

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PRENTICE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – 7:00 PM
Prentice School Library

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Erickson at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board members present: Adams, Blomberg, Erickson, Gierman, Gruber, Isaacson, Palmquist and Pierson.
Board member Gladson was absent.

Motion Gruber, second Gierman to approve minutes from the following meetings. March 13, 2024 special, March 14, 2024 special, March 18, 2024 special, March 19, 2024 regular, March 26, 2024 special and April 2, 2024 special. Carried

Motion Blomberg, second Palmquist to approve the Financial Report. Carried

Motion Gierman, second Blomberg to approve the Vouchers. Carried

APRIL DISBURSEMENTS

P/R CKS #	20219 – 20413	\$220,487.03
GEN CKS #	60459 – 60506	\$179,554.23
FED W/H FICA STATE W/H		\$69,441.49
STRS/WRS		<u>\$39,447.94</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$508,930.69

Community Input:

Joe Fox heard that a Math Teacher was leaving Prentice and signed a contract with another district. He feels that students are behind in math now and that there needs to be a plan in place. Mrs. Isaacson said no math teacher as of now has notified the district that they are leaving. She said she is fully committed to the program.

Joe commented on the failed referendum saying he feels the district is overstaffed and that the annual budget is too high. Erickson said in regards to staffing administration and the board strive to meet the needs of the students. The referendum will be discussed later in the meeting.

Nick Adams was asked by an individual if property in Ogema could be sold. Erickson said it could be.

Helen Palmquist said at a CESA meeting it was brought up that school board members are being asked to turn in their phones. Individuals are looking for communications going on between board members.

Darrell Pierson mentioned that turning over communication devices was brought up on a recent on line presentation by the WASB. Court rulings at this point are vague.

Randy Erickson presented a plaque from WASB to Darrell Pierson for being on the school board for 30 years.

Randy said Dianne Gierman will also be receiving a plaque for being on the school board for 30 years. He thanked her for her years on the board the first 10 being board clerk.

Dianne has also spent a lot of time volunteering in the school.

The Principal's Report was started by Mr. Bergman:

- Complimented the music Department for their efforts on Large Group, Solo and Ensemble and Forensics. Both instructors have been very busy preparing for the Spring Concert.

- Finishing up with Summer School plans.

- Two teachers are out long term for the balance of the school year. Both in the past have taught Summer School. Will have to find replacements.

- Mary Blaha with Baird would like to come to a meeting on May 7th to explain the revenue limits. He has heard many reasons why the referendum was not successful. Need to come together as a team. Roof repairs are needed. Mr. Bergman mentioned some of the plusses the district has provided for students. Mentioned is the quality of the districts teachers. Mr. Bergman is proud of the students and has many positive comments come back to him after graduation. The kids are doing what they need to be successful.

Mrs. Isaacson continued the report:

- Graduation plans are going along well.

- Spring Concert coming up May 14th, with the Elementary starting at 6:00 PM Middle and High School to follow.

- Eighth Grade will be going to Valley Fair.

- High School trip to Copper Falls Park.

- Seniors will be going to Mall of America.

- AP exams are coming up.

- There was no report from the High School Liaison.

Mrs. Isaacson reported the PK-4 screening was done differently this year. In the future will go back to doing as have done in the past. There were 19 students many with high special needs.

Board member Gladson arrived at 7:50 PM.

The Carl Perkins Grant is a Federal Grant which needs to be applied for annually. It covers things like Business, Tech Ed. and Home Ed.

Motion Gierman, second Adams to approve the Carl Perkins Grant. Carried

This was the second reading of the Fund balance Policy.

Motion Gladson, second Adams to approve the Fund Balance Policy as presented changing the effective date to April 16, 2024. Carried

Reviewed the handed out Personal Time Off Policy. Main discussion was around 9.01 PTO Leave Earned paragraph E Language. The PTO is given to bank as sick leave if it isn't used.

Motion Blomberg, second Gruber to approve the PTO Policy. (this was the second reading. 1 no vote Adams, balance yes the motion carried.

Motion Gierman, second Palmquist to accept the resignation of Tyler Enders from his position as Assistant High School Basketball Coach. Carried

Motion Blomberg, second Palmquist to approve Kerber Rose as Auditors for District Financials 2024-2025. Carried

Motion Gruber, second Isaacson to hire Jesus Ontiveios as Middle School Football Coach. Carried

Discussion of Referendum and next steps occurred.

Blomberg handed out a sheet showing some possible options and facts regarding the referendum. Erickson thought consensus would be to run it in August. Thinks possibly \$1 million, non recurring for five years. Gladson thought August doesn't give enough time to get everything done that needs to be. Communication with the voters is important. Baird relayed to Mr. Bergman that historically November Referendums have a higher rate of success. Mr. Bergman suggested more involvement of community members in this referendum. Regarding budgeting the board may have to pass two budgets. One if it passes the other if it doesn't. As of now don't know what that budget number will be. With attrition it should be less. Talked about was sending a survey out with possibly three options. Mr. Bergman and Wendy Sielaff are going to put more numbers together in the next couple weeks. Blomberg is going to work on putting a survey together with three options. \$1.2 million, \$1.4 million and \$1.7 million all as non-recurring for a period of five years.

The Professional Employee Handbook 2023-2024 was previously approved. The Teacher salary schedule has been added.

Handed out and discussed was the teacher Contract list for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion Adams, second Gierman to approve offering contracts to all Teachers on the 2024-2025 list as presented adding Lisa Rhody. 1 no vote Palmquist, balance yes the motion carried.

Mrs. Isaacson handed out the proposed 2024-2025 School calendar. She explained how the Calendar was arrived at and discussed. The Calendar consists of 171 student days, 187 teacher days of which 16 will be personal development/record keeping days. The first day of classes would be September 3rd the last day of classes would be May 29th. Motion Isaacson, second Palmquist to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar as presented. 1 no vote Adams, balance yes the motion carried.

The Oath of Office for newly elected School Board members was taken by Nicholas Adams, Emily Blomberg and Mallory Hueckman.

Motion Blomberg, second Gladson to adjourn. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darrell E. Pierson, Board of Education Clerk