

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PRENTICE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, December 20, 2022 – 7:00 PM
Prentice School Library

MINUTES

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

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

Motion Blomberg, second Gruber to approve minutes from the November 15, 2022 regular meeting. Carried

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

Motion Gierman, second Blomberg to approve the Vouchers. Carried.

DECEMBER DISBURSEMENTS

P/R CKS #	17678 – 17847	\$170,328.27
GEN CKS #	59307 – 59377	\$239,349.29
FED W/H FICA STATE W/H		\$55,928.39
STRS/WRS		<u>\$29,014.46</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$494,620.41

No Community Input was given.

Mrs. Isaacson gave the Principal's Report.

-Getting ready for the break.

-Athletics are going good.

-Christmas Program was last night and went well.

-Four students will be going to Germany this summer.

-Working on getting the Washington DC trip going again, cost now would be + \$1,000.

-Got the Carl Perkins grant, extra dollars were available so did a mini grant writing.

-SLATE Conference was attended by 3 staff, it's tied to technology education information.

-Mr. Bergman said the fifth grade class is quite large. He wrote and received a grant in the amount of \$3,500. It will be used to purchase equipment.

-Mr. Bergman handed out the District reports on ESSA and IDEA both tied to special education. The District scored well on all compliance.

-Mrs. Isaacson touched on the Leadership Development that was presented to some staff on November 16th. Rhinelander has made the program mandatory for graduation. Cost of

the program curriculum is \$1,200. Mike Prom talked thru the entire system. It tries to get leadership qualities to students. Would probably be geared to Juniors. Mrs. Isaacson would like to purchase and implement the curriculum.

Motion Gierman, second Isaacson to purchase the Leadership Curriculum Middle/High School. Carried

Discussion occurred on the 2023-2024 Budget, Operations, Referendum. Mr. Bergman said dollars were lost during Covid when students did not attend. ESSER funds have been being used. The legislature 2 years ago provided no funding. Last year was a little and this year nothing again. The ESSER Funds must be all used by 2024. The Funds are being used to back fill the shortages in this and next year's budgets. After the 2024 year the fiscal cliff is going to hit Prentice. Lots of schools have run and are going to run referendums. As things stand now Prentice will have to run an operational referendum in the near future. Possibilities could be to use all the ESSER funds now and not go into fund balance, or as are proposing now ESSER funds and some Fund Balance. Schools have no idea what the state is going to do regarding funding. If a referendum was successfully run in April and the state kicked in money that wouldn't be good, then there would be too much money. This wouldn't be fiscally responsible. There are set times that a referendum can be run. Auditors usually like 20% of the budget to be in fund balance. Prentice has usually been around 12%, now is around that 20%. The Baird Financial Study is showing a \$500,000 shortfall coming up. Consensus of the board is to hold off on running a referendum this April.

Mr. Bergman handed out the Fulcrum Foundation request for proposal phase II Track Initiative. The application needs to be submitted by December 31, 2022. Plans are to have student involvement and let them present to the Foundation. A number of organizations in the community have come forward with their financial support.

The School Building Safety Drill Evacuation was conducted today. All went well.

The 2021-2022 KerberRose School Audit did not get to Mr. Bergman as it was supposed to. Handed out was page 44 of the Audit showing Revenues, Expenditures and Fund balances. The Fund balance showed a \$13,393 reduction.

Agenda item #12, Approve the 2023-2024 School District of Prentice Calendar was tabled. A preliminary calendar was handed out. More work needs to go into it before it's ready for approval.

The IRS 2023 Mileage Reimbursement Rate has not yet been set by the IRS. Motion Gierman, second Palmquist to go with the IRS Reimbursement Rate when it becomes published. Carried

Phillips and Chequamegon have students participating in the Price County Trap Team. They would like Prentice High School Students to be involved also. This would not be thru the School.

Motion Gladson, second Blomberg to support Prentice High School Students on the Price County Trap Team. Carried

With the WASB Convention being held the same week as the Regular Board Meeting Administration would like the meeting date to be moved from Tuesday the 17th to Monday, January 16, 2023.

Motion Blomberg, second Gierman to move the January Board Meeting date to Monday, January 16, 2023. Carried

Motion Blomberg, second Gladson to adjourn. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darrell E. Pierson, Board of Education Clerk