

PRAIRIE du ROCHER CCSD #134
714 Middle St., Prairie du Rocher IL 62277
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday February 23, 2021 6:30 pm
Minutes

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

- A. Vice President Amanda Ford called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- B. Roll Call: Keni Farris-yes, Amanda Ford-yes, Kim Mudd-yes, Daryl Roy-yes, Mark Laurent-yes.
- C. Board members absent: Kim Deterding, Joe Mollet.
- D. Teacher Representative: Jacob Reitz PE Teacher, Kim Harmsen- 7th Grade Teacher.
- E. Superintendent: Robert Pipher Superintendent

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approve Agenda Items

Motion to approve: Kim Mudd (1st), Keni Farris (2nd)
Ayes – 5, Nays – 0, Abstention -0.
Motion carries: 5-0.

IV. Public Comment/Board Comments - None.

V. Consent Agenda

- A. The Consent Agenda included the following items.
 - 1. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 19, 2021.
 - 2. Activity Accounts
 - 3. Approve Bills
 - 4. Treasurer's Report
 - 5. Destroy closed minute tapes older than 18 months.
- B. Motion to approve: Kim Mudd (1st), Daryl Roy (2nd)
- C. Roll call vote: Keni Farris-yes, Mark Laurent-yes, Kim Mudd-yes, Amanda Ford-yes, Daryl Roy-yes.
- D. Motion carries: 5-0.

VI. Superintendent's Report

- A. COVID Update – At this time, I'm not aware of any COVID related students or staff being out from school. We did have two teachers out two days each after receiving their second shot. Everyone else was able to come to work.

- B. School Improvement Update – The School Improvement Team attempted to take a full day for a meeting and had to change plans because the subs we had needed to be used for the teachers who were out after their COVID shots. We are scheduling another date. I purchased a curriculum software using COVID grant money that will help us design and align our curriculum to the state standards. This should improve our test scores because it will ensure that what we are teaching matches what is being tested.

I had Mr. Volkmar do a presentation to the teachers about how he is working with his students to increase their test scores. He had success in the fall and explained how he did it to the other teachers. He did a good presentation.

- C. Snow Days/Remote Learning Update – I hate to call off school for snow, but there are usually a few days each winter that are unavoidable due to road conditions. Today (Friday) we prioritized getting all learning materials to students. The forecasts I am hearing don't give me much hope for being at school next week. We are now prepared to do remote learning. If we are out, Teachers will teach from home (A few may come up to school) and students will be able to learn from home. We used 3 snow days this week, and Friday is able to count as a remote planning day for teachers.

If you know anyone who isn't able to afford internet service, I still have grant money to use to pay for internet access. I paid one families past due bill and then paid through the end of the school year. It helped one of our students have access at home. The grant money can only be spent for home internet.

- D. Athletic Update – Suzanne has been doing her best to re-schedule missed games. It is becoming very difficult because the season is so short it is hard finding available dates with opponents and officials. She has started using Friday nights and Saturday if needed. I don't like having games on days we don't have school, but if the roads improve by the afternoon I will try to get in as many as possible. If we miss days next week, we will probably start losing games that will not be able to be re-scheduled. Changing the fan distance from the floor from 30 feet to 12 feet didn't help us much. Basketball is less than 8 feet from the back bleacher. Volleyball is 12 feet from the back two rows, but by the time we get all the A,B,C team girls in the gym from both teams there is not room for parents. I have heard that people like the live streaming.

- E. QNS equipment proposal – I am including the QNS recommended equipment updates. I do not plan to replace the laptop since all teachers just received Chromebooks and new desktops this year. The other equipment is related to updating the internet firewall and server equipment that needs to be upgraded. I plan to do all these upgrades using our next round of COVID relief money which we should have access to soon.

VII. Discussion Items

- A. Online Auction/Soup Dinner for school – The board discussed the upcoming Online Auction/Soup Dinner which will be held at the school on Sunday, March 21, 2021 between 11 am – 1 pm.

VIII. Action Items

IX. Executive Session- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance of specific employees. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

- A. Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:23 pm: Kim Mudd (1st), Amanda Ford (2nd).
 - i. Roll call vote: Kim Mudd-yes, Keni Farris-yes, Amanda Ford-yes, Mark Laurent-yes, Daryl Roy-yes.
 - ii. Motion carries: 5-0.
- B. Motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:30 pm: Kim Mudd (1st), Keni Farris (2nd).
 - i. Roll call vote: Daryl Roy-yes, Keni Farris-yes, Mark Laurent-yes, Kim Mudd-yes, Amanda Ford-yes.
 - ii. Motion carries: 5-0.

X. Adjournment

- A. Motion to Approve: Kim Mudd (1st), Keni Farris (2nd)
- B. Ayes – 5, Nays -0, Abstentions – 0
- C. Motion carries: 5-0.
- D. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Kimberly Dutterding 3-16-2021
President.

Keni Farris 3-16-2021
Secretary