

**WEST PRAIRIE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #103
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST PRAIRIE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Media Center
August 20, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The West Prairie School District #103 Board of Education met on August 20, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Community members were again encouraged to complete the 2020 Census.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Heather DeCounter spoke to the board regarding the importance of education and in person learning.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Vogler moved and Zimmerman seconded to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2020, the August 3, 2020, and the August 6, 2020 meetings, 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 the first days of school went well. He thanked the staff for making it work. Gradert reported the need to amend the calendar for the use of Remote Learning Planning Days to replace School Improvement Days. He also announced that COVID-19 related documents can be found on the website.

Principal Cox welcomed new high school staff members, Hind Ali, Bethany Morath, and Gracelyn Day. The parents and teachers have helped with the start of the new school year.

Principal Edholm reported that the staff did well with safety procedures and that the students have done very well with wearing masks. Staff have been creative in their approach to safety measures.

Principal Watson reported that 85% of the middle school students are learning in person with five students switching to in-person since the start of school. The staff is doing well.

Assistant Principal Hall reported that the students have been great and they are excited to be back. The team is working together to accomplish the goals. He also announced that the Prairieland Conference is holding meetings for scheduling and contact days.

PLACE POLICIES ON FIRST READING:

Mencel moved and Butterfield seconded to place policies 2:150-AP, 2:20, 2:220-E9, 4:180, 4:180-AP3, 5:170-AP4, 6:20-AP, 7:40, 7:190, 7:190-AP2, 7:190-AP4, 7:190-AP5, 7:190-E2, 7:220-AP, 7:340, 7:340-AP1, 7:340-E1, 7:345, 7:345-AP, 7:345-E1, 7:345-AP, E2, 7:345-AP, E3 on first reading. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. Abstain: Vogler. The motion carried.

BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

The board discussed the addition of a student representative to the board of education meetings. Discussion only.

APPROVAL OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT:

Zimmerman moved and Weaver seconded to approve an equipment lease agreement with the Colchester Lions Club for the use of a tent 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 Geltmacher seconded to enter into executive session at 7:32 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, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Weaver moved and Butterfield seconded to return to open session at 8:55 p.m. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencel, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

LEAVE:

Zimmerman moved and Mencil seconded to approve the maternity leave request from Shey Hunt as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING EVALUATIONS:

Vogler moved and Mencil seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the West Prairie Education Association regarding teacher evaluations as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Zimmerman moved and Geltmacher seconded to adjourn at 8:58 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 September 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at West Prairie North Elementary.

**APPROVED BY RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST PRAIRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT #103
McDonough, Hancock, Henderson Counties, Illinois on _____**

President

Secretary