

**WEST PRAIRIE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #103
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEST PRAIRIE MIDDLE SCHOOL
March 4, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The West Prairie School District #103 Board of Education met on March 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in a regularly scheduled meeting, at West Prairie Middle School. Board members present were: Lee Moore, Scott Vogler, Matt Zimmerman, Lisa Butterfield, Matt Mencil, and David Geltmacher. Members absent: Sherrie Weaver.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Superintendent Gradert announced Mrs. Corinne Biswell was a Golden Owl Recipient and is a finalist for the Illinois Ag Teacher of the Year Award. He reported that a high school student tested positive for COVID. The high school staff completed contact tracing and appropriate students were notified. The After Prom Committee is willing to help with prom if no After Prom can be held. Superintendent Gradert contacted Craig Anderson of the IHSA to seek clarification of spectator rules. He also signed a notice requesting to reconsider changing gathering requirements to 25% of total capacity rather than a set number of people. He reported that districts were denied the waiver for state testing. Superintendent Gradert announced that he would be meeting with Colchester City Councilman Mike Eddy to discuss the South Elementary Lot and traffic issues.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

APPOINT SECRETARY PRO TEM:

Matt Zimmerman was nominated as Secretary Pro Tem. As there were no other nominations, Matt Zimmerman was name Secretary Pro Tem by proclamation.

2021-2022 PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Zimmerman moved and Mencil seconded to approve the 2021-2022 public school calendar as presented. Those members on roll call voting "aye": Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF NEW STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM:

The board discussed changing student information system vendors. Vendors were reviewed. Discussion only.

UPDATE ON WPMS RENOVATION:

The board discussed the timeline for bids and planning meeting schedules for the middle school renovation. Discussion only.

APPROVAL OF 2021 PROM PROPOSAL:

Vogler moved and Zimmerman seconded to approve the 2021 Prom proposal as presented with approved liability contingencies in place. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION I:

Vogler moved and Zimmerman seconded to enter into executive session at 7:29 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, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Mencil moved and Geltmacher seconded to return to open session at 7:51 p.m. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT:

Vogler moved and Zimmerman seconded to approve fourth year probationary teacher Melissa Burt as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Butterfield moved and Mencil seconded to approve fourth year probationary teacher Heather DeCounter as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Geltmacher moved and Zimmerman seconded to approve fourth year probationary teacher John McCormick as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mencil moved and Vogler seconded to approve fourth year probationary teacher Amanda Grove as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mencil moved and Zimmerman seconded to approve third year probationary teacher Adam Kerns as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. Abstain: Mencil. The motion carried.

Butterfield moved and Mencil seconded to approve third year probationary teacher Ian Conkling as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Vogler moved and Geltmacher seconded to approve third year probationary teacher Patti Clark as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Zimmerman moved and Butterfield seconded to approve third year probationary teacher Larissa Berg as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Vogler moved and Zimmerman seconded to approve third year probationary teacher Megan Heitz as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Butterfield moved and Geltmacher seconded to approve third year probationary teacher Ashley Fayhee as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mencil moved and Zimmerman seconded to approve third year probationary teacher Shyanne Thomas as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Butterfield moved and Geltmacher seconded to approve third year probationary teacher Jennifer Cordell as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mencel moved and Butterfield seconded to approve third year probationary teacher Sue Bricker as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Zimmerman moved and Mencel seconded to approve second year probationary teacher Lindsey Spriet as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Vogler moved and Mencel seconded to approve second year probationary teacher Grant Bland as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Butterfield moved and Mencel seconded to approve second year probationary teacher Lisa Davison as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Zimmerman moved and Butterfield seconded to approve second year probationary teacher Amanda Peters as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mencel moved and Geltmacher seconded to approve second year probationary teacher Hali Wear as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Vogler moved and Mencel seconded to approve second year probationary teacher Cierra Hiland as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Zimmerman moved and Geltmacher seconded to approve first year probationary teacher Jadrien Van Fleet as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mencel moved and Vogler seconded to approve first year probationary teacher Alex Lounsberry as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Zimmerman moved and Butterfield seconded to approve first year probationary teacher Shey Hunt as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Geltmacher moved and Mencel seconded to approve first year probationary counselor Jami Minter as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mencel moved and Geltmacher seconded to approve first year probationary teacher Jeramie Okoh as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Butterfield moved and Mencel seconded to approve first year probationary teacher Julia Burns as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Zimmerman moved and Geltmacher seconded to approve first year probationary teacher Hind Ali as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mencel moved and Geltmacher seconded to hire Cathy Martin as a substitute bus driver pending all background checks and required paperwork. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Zimmerman moved and Geltmacher seconded to hire Sam DeCounter as WPMS Head Track Coach for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mencel moved and Geltmacher seconded to hire Lindsey Spriet as WPMS Asst. Track Coach for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Zimmerman moved and Mencel seconded to hire Jennifer Percy as WPMS Asst. Track Coach for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mencel moved and Butterfield seconded to hire Ryan Sullivan as WPMS Head Girls Basketball Coach for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. Abstain: Zimmerman. The motion carried.

Butterfield moved and Moore seconded to appoint Ryann Zimmerman as WPMS Volunteer Track Coach for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. Abstain: Zimmerman. The motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS:

Vogler moved and Mencel seconded to accept the resignation of Katie Rossio effective February 26, 2021 as presented with thanks for her service to the students of West Prairie. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Zimmerman moved and Mencil seconded to accept the resignation of Tina Roe effective August 15, 2021 as presented with thanks for her service to the students of West Prairie. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mencil moved and Geltmacher seconded to accept the resignation of Ian Conkling as BWP assistant softball coach as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION II:

Vogler moved and Geltmacher seconded to enter into executive session at 8:15 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, 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 9:22 p.m. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Vogler moved and Geltmacher seconded to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. President Moore call for a voice vote. Those members voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The next scheduled monthly meeting will be March 18, 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 _____

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Secretary