

Prairie du Rocher CCSD #134

714 Middle St, Prairie du Rocher, IL 62277
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education CCSD #134 was called to order on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:30pm by President Kimberly Deterding.

ROLL CALL:	Keni Farris	absent	Kimberly Mudd	yes
	Daryl Roy	yes	Amanda Ford	yes
	Kimberly Deterding	yes	Mark Laurent	yes
	Joseph Mollet	yes		

Superintendent: Robert Pipher

Teacher Representatives: Terra Barbeau, Rebecca Popejoy, Jeremy Volkmar

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS

Motion made by Mark Laurent to add Executive Session before proceeding with the agenda, seconded by Amanda Ford. Motion carried.

Motion made by Amanda Ford to approve the agenda items, seconded by Mark Laurent. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Daryl Roy to enter executive session to meet with teachers present at the meeting, seconded by Amanda Ford. Superintendent Robert Pipher was asked to leave. Motion carried.

Entered executive session at 6:38pm

Return to Regular Meeting:

Motion made by Amanda Ford to end executive session and return to open meeting, seconded by Daryl Roy. Motion carried.

Returned to open meeting at 8:26pm

ROLL CALL:	Kimberly Mudd	yes	Daryl Roy	yes
	Amanda Ford	yes	Kimberly Deterding	yes
	Mark Laurent	yes	Joseph Mollety	yes

Executive Session Action:

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Donjon - no comment

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Amanda Ford to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mark Laurent.

ROLL CALL:	Kimberly Mudd	yes	Daryl Roy	yes
	Amanda Ford	yes	Kimberly Deterding	yes
	Mark Laurent	yes	Joseph Mollety	yes

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

School Improvement:

State IAR Testing scheduled for April 13-27, 2021. State Science Testing scheduled for April 28, 2021. District MAP Testing scheduled for May 4-6, 2021. Superintendent Robert Pipher thanked Laurie Wright & Sarah Bartosik for planning and organizing incentives for state testing. While quite a few teachers helped, it wouldn't have been possible without these two. Students came to school excited for testing and wanting to do their best.

Curriculum planning continues. We are in the final stages of setting up our planning software & finalizing the purchase of new textbooks. Math K-8 & English 5-8 will be implemented for the 2021-2022 school year. English K-4 will be implemented for the 2022-2023 school year.

Our final 12:00pm dismissal for teacher professional development is Friday, April 24, 2021.

Summer Projects:

MR. Pipher discussed the need to move the office to the opposite side of the hall, add a doorway between that room and the classroom closest to the entry door, making that the office for visitor arrivals. He would like to add a transitional window/counter to the wall along the hallway to allow for business to be conducted there. This would prevent visitors from having to pass classrooms on their way to the office and allow better monitoring of the door. He would also like to add a conference table, big screen tv & camera to his office to conduct meetings. Amanda Ford stated that while we know the funds that would be used for this project are separate from the fund where teacher salaries come from, how would this be perceived by the public and there are other maintenance issues that need to be addressed first. The topic was not discussed further.

Mr. Pipher would also like to paint the hallways to give it a fresh and updated look. This was mentioned in his report to the board but was not discussed.

The need for ADA compliant playground equipment was discussed. Laurie Wright and Jessica Powell are spearheading the project and have some ideas to better accommodate all children. A section of the playground would need to have rubber tiles or coating put into place. A buddy swing would also be installed. The architect was contacted and will present a quote at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The cafeteria air conditioner was replaced in the summer of 2020. We have 3 additional units that also need to be replaced. It was suggested to replace one each year so we are not having to replace them all at once in the future.

Our fire inspection identified a lack of heat sensors in the area between the rooms above the gym lobby. This will be addressed as soon as possible.

Our 10 year health & safety inspection identified the need for strobe lights on the fire alarms in classrooms in the junior high building. This is needed to alert students and staff who may not be able to hear them and comply with ADA standards. This would be done by the same company that would install the heat sensors. It would be cost effective to do both jobs at the same time.

Mr. Pipher will be meeting with a company to discuss our need for additional cameras. A quote will be obtained.

Pre-K & Kindergarten Screening:
Screening will be held on May 20-21, 2021.

Joint Committee:
Our teacher evaluation plan requires that we have a Joint Committee made up of administrators and teachers to review the plan. Since Mr. Pipher is the only administrator, he asked for a board member to serve on the committee. Amanda Ford will attend in order to update the evaluation plan.

Teacher Appreciation Week:
Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3-7, 2021.

Board Reorganization Update:
The new board needs to be seated and reorganized within 28 days of the election. A special meeting will be held April 29, 2021 to comply with those regulations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Amanda Ford to enter executive session to personnel and possible litigation, seconded by Mark Laurent. Motion carried.

Entered executive session at 11:25pm

Return to Regular Meeting:
Motion made by Amanda Ford to end executive session and return to open meeting, seconded by Mark Laurent. Motion carried.

Returned to open meeting at 11:25pm

ROLL CALL:	Kimberly Mudd	yes	Daryl Roy	yes
	Amanda Ford	yes	Kimberly Deterding	yes
	Mark Laurent	yes	Joseph Mollet	yes

Executive Session Action:
NONE

ACTION ITEMS

Motion made by Amanda Ford to hire Christian Mitchell as the Athletic Director beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Mark Laurent.

ROLL CALL:	Kimberly Mudd	yes	Daryl Roy	yes
	Amanda Ford	yes	Kimberly Deterding	yes
	Mark Laurent	yes	Joseph Mollet	yes

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Kimberly Mudd, seconded by Mark Laurent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30pm

Kimberly Deterding
Amanda Ford