asked West Prairie to repeat the Triple I presentation on community engagement at the Western Division Spring meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Kayla Carnes addressed the board about timely communication. She inquired about the process for requesting information.

Brenda Melvin made statements regarding the placement of Alternate Revenue Bonds on the December agenda, the engagement of the board and communication.

Kara Hunt presented the board with their public response to her from the November meeting and presented four new questions for board response.

Responses were sent in writing to Mrs. Carnes and Mrs. Hunt after board review and within the parameters of board policy.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Vogler moved and Weaver seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes from November 11, 2019, the bills and activity accounts, and the release of surplus items. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Superintendent Kilver discussed the transportation report and highlighted the mileage and the proposal to move to synthetic oil. She discussed the property tax article, the progress of the Health/Life Safety work that has happened at both the North and South Elementary thanks to the transfer of funds from Working Cash to Operations and Maintenance. Superintendent Kilver also discussed revisiting the combined board meeting with Bushnell-Prairie City school district.

PRESENTATION OF 2019-2020 HIGH SCHOOL PLAN ON A PAGE GOALS:

Principal Chad Cox presented the High School 2019-2020 Plan on a Page goals. Discussion only.

PRESENTATION OF BOARD POLICY FOR FIRST READING:

The board was presented with policies 2:150-AP, 5:10, 5:50, 5:120-AP2, 5:285-AP, 5:35-AP1-E, 6:20, 7:190, 7:240-AP1, 7:270, 7:270-AP1, 7:270-E2, and 8:30 for first reading. Discussion only.

APPROVE THE 2019 TAX LEVY AS PRESENTED:

Vogler moved and Geltmacher seconded to approve the 2019 Tax Levy as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF PAY INCREASE FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS:

The board discussed the increase in pay for substitute teachers to \$12 per hour.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION PROCESS:

The board discussed the superintendent evaluation. Discussion only.

GRADUATION DATE FOR CLASS OF 2020:

Zimmerman moved and Mencil seconded to set the West Prairie High School Class of 2020 graduation date for May 30, 2020. President Moore called for a voice vote. Those members voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

FACILITY COMMITTEE REPORT:

The board heard a report from the Facility Committee on the state Maintenance Grant, the School Construction Grant, Alternate Revenue Bond sale, and the guidelines for deactivation. Discussion only.

CONSIDERATION TO APPLY FOR THE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF GRANT:

Vogler moved and Mencil seconded to apply for the Property Tax Relief Grant. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION ALTERNATE BONDS:

Mencil moved and Geltmacher seconded to approve the Resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation alternate bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,900,999 pursuant to the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, for the purpose of building and equipping additions to and altering, repairing and equipping the West Prairie Middle School Building and improving the site thereof. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF IASB EVENTS:

The board discussed the Triple I School Board Conference. President Moore discussed the Delegate Assembly. The district’s Prevailing Wage resolution passed, Moore thanked the board for its support. The board discussed the presentation and other session experiences. Discussion only.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Vogler moved and Zimmerman seconded to enter into executive session at 9:08 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 this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).

President Moore called for a voice vote. Those members voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Zimmerman moved and Weaver seconded to return to open session at 10:21 p.m. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT:

Vogler moved and Geltmacher seconded to hire Alex Lousberry for the 2020-2021 school year pending all certifications and pre-employment requirements. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mencil moved and Weaver seconded to hire Jeramie Okho as a long-term substitute teacher at West Prairie High School for the 2nd semester of the 2019-2020 school year. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: Zimmerman. The motion carried.

Zimmerman moved and Butterfield seconded to hire Shey Hunt as a special education teacher for the 2020-2021 school year pending all certifications and pre-employment requirements. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Butterfield moved and Mencil seconded to hire Mandi Shipman as the PreK Parent Educator pending all pre-employment requirements. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Zimmerman moved and Vogler seconded to hire Jill Dunlap as full-time Social Worker for the 2020-2021 school year pending all certifications and pre-employment requirements. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

TRANSFER:

Mencil moved and Zimmerman seconded to place Kelly Webster on the Quincy route full time effective January 6, 2020. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Weaver moved and Geltmacher seconded to transfer Tim Stuber to full time route driver effective January 6, 2020. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

APPROVALS:

Mencel moved and Butterfield seconded to approve Krista Ellington as a volunteer Scholastic Bowl Coach for the 2020 season. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mencel moved and Geltmacher seconded to approve Brian Powell as a volunteer Scholastic Bowl Coach for the 2020 season. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS:

Butterfield moved and Vogler seconded to accept the resignation of Julia Green effective December 20, 2019. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Zimmerman moved and Weaver seconded to accept the resignation of Sara Hilton effective December 20, 2019. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Weaver moved and Butterfield seconded to accept the resignation of Linda Comstock effective December 20, 2019 with thanks for her service. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Zimmerman moved and Butterfield seconded to adjourn at 10:33 p.m. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The next scheduled monthly meeting will be January 16, 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 _____

President

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