

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

MINUTES

The West Prairie School District #103 Board of Education met on March 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 Illinois has moved to Stage 5. The IDPH is issuing guideline updates for school reopening and outdoor sports. The updates are coming quickly.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

Middle School Students of the Month selected by the West Prairie staff were: fifth grade, Kendrick Welsh; sixth grade, Anna Norris; seventh grade, Kenadie Webster; eighth grade, Keira Metcalf.

High School Students of the Month were freshman, Jayden Icenogle; sophomore, Katelynn Ashbaker; junior, Kyle Rhoads; senior, Rebecca Novak. The staff member of the month is Ms. Corinne Biswell.

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 February 18, 2021, the special meeting minutes from March 2, 2021 and March 4, 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Superintendent Gradert reported that he and member Matt Zimmerman attended the Colchester City and Alley Committee meeting. The current lease agreement regarding the lot to the south of the South Elementary will continue as is. He added that options for drop-off and pick up will be explored.

The South Elementary Pre-K playground will begin installation on March 26, 2021.

Architect David Leggans met with administrators to discuss learning conditions and kitchen needs,

The Colchester Lion Club agreed to loan tents, tables and chairs as they did last semester to help with social distancing during warmer weather.

Students will take State tests beginning in May.

Members Scott Vogler and Matt Zimmerman along with Superintendent Gradert met with school board member candidates on March 16, 2021.

SET SPECIAL MEETING DATE FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD:

Mencel moved and Weaver seconded to set a special meeting for the reorganization of the School Board for April 29, 2021. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM SOFTWARE:

Mencel moved and Zimmerman seconded to approve the Skyward Student Information System Proposal as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO INCREASE SUBSTITUTE TEACHER SALARY FOR 2021-2022:

The board discussed an increase to substitute teacher pay rate. The discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

FACILITY REPORT:

The Facility Committee will meet on March 26th. Maintenance Director Kevin Klinedinst met with roofing company to review punch list for middle school gym roof. The middle school asbestos plan and the North Elementary classroom configuration will be discussed with the architect.

BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Moore moved and Zimmerman seconded to approve the position of and application process for student representative to the Board of Education as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Vogler moved and Zimmerman seconded to enter into executive session at 7:41 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).

Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meeting Act, whether for the purpose of approval by the body of minutes or semi-annual review of minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(16).

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Zimmerman moved and Mencil seconded to return to open session at 8:30 p.m. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT:

Butterfield moved and Geltmacher seconded to hire Lauren Wyatt as full-time custodian 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.

Vogler moved and Zimmerman seconded to hire Tiffany Churchill as BWP assistant softball coach pending all background checks and pre-employment requirements as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mencil moved and Geltmacher seconded to approve the new three year contract for Superintendent Guy Gradert as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Weaver moved and Zimmerman seconded to adjourn at 8:33 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 April 15, 2021 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

Secretary