

**WEST PRAIRIE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #103
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MIDDLE SCHOOL
July 26, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The West Prairie School District #103 Board of Education met July 26, 2007 at 7:10 p.m. in their regular monthly meeting at the Middle School Library. Board members present were: Scott Vogler, John Cook, Jeff Morrell, Kenneth Mitchell, Sue Danner, John Purdy, and Amy Burgard.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The board and audience stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mitchell moved and Morrell seconded to approve the minutes of June 28, 2007 and bills and activity accounts. Those members on roll call voting "aye": Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Purdy, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS:

Superintendent accepted the resignations of Sara Nelson and Tonya Hamer as teachers; Nancy Altenbern as a paraprofessional, and Dru Jefferson as a coach. Danner moved and Morrell seconded to approve the resignations and thank the employees for their service and dedication to the district. President Vogler called for a voice vote. Those members on roll call respondiing "aye": Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Purdy, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Superintendent Heerboth informed the board that the end of the year finances were a positive outcome. He shared a utility cost comparison of FY06 and FY07.

MOVE AGENDA ITEM:

President Vogler asked that item H. *Colchester proposals regarding school elementary parking* be moved to A. on the agenda.

PARKING AT THE SOUTH ELEMENTARY:

Members of the Colchester City Council and Street and Alley Committee spoke to board members concerning parking problems at the South Elementary and want to improve on the parking situation. The two groups formed a committee to investigate the situation and offer solutions.

SET HOLIDAY WAIVER PUBLIC HEARING:

Morrell moved and Danner seconded to set a Holiday Waiver Public Hearing for August 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Those members on roll call voting "aye": Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Purdy, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried. The waiver is for Lincoln's Birthday.

SET TENTATIVE BUDGET FY08 PUBLIC HEARING:

Morrell moved and Mitchell seconded to set a Public Hearing for the Tentative School Budget FY08 for 7:05 p.m. on August 23, 2007. Those members on roll call voting "aye": Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Purdy, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

BUS BIDS:

Cook moved and Danner seconded to accept the high bid of \$3,250.00 from Frank Nelson for the three buses offered at bid. Those members on roll call voting "aye": Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Purdy, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

AMEND MOTION:

Morrell moved and Danner seconded to amend the motion to hold a special meeting on August 9, 2007 to include employment and dismissal of employees. President Vogler called for a voice vote. Those members on roll call responding "aye": Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Purdy, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mitchell moved and Cook seconded to enter executive session at 8:30 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, compensation, performance of an employee or employees and collective bargaining matters. Those members on roll call voting "aye": Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Purdy, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Morrell moved and Cook seconded to return to open session at 9:22 p.m. Those members on roll call voting "aye": Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Purdy, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT:

Mitchell moved and Burgard seconded to employ Maria Martin as a teacher pending completion of the employment process. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Purdy, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Danner moved and Cook seconded to employ Carolyn Todd as a three-sevenths teacher to teach physical education at West Prairie North Elementary School. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Purdy, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Vogler moved and Mitchell seconded to employ Arthur Remington as a teacher pending completion of the employment process. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Purdy, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Danner moved and Mitchell seconded to employ Janis Lester as head cook. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Purdy, and Burgard. Nays: Cook. The motion carried.

Danner moved and Burgard seconded to employ Matt Schaer as assistant middle school baseball coach. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Purdy, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Cook moved and Morrell seconded to appoint Drake Webster, Joel Fulsang, and Brian Butterfield as volunteer assistant coaches for the middle school baseball team pending completion of the West Prairie employment requirements. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Purdy, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Cook moved and Mitchell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Purdy, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

The next regular monthly meeting will be August 23, 2007 at the West Prairie Middle School. At 7:00 p.m. two Public Hearings for a holiday waiver and school budget will precede the regular monthly meeting.

A special meeting will be held on August 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School.

**APPROVED BY RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST PRAIRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT #103
McDonough, Hancock, Henderson Counties, Illinois on _____**

President

Secretary