

**WEST PRAIRIE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #103
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MIDDLE SCHOOL
November 19, 2009**

MINUTES

The West Prairie School District #103 Board of Education met in their regular monthly meeting at the Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were: Scott Vogler, John Cook, Jeff Morrell, Kenneth Mitchell, Sue Danner, and Amy Burgard. Members absent: John Purdy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

Students recognized by the West Prairie staff as Students of the Month for October were: fifth grade, Michael Purdy; sixth grade, Jacob Off; seventh grade, Paige Webster; eighth grade, Millie Morrell; ninth grade, Collin Anderson; tenth grade, Taylor Harper; eleventh grade, Brandon Sprenger; twelfth grade, Jessica Burke.

Students recognized by the West Prairie staff as Students of the Month for November were: fifth grade, Julie Shoemaker; sixth grade, Matthew Blackledge; seventh grade, Dustin Logan; eighth grade, Kourtney Campbell; ninth grade, Danielle Moore; tenth grade, Dakota Sopher; eleventh grade, Jesse Pittman; twelfth grade, Taylor Thompson.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Burgard moved and Cook seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 22, 2009, amended minutes of October 29, 2009 special meeting, and bills and activity accounts. Those members on roll call voting "aye": Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Principals' Report - The board was presented with written reports from the principals. The reports are included in the board book.

Elementary Principal, Paula Markey added information about Reading Night at the North Elementary. Betty Carlson Kay portrayed Mrs. Rutledge, a Lincoln family friend and Mary Todd Lincoln's sister as she read to the students. The south elementary fourth grade won the trip to Chicago for collecting the most aluminum cans.

High School Principal, John Bushmire added that Fall Awards night was held November 18 to recognize students for their academic and athletic achievements. The Horticulture Class will work with Rob Porter, assistant profession of Recreation, Park, and Tourism Administration at WIU, on community gardens.

Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Heerboth reported the Fire Departments held drills at the schools and made improvements for safety. All schools are hooked up to 911.

SET TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING:

Morrell moved and Danner seconded to schedule a Public Hearing on the Truth In Taxation for 7:00 pm on December 17, 2009 prior to the regular monthly meeting. President Vogler called for a voice vote. Those members on roll call voting "aye": Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AT THE HIGH SCHOOL:

Dr. Heerboth explained charts of academic achievement at the high school.

ADOPT POLICIES:

Morrell moved and Mitchell seconded to place policies 2:40, 2:110, 3:40, and 4:30 on second reading and adopt them. Those members on roll call voting "aye": Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

CHANGE IN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT:

Mitchell moved and Danner seconded to act to direct the modifications to the Stuart A. Curtis Humanitarian Scholarship Trust as requested by the Curtis family. President Vogler called for a voice vote. Those members on roll call voting "aye": Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF LIFE/SAFETY PROJECTS:

Dr. Heerboth asked the board members for direction concerning the school district life/safety projects. The most needed repairs are on the roofs and a boiler. It was decided the boiler repair should be the first project. Board members discussed costs.

APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH RED CROSS:

Burgard moved and Cook seconded to approve the Red Cross Shelter Agreement as presented. President Vogler called for a voice vote. Those members on roll call voting "aye": Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

IASB FALL DINNER MEETING AND IASB ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Board members briefly discussed the Fall Dinner Meeting recently attended in Abingdon and the upcoming IASB Convention in Chicago.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Danner moved and Mitchell seconded to enter executive session at 8:26 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, compensation, performance of an employee or employees, contractual matters, and collective bargaining matters. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Burgard moved and Morrell seconded to return to open session at 8:53 p.m. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT:

Assistant High School Basketball Coach for 2009-2010 - Burgard moved and Danner seconded to employ Mr. Scott Bickerman as the assistant high school basketball coach for 2009-2010 pending completion of employment requirements. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Assistant Middle School Volleyball Coach for 2009-2010 - Mitchell moved and Cook seconded to appoint Mr. Drew Snyder as a volunteer assistant middle school volleyball coach for the 2009-2010 season. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Increase employment of a teacher - Vogler moved and Burgard seconded to increase Mrs. Linetta Null’s employment from three-sevenths to three and one-fourth hours per day (not to exceed 600 hours per school year). Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Mitchell moved and Cook seconded to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Those members on roll call responding “aye”: Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, and Burgard. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be December 17, 2009 at the West Prairie Middle School at 7:00 pm. The meeting will begin with a Truth In Taxation Public Hearing and then move into the regular monthly meeting.

**APPROVED BY RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST PRAIRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT #103**

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