

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PRENTICE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, December 19, 2023 – 7:00 PM
Prentice School Library

MINUTES

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

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

Board member Erickson was absent.

Motion Gierman, second Gladson to approve minutes from the November 20, 2023 regular board meeting. Carried

Motion Blomberg second Gierman to approve the Financial Report. Carried

Motion Blomberg, second Palmquist to accept the Vouchers. Carried

DECEMBER DISBURSEMENTS

P/R CKS #	19572 – 19740	\$171,223.37
GEN CKS #	60184 – 60256	\$401,639.28
FED W/H FICA STATE W/H		\$55,062.66
STRS/WRS		<u>\$29,858.90</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$657,784.21

There was no Community Input given.

The Principal's Report was given by Mrs. Isaacson:

- Basketball is going strong.
- The new Athletic Director is doing a good job.
- The Christmas program was excellent.
- 4K & K did a Polar Express.
- SLATE Conference 2 representatives going, it covers technology like AI.

Mr. Bergman started the discussion regarding running an operational referendum. Handed out were materials prepared in conjunction with the Baird Company regarding information on the referendum. Basically it's needed as a result of rising costs and lack of funding from the state. Fund balance was used heavily again to complete this years budget. There is now only around \$200,000 remaining. 80% of the schools budget is wages. Covered were the two types of referendums. Recurring which stays on the levy permanently and non-recurring which is for a set period of time. The last operational referendum passed was for \$500,000 and was recurring. Esser funds have been used to fill some of the voids. They will now be gone.

The per pupil rate was increased by \$500 this year.

This doesn't cover what has occurred the last number of years. The District does need to pass an operational referendum. A number of scenarios were handed out showing dollar amounts ranging from 1.4 to 1.6 million. Also handed out was the timeline. At the January regular meeting the board will need to decide how to proceed. The information will be on the Districts web site and informational meetings have been scheduled.

Mary Blaha with the Baird Company gave an on line live presentation that will be provided to board members. Her presentation covered much of what Mr. Bergman presented. Definitions of operational referendums recurring and non recurring with examples. The 2023-2024 School Tax Levy was explained along with an explanation of the 2023-2024 Mill Rate. Historical data of Mill Rates show reductions over time. Referendum timelines were also provided. Will plan to have a special meeting prior to the January regular board meeting.

Motion Blomberg, second Gladson to accept the letter of resignation from Mary Dunbar at the end of second semester this school year. Carried

Motion Gruber, second Blomberg to accept the retirement of Randy Bergman from his position as School Administrator effective June 30, 2024. 1 no vote balance yes, motion carried.

Motion Blomberg, second Gruber to accept the resignation of Randy Bergman from his position as Ogema Library Board member. Carried
Ms. Julie Lake would be interested in this position.

Motion Gladson, second Gierman to approve Policy # 830 Community Use of School Facilities. Carried

Revisions were made to the 2023 – 2024 Support Staff Handbook and emailed to Board Members.

Motion Blomberg, second Isaacson to approve the 2023 – 2024 Support Staff Handbook. Carried

Mr. Bergman reported on the School Building Safety Drill conducted on December 13, 2023. All went well, handed out was the Evaluation and Assessment Form to be submitted to the State.

Kristy Zierer explained a program that is being looked at sponsored by the "I Love You Guys" Foundation. The Wisconsin Department of Justice has a link to the site. Handed out was a sheet explaining the program. The Standard Response Protocols are Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate and Shelter. These protocols can be used in any situation. There is training for the program at no cost.

The 2022 – 2023 School Audit conducted by KerberRose was emailed to Board members. The statement of procedures used by the firm was handed out. Per Mr. Bergman the audit went fine. Things noted were as have been in the past. Need more people regarding financial end of things.

Motion Gladson, second Gierman to approve a student for the Start College Now Classes. Carried

Motion Blomberg, second Gruber to approve the IRS 2024 Mileage Reimbursement Rate of 67 cents a mile. Carried

Motion Gladson, second Blomberg to move January's regular meeting date to January 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM. Carried

Motion Gladson, second Blomberg to adjourn. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darrell E. Pierson, Board of Education Clerk