

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PRENTICE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, September 20, 2022 – 7:00 PM
Prentice LMC

MINUTES

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

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

Board members Adams and Blomberg were absent.

Motion Palmquist, second Gierman to approve minutes from the August 18, 2022 regular meeting. Carried

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

Board member Adams arrived at 7:07 PM.

Motion Gierman, second Gruber to approve the Vouchers. Carried

SEPTEMBER DISBURSEMENTS

P/R CKS #	17229 – 17364	\$172,975.12
GEN CKS #	59063 – 59153	\$240,587.98
FED W/H FICA STATE W/H		\$61,335.39
STRS/WRS		<u>\$32,405.76</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$507,304.25

Community Input:

Jesse Rhode asked if there was an alternative to Embrace, the Domestic Counseling Service used by the District. He looked at their web site and really questions what they are pushing. Sounds like a very left wing group. Mrs. Isaacson said they are the only group in the area providing what the District needs. Counseling is never done without the parents consent and parents do pay the bill. Mrs. Isaacson has never sat in on a session.

Joe Fox commented that Embrace can't be trusted. He said this is being discussed in all districts in Price County. Mrs. Isaacson said they are not scheduled to come into the school. Adams asked if the district needs a policy to look into groups before they come into school. Mrs. Isaacson said it is something to look into.

Jesse Rhode commented on the DPI survey that was given last November. Parents shouldn't have to opt out of taking it. Rather it should be an opt in. Mrs. Isaacson commented that sometimes these are mandated and that funding follows. She could look into the survey to see if it's required by DPI.

Eric Gladson said students don't have time to eat breakfast in the morning. He has had comments from a number of parents. Mr. Bergman said he has not seen that. Mrs. Isaacson said the little kids tend to take longer, it is a busy place that time of the day. Could maybe do something scheduling wise to give additional time.

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

-It was a good start to the year, busy, on track. The kids have been good.

-He has been doing most of the discipline K on up.

Mrs. Isaacson continued the report.

-The schedule is a little different this year, that's good.

-Attended a CESA Meeting, they are working on getting a school report card up and running.

-Have been sending out correspondence on attendance. So far has been better than last year.

-Auditions for the play have been going on.

-Homecoming planning is underway.

Adams thoughts are if not doing Co-op football maybe should consider not doing Cross Country either. There is a lot of cost in transportation back and forth. It would be an easier split than football.

Gladson asked about the Athletic Directors position. Mrs. Isaacson said she has been working with Jeff now as Sheridan has been very busy. Sheridan will work into it.

Adams stated the handbook says the District has two High School Diplomas as a possibility when only one is offered. May have to make a change to the handbook.

Gladson asked about cameras on all the doors. Mr. Bergman said it would be a Johnson Controls thing as they did the original work. It would require extensive wiring and very costly. He has been monitoring the doors and has not seen any issues with them being left open.

Adams asked if board members could get scan cards to get into school. He brought up that there is not a camera on the door where cooks let vendors in.

Reviewed and discussed the handed out Tricor Insurance Premium Summary Sheet.

Motion Gierman, second Isaacson to go with TRICOR LLC Insurance selecting options 1, 5 and 6 on the handed out sheet. Carried

Handed out was the Mod Analysis explaining what the cost of Workers Comp will be.

Discussed was the possibility of using flex cards for the flex spending accounts. The company could put the dollars on the cards for employees.

Motion Adams, second Gladson to go with Flex Cards for the Flex Plan Spending Accounts. Carried

The 3rd Friday count came in with +11 in the Elementary and +8 in the High School. This comes out to 235 students in the Elementary and 125 in the High School with a District total of 360, this number doesn't include RVA students.

Valuation in the District went up by 16 ½%. The budget will still be behind the 8 ball. Baird is working with us on the long term financial planning. Even if the Evers proposal goes thru the financial out look may be different than it may appear. All costs to the District are increasing. Handed out was the spreadsheet prepared by Baird summarizing Cash Defeasance. One Mill Rate option could be \$9.52 the other could be \$8.19. By using the higher Levy would ultimately save the District \$200,000.00. This would be due to paying more on the building loan up front thus saving interest dollars. This would keep the levy rate stable. The money would be kept in escrow until it was used.

Adams had talked to Mr. Bergman regarding having a High School Student on the School Board. Thought it best to use the Student Council as a liaison to the board. Handed out was a preliminary policy “ Student Liaison To The School Board” that could be used. A student could be present and give an update such as the Principal’s Report is now.

Per Mr. Bergman we are running out of vehicles. There are 9 students on the Willow route now, are 1 vehicle short. \$49,500.00 would be the cost of a Ford Transit van similar to what the District has now from Abbotsford Ford. There are no used ones around. For schools other than a bus which required a CDL Driver the vehicle can only be capable of holding 9 passengers and the driver. It must be configured from the factory, can’t just pull seats out.

Motion Gierman, second Palmquist to authorize Mr. Bergman to purchase a new van not to exceed a dollar limit of \$49,500.00. Carried

Reviewed and discussed the handed out Prentice School District Crisis Handbook.

Reminder was given for the WASB Fall Regional Meeting to be held on October 13, 2022 in Minocqua. The van will leave Prentice at 4:30 PM.

A proposal for snow removal at Prentice Schools was received from Haubert Snowplowing LLC. They were contracted and did a good job last year. Rates remain the same.

Motion Pierson, second Adams to contract snow removal at Prentice Schools with Haubert Snowplowing LLC. Carried

Annual inspection of Prentice School Facilities will occur at the conclusion of the meeting.

Adams mentioned the Iowa Association School Boards Light House Study. How School Boards decisions affect learning of students.

Adams said working on getting policy up dates on line, will take some amount of time. Erickson asked Adams to have items such as this be put on the agenda in the future. Really can’t act on anything that’s not an agenda item.

Motion Gruber, second Gierman to adjourn. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darrell E. Pierson, Board of Education Clerk