

**WEST PRAIRIE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #103  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEST PRAIRIE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
July 16, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The West Prairie School District #103 Board of Education met on July 16, 2020, 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.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

A moment of silence was held for Lynne Beaver on the passing of her husband. Danielle Smith spoke regarding the School Reentry Plan and eLearning options.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mr. Guy Gradert was introduced as the new superintendent. Marilyn Ward asked the board to announce the importance of Census 2020. The Colchester Lion's Club offered the use of a tent for outside space. Mike and Cathy Reed delivered a large donation of school supplies through the Colchester Area Gathering Place.

School registration will be held on August 4 and 5 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at all schools. Updates will be posted to the district website.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Vogler moved and Weaver seconded to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2020, meeting, 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:**

The administrative staff held remote learning planning committee meetings. Data from the parent survey results were presented.

**APPROVAL OF THE 2020-2021 FEE AND MEAL PRICES:**

Zimmerman moved and Geltmacher seconded to approve the 2020-2021 fee and meal prices as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**REVIEW OF STUDENT HANDBOOK LANGUAGE:**

The board reviewed language updates to the 2020-2021 student handbooks. Discussion only.

**APPROVAL OF THE WEST PRAIRIE ATHLETIC COACHING HANDBOOK FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Vogler moved and Mencil seconded to approve the 2020-2021 Athletic Coaching Handbook as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF COLCHESTER/FRIENDWAY PARK:**

Vogler moved and Zimmerman seconded to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the City of Colchester/Friendway Park as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE BID FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT:**

Mencil moved and Geltmacher seconded to approve the Middle School Roof project from Sterling Commercial Roofing for \$100,100 as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**REVIEW OF E-LEARNING PROGRAM VERIFICATION:**

The board reviewed the e-Learning plan and program verification form. The public hearing for approving the document will be moved to August 6, 2020. Discussion only.

**APPROVAL OF THE RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN:**

Mencil moved and Zimmerman seconded to approve the Return to School Plan for five days a week following the IDPH, CDC and ISBE guidelines as presented. 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 attendance at the Triple I Convention in November. The Fall Division meeting will be held via Zoom. Discussion only.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Weaver moved and Zimmerman seconded to enter into executive session at 8:18 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 the Act. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).

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

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

Zimmerman moved and Butterfield seconded to return to open session at 9:26 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 Geltmacher seconded to approve Courtney McCarty as a full-time cook assigned to middle school breakfast and South Elementary lunch duties pending all required paperwork and background checks. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Zimmerman moved and Butterfield seconded to approve Hind Ali as a high school mathematics teacher for the 2020-2021 school year pending all required paperwork and background checks. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

### **RESIGNATION:**

Vogler moved and Geltmacher seconded to accept the resignation of high school paraprofessional Krista Ellington as of July 16, 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.

### **ADJOURN:**

Butterfield moved and Zimmerman seconded to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. Those members voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**The next scheduled monthly meeting will be August 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at West Prairie Middle School.**

**APPROVED BY RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WEST PRAIRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT #103**

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**President**

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**Secretary**