

**WEST PRAIRIE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #103
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEST PRAIRIE MIDDLE SCHOOL
April 29, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The West Prairie School District #103 Board of Education met on April 29, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in a regularly scheduled meeting, at West Prairie Middle 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:

The board held a reception for outgoing board members prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Superintendent Gradert recognized the service of Lisa Butterfield – 10 years’ service, Lee Moore – 8 years’ service, and David Geltmacher – 4 years’ service with plaques. The members thanked the board for the opportunity to serve on the board. President Lee Moore reminisced over his time with the board and the accomplishments made. He thanked the outgoing members, the current members and the new members as well as administration and staff. His fondest memory was when he was hugged and thanked by a student at graduation.

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 April 15, 2021 with the noted corrections. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

ELECT PRESIDENT PRO TEM:

President Moore asked for nominations for President Pro Tem. Vogler moved and Mencil seconded to nominate David Geltmacher. As no other nominations were given, David Geltmacher was elected President Pro Tem by acclamation.

ELECT SECRETARY PRO TEM:

President Moore asked for nominations for Secretary Pro Tem. Vogler moved and Weaver seconded to nominate Crista Rigg. As no other nominations were given, Crista Rigg was elected Secretary Pro Tem by acclamation.

ADJOURN SINE DIE:

Zimmerman moved and Geltmacher seconded to adjourn Sine Die at 7:19 p.m. President Moore called for a voice vote. Those members voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil and Geltmacher. Nays: none. The motion carried.

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The West Prairie School District #103 Board of Education met on April 29, 2021, at 7:24 p.m., in a regularly scheduled meeting, at West Prairie Middle School. Board members present were: Scott Vogler, Sherrie Weaver, Matt Zimmerman, Matt Mencil, Steve Kitch, Jennifer Cerven, and David Taulbee. Members absent: none.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED MEMBERS:

President Pro Tem Geltmacher led the newly elected members, Steve Kitch, Jennifer Cerven, and David Taulbee in the Oath of Office.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO TWO-YEAR UNEXPIRED TERM:

Taulbee moved and Zimmerman seconded to appoint Matt Mencil to fill the two-year unexpired term for District 7. President Pro Tem Geltmacher called for a voice vote. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBER:

President Pro Tem Geltmacher asked newly appointed member Matt Mencil to recite the Oath of Office.

ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT:

President Pro Tem Geltmacher asked for nominations for the office of President of the Board. Zimmerman moved and Weaver seconded to nominate Scott Vogler. As no other nominees were given, Scott Vogler was elected President by acclamation.

ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD VICE PRESIDENT:

President Vogler asked for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board. Weaver moved and Mencil seconded to nominate Matt Zimmerman. As no other nominees were given, Matt Zimmerman was elected Vice President by acclamation.

ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD SECRETARY:

President Vogler asked for nominations for the office of Secretary of the Board. Zimmerman moved and Taulbee seconded to nominate Sherrie Weaver. As no other nominees were given, Sherrie Weaver was elected Secretary by acclamation.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY:

Mencil moved and Weaver seconded to appoint Crista Rigg as board recording secretary. President Vogler called for a voice vote. Those members voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD TREASURER:

Zimmerman moved and Kitch seconded to appoint Annetta Ogle as board treasurer. President Vogler called for a voice vote. Those members voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

ADOPT BOARD MEETING DATES AND TIMES:

Zimmerman moved and Weaver seconded to approve the regular meeting schedule as the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 p.m., at West Prairie High School with the inclusion of the second Tuesday in August, September and March as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Weaver moved and Mencil seconded to approve the bills and the IHSA membership as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Superintendent Gradert reported that students will return to in-person learning on May 3, 2021. High School Graduation is scheduled for May 29, 2021. Prom will be held June 12, 2021. The Facility Committee discussed work on the North Elementary to prepare for the additional students in the fall, the proposal for sidewalk repair, and the safety concerns of the pond. Superintendent Gradert also reported that the architect will have the drawings for both the North Elementary project and Middle School renovation soon. The bid openings for asbestos removal at the middle school are scheduled to take place in July. He also announced that the district will receive both ESSER II and ESSER III grant dollars. Superintendent Gradert reported that he attended the Colchester City TiF meeting. There was discussion of using funds towards the access to the middle school.

APPROVE THE RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN:

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

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE & DELEGATE:

The board discussed the Illinois Association of School Board and the purpose of the Resolutions Committee. Each member district is allowed a delegate to represent the interest of the board.

FACILITY COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Facility Committee discussed the maintenance, safety and curb appeal of the North Elementary. The architect should have designs/sketches for the May meeting.

Mencil moved and Kitch seconded to select Matt Zimmerman, with the alternate of Scott Vogler, to replace the seat of outgoing board member Lisa Butterfield on the Facility Committee. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Weaver moved and Zimmerman seconded to enter into executive session at 8:27 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 on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Taulbee moved and Mencil seconded to return to open session at 9:05 p.m. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT:

Weaver moved and Kitch seconded to hire Keylee Kappler as high school science teacher for the 2021-2022 school year pending all background checks and pre-employment requirements as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

Zimmerman moved and Cerven seconded to hire De’Laney Breen as 5th/6th grade English/Language Art Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year pending all background checks and pre-employment requirements as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

RETIREMENT:

Zimmerman moved and Taulbee seconded to accept the retirement letter from Susan Monroe with thanks for her many years of service to the students of West Prairie, effective May 31, 2021 as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Weaver moved and Mencil seconded to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. President Vogler called for a voice vote. Those members voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

The next scheduled monthly meeting will be May 25, 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