

**WEST PRAIRIE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #103  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEST PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL  
February 18, 2021  
7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The West Prairie School District #103 Board of Education met on February 18, 2021, 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Superintendent Gradert announced that students have started back to school full time. The WPEA has given the notice of Request to Bargain. One of the buses was rear-ended earlier in the week. There were no injuries and all parents of students on the bus were contacted.

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:**

Middle School Students of the Month selected by the West Prairie staff were: fifth grade, Payton McGrew; sixth grade, Bella Bravo; seventh grade, Madelyn Sullivan; eighth grade, Kameron Cramer.

High School Students of the Month were freshman, Jersey Brown; sophomore, Chloe Cheesman; junior, Colby Rivera; senior, Alyssa Smith. The staff member of the month is Mrs. Meredith Gravina.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

There were no comments from the public.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Zimmerman moved and Butterfield seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes from January 21, 2021 and the bills and activity accounts. 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 approve the district's membership for The Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools as presented. Those members on roll call voting "aye": Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Superintendent Gradert reported that enrollment is steady and more students are returning to in-person learning.

AD Caleb Hall announced that games are underway for both middle school and high school sports. The athletic season is expected to be completed by the middle of June.

Principal Edholm discussed targeted data and extra ESSA grant dollars allocated.

Superintendent Gradert reported that AB schedules are continuing and that principals and teachers have been very flexible making the adjustments for return to full-day attendance. He reported that architect David Leggans met with Maintenance Director Klinedinst to discuss the North Elementary wall design. Superintendent Gradert has been working with Assistant Regional Superintendent of School Dave Demler to insure temporary move to the high school is going well. He also reported that both groups A and B have received the second dose of the COVID vaccine and group C has been registered to receive the first dose. A majority of the staff will be vaccinated. Superintendent Gradert announced that there could be potential for Summer School as a response for the need for summer remediation. He also discussed guidelines regarding spectators at sporting events.

#### **DISCUSSION OF 21-22 PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR:**

The board discussed the 21-22 public school calendar. Discussion only.

#### **NOTICE TO WEST CENTRAL ILLINOIS SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE REGARDING FACILITY USE:**

Zimmerman moved and Mencil seconded to approve the notice to the West Central Illinois Special Education Cooperative regarding facility use as presented. Those members on roll call voting "aye": Moore, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: Vogler. The motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO THE EMPLOYER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH TRS AS PRESENTED:**

Mencil moved and Weaver seconded to enter into the Employer Participation Agreement with the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois as presented. Those members on roll call voting "aye": Weaver, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: Moore, Vogler. Abstain: Zimmerman. The motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF POLICIES FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION:**

Vogler moved and Mencil seconded to place Policies 3:40, 4:10, 4:55, 4:80, 4:90, 4:150, 4:175, 5:30, 5:190, 5:270, 6:15, 6:20, 6:40, 6:280, 6:300, 6:310, 6:315, 6:320, 6:340, 7:100, 7:140, 7:300, 7:325 on second reading and adopt. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION OF IASB MATTERS:**

The board discussed the upcoming Spring Western Division meeting and new board member orientation. Discussion only.

### **FACILITIES UPDATE:**

The board discussed the North Elementary building plans to construct walls to create classrooms to accommodate fifth and sixth grade students for the 2021-2022 school year. Discussion only.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:**

The board discussed the application process and parameters for student representative. Discussion only.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Geltmacher moved and Zimmerman seconded to enter into executive session at 8:16 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).

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

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

Mencil moved and Zimmerman seconded to return to open session at 8:43 p.m. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**EMPLOYMENT:**

Weaver moved and Butterfield seconded to hire Robert Beghtol as substitute bus driver 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.

**ADJOURN:**

Zimmerman moved and Weaver seconded to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. President Moore call for a voice vote. Those members voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The next scheduled monthly meeting will be March 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at West Prairie Middle 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**