

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PRENTICE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Thursday, August 18, 2022 – 7:00 PM
Prentice Library Media Center

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Erickson at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Adams, Blomberg, Erickson, Gierman, Gladson, Gruber, Isaacson and Pierson.

Board member Palmquist was absent.

Motion Adams, second Gierman to approve minutes from the July 19, 2022 regular meeting. Carried

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

Motion Blomberg, second Isaacson to approve the Vouchers. Carried

No Community Input was given.

AUGUST DISBURSEMENTS

P/R CKS #	17195 – 17228	\$33,443.62
GEN CKS #	59007 – 59061	\$127,183.67
FED W/H FICA STATE W/H		\$11,421.73
STRS/WRS		<u>\$5,874.70</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$177,923.72

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

- Looked at the bus routes with Doug Erickson. Doug will have a new route. There will still be a total of 5 routes. All the routes will probably take about an hour. Most districts are short of bus drivers.

- Received \$3,800 grant which will be used to purchase a new welder.

- Price Electric gave the District \$3,000 for the track.

- We have all the Teachers needed, possibly will need one more Aide.

Mrs. Isaacson continued the Report:

- Busy, things going good. Will be ready for the start of school.

- Invitations to have breakfast at school next Wednesday were sent out to area businesses.

It's reaching out to businesses to see what the needs are in the community. Funds from the Youth Apprenticeship Program can be used to pay for it.

The District annually does Temporary Borrowing of money. The money is needed when tax dollars are not received in a timely manner. Of last years amount not to exceed \$750,000 line of credit roughly half of the amount was used.

Motion Gierman, second Gruber to Authorize Temporary Borrowing in Amount not to Exceed \$750,000:Line of Credit through Community Financial Bank. Carried

Board member Palmquist arrived at 7:20 PM.

Randy Erickson would like to run for the WASB Region 2 Directors Position.
Motion Adams, second Pierson to nominate Randy Erickson for the WASB Region 2 Director. Carried. Election will be held at the 2022 Fall Regional Workshop, each Board present has one vote.

The negotiating Committee has been meeting in regards to Support Staff wage increases. The District is trying to stay competitive with others in the area. Handed out was the spread sheet prepared by Wendy Sielaff showing the numbers regarding Support Staff proposed wage increases. Doug Erickson stated that bus drivers percentage wise would be less than others. It has been years since anything has been done with the rate for miles on the routes.

Motion Gierman, second Gladson to pay 29 cents per mile for bus drivers. Erickson, Gruber and Isaacson abstained from the vote, balance were yes. The motion carried.
Motion Gladson, second Gierman to approve Support Staff wages as presented on the spreadsheet. Erickson, Gruber and Isaacson abstained from the vote, balance were yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Bergman will email everyone the Support Staff Handbook tomorrow. The only change will be the wage portion.

Motion Blomberg, second Palmquist to approve the Support Staff Handbook 2022-2023 adding the new starting wages. Carried

Motion Blomberg, second Adams to accept the resignation of Loren West from his position of High School English Teacher. Carried

Motion Gierman, second Gruber to hire Katie Mayer as High School English Teacher. Carried

Motion Gruber, second Blomberg to hire Erin Lyons as School District Cook/Dishwasher. Carried

Motion Gladson, second Palmquist to hire Sarah Pfarr as Special Education Teacher Aide. Carried

Motion Blomberg, second Isaacson to hire Nicole Franz as Football Cheerleading Coach. Carried

The group from Prentice met with the Rib Lake group regarding the Co-op Football program. In two years (2024) Rib Lake has decided they are going to go to 8 Man Football and will not Co-op with Prentice. Both Prentice High School and Middle School Coaches were present at the meeting and discussed pros and cons of the Middle School

going to 8 man this year. The schedules have been set 2 years in advance. This late would be hard to pick up games. Their season ends the end of September. The Prentice students could work on 8 man till the end of October.

Motion Isaacson, second Gladson for the Middle School Program to continue 11 man Football with Rib Lake thru the end of September. Extend the Prentice Middle School Students season thru the end of October. Next year the Prentice Students will go to 8 man football. Carried

Baseball Coach Scott Raab asked if the baseball infield that was converted to sod a number of years ago be brought back to soil. The infield is not real level, there is no consistency on how a ground hit ball is going to react. A rough estimate on cost of the project was around \$15,000. Discussed were pros and cons. The big downside was cost. Will look into obtaining grant money for the project.

Mr. Banh was present at the meeting and talked about the bicycle program he has been running at school. He now has close to 80 bicycles with no good place to store or work on them. He would like to put up a building roughly 20 x 40 to work on and store them. He feels the program really gets kids on track for exercising after graduation. He was wondering if the school could loan the money and the program would pay off in a number of years. Mr. Bergman said the District would actually have to borrow money from a financial institution. Mr. Banh has lined up some volunteer labor and with assistance from the shop class to get a slab poured yet before winter. Will then try and come up with funding for the rest of the project.

Motion Palmquist, second Gierman to participate in the USDA National School Lunch and Breakfast Program. Carried

Handed out and discussed were the 2022-2023 PK-12 Student Handbooks. Very few changes have been made from last year.

Motion Gladson, second Gierman to approve the 2022-2023 PK-12 Student Handbooks including the few changes made. Carried

Agenda item #19 Consider Approval of Insurances from EMC 2022-2023 was tabled.

Mr. Bergman reported on Act 125 Seclusion and Physical Restraint for the 2021-2022 School Year. There were none.

Adams passed out a sheet on BoardDocs & Neola Report. The sheet explains services BoardDocs would provide for a startup fee of \$1,000 then \$3,000 annually. BoardDocs is a service that a district can use to manage their agendas and organize their policies. Everything is uploadable to the web. Neola is a company that will rewrite and annually update board policies. There would be a separate fee for them. The board listened to a presentation a number of years ago from Neola, the cost was higher than what BoardDocs is quoting. Both services would be beneficial, at present time cost is a factor. Options were discussed on how to get policies updated and on line. A number of years back a committee was reviewing and rewriting Policies. Some of the Districts policies are on line now. The District will work on accomplishing this in house now.

The WASB Fall Regional Meeting will be held Thursday, October 13 at the Norwood Pines Supper Club in Minocqua.

Motion Blomberg, second Gladson to adjourn. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board of Education Clerk, Darrell E. Pierson