

PRAIRIE du ROCHER CCSD #134
714 Middle St., Prairie du Rocher IL 62277
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday January 19, 2021 6:30 pm
Minutes

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approve Agenda Items

- Motion to approve: Kim Mudd (1st), Amanda Ford (2nd)
- Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstention -0.
- Motion carries: 7-0.

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 December 15, 2020 and Special Board Minutes December 15, 2020.
 - 2. Activity Accounts
 - 3. Approve Bills
 - 4. Treasurer's Report
 - 5. Quarterly Financial Report
 - 6. Destroy closed minute tapes older than 18 months.
- B. Motion to approve: Mark Laurent (1st), Kim Mudd (2nd)
- C. Roll call vote: Keni Farris-yes, Kim Deterding-yes, Joe Mollet-yes, Mark Laurent-yes, Kim Mudd-yes, Amanda Ford-yes, Daryl Roy-yes.
- D. Motion carries: 7-0.

VI. Superintendent's Report

- A. COVID Update – Tuesday 1/19/21 back to full staff. We had a staff member out the past 10 days who was positive. Five of our staff members have had the first round of the vaccine. They will soon have the second round. We have other staff members waiting for the vaccine and it should officially be available for schools

beginning next week. We have just a few students out right now who are quarantined due to family members testing positive.

As I sent out last week, we are slated to receive another \$80,000 in COVID relief money. I'm told it will be available soon. I will have to go through the regular grant writing process to access it. I did learn today that we have until September of 2022 to spend the money. I have not seen the specifics in writing, but I understand that the money can only be spent on COVID related expenses. I am developing a plan for the grant money.

- B. School Improvement Update – We completed our winter MAP testing this week. Superintendent distributed the results of the MAP testing to the board members. The School Improvement Team will meet 1-25 to view the data.
- C. Teletherapy Update – Students have had three meeting so far with our speech therapist, Lena. I've had great feedback from students and teachers. I've sat in on several sessions, and thought she did a great job. She is keeping track of the minutes she is making up from last semester so we are sure to get every student the service that is required. She is also attending IEP meetings and writing IEPs. She has communicated very well with Sarah and me.
- D. Technology Update – All of our teachers are in the process of having their desktop computers upgraded. QNS began installing them this week and will continue next week. The older computers were really struggling to perform after the upgrade to Windows 10 last spring. These computers will fix the issues we have been having. We also installed a web cameral with each computer to provide more resources for teachers as they meet with students and parents remotely. This was all done using COVID relief money.
We are beginning to experience various problems with our older student Chromebooks. Instead of spending a lot of money doing repairs, I am looking at upgrading them with COVID funds and then using the others as backups when we need them for students.

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.
- B. COVID Days for Staff – As of December 31,2020 the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA) and the Emergency Family and

Medical Leave Expansion Act (EFMLEA) expired. These acts required that staff members be given up to 10 days of leave based on being quarantined and having to stay home for themselves or a family member. This is longer a requirement (assuming it is not renewed). All district I have spoken with have made or are working to make an agreement with their staff to continue this practice. The thought is to provide equity to those who may contract the virus now versus in the first semester.

This is something that our staff has been discussing and has concerns about the fairness and having to use sick days. I would recommend that we continue the practice for our staff. I will say that most of our employees have stepped up to really help us when staff has been out. Many of them have subbed for teachers or aides, and helped in many ways that helped us stay open when we couldn't find subs, and saved us a lot of money not having to pay subs. I don't think it will cost us much, and I plan to include the money spent in our COVID relief grant to offset any expense.

I have given Rhonda today, and she is going to review it. I should be able to make sure it is acceptable to the union before our meeting.

VIII. Action Items

- A. Motion to accept Press Policy Update 106.
 - 1. Motion to approve: Amanda Ford (1st), Kim Mudd (2nd)
 - 2. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 0
 - 3. Motion carries: 7-0.

- B. Motion to approve board policy to 2:260
 - 1. Motion to approve: Kim Mudd (1st), Amanda Ford (2nd)
 - 2. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 0
 - 3. Motion carries: 7-0.

- C. Motion to approve resignation of Athletic Director.
 - 1. Motion to approve: Amanda Ford (1st), Kim Mudd (2nd)
 - 2. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 0
 - 3. Motion carries: 7-0.

- D. Motion to approve resignation of Suzanne McCarty Cheerleading Sponsor.
 - 1. Motion to approve: Kim Mudd (1st), Amanda Ford (2nd)
 - 2. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 0
 - 3. Motion carries: 7-0.

- E. Motion to approve MOU with Pdr Education Association.
 - 1. Motion to approve: Amanda Ford (1st), Kim Mudd (2nd)
 - 2. Ayes: 7, Nays:0, Abstentions:0
 - 3. Motion Carries: 7-0.

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 7:45 pm: Kim Mudd (1st), Amanda Ford (2nd).
 - i. Roll call vote: Kim Deterding-yes, Keni Farris-yes, Amanda Ford-yes, Joe Mollet-yes, Kim Mudd-yes, Daryl Roy-yes.
 - ii. Motion carries: 7-0.

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

X. Adjournment

- A. Motion to Approve: Amanda Ford (1st), Kim Mudd (2nd)
- B. Ayes – 7, Nays -0, Abstentions – 0
- C. Motion carries: 7-0.
- D. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Amanda Ford

2-23-2021

Keni Farris Secretary

2-23-2021