

**WEST PRAIRIE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #103
BOARD OF EDUCATION
TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING
MIDDLE SCHOOL
December 17, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The West Prairie School District #103 Board of Education met December 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Middle School Library to conduct a Truth In Taxation Hearing. Board members present were: Scott Vogler, John Cook, Jeff Morrell, Kenneth Mitchell, Sue Danner, and Amy Burgard. Members absent: John Purdy.

Superintendent Heerboth presented the tax levy to the board members and audience.

President Vogler asked for testimony from the public. There was no testimony.

ADJOURN:

Cook moved and Morrell seconded to adjourn the hearing at 7:04 p.m. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, and Burgard. The motion carried. The board entered into the regular meeting.

**WEST PRAIRIE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #103
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MIDDLE SCHOOL
December 17, 2009
7:05 p.m.**

MINUTES

The West Prairie School District #103 Board of Education met December 17, 2009 immediately following the Truth in Taxation Hearing in their regular monthly meeting in the Middle School Library. Board members present were: Scott Vogler, John Cook, Jeff Morrell, Kenneth Mitchell, Sue Danner, and Amy Burgard. Members absent: John Purdy. John Purdy arrived at 7:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

Students recognized by the West Prairie staff as Students of the Month were: fifth grade, William Hironimus-Wendt; sixth grade, Samantha Peterson; seventh grade, Justin Pamperin; eighth grade, Jennifer Schwerer; ninth grade, Nick Schmidt; tenth grade, Megan Ward; eleventh grade, Jill Greuel; twelfth grade, Haley Humes.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Lorraine Crawford, representative for Carl Sandburg, highlighted the Envoy newsletter for board members.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mitchell moved and Burgard seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 19, 2009; amended minutes of October 29, 2009; and bills and activity accounts. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner Burgard and Purdy. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Principals Bushmire, Lutz, and Markey submitted written reports to the board. No additions were made.

Superintendent Heerboth highlighted his report.

ADOPT TAX LEVY RESOLUTION :

Burgard moved and Danner seconded that the 2009 Tax Levy, in the amount of \$3,678,200, be adopted as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Burgard, and Purdy. The motion carried.

POLICIES ON FIRST READING:

Morrell moved and Purdy seconded to place on first reading board policies 4:40 and 4:140. President Vogler called for a voice vote. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Burgard, and Purdy. Nays: none. The motion carried.

APPOINT DISTRICT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICERS:

Mitchell moved and Danner seconded to appoint the district superintendent, Dr. Jonathan Heerboth, and the district financial secretary/grants manager, Crista Rigg, to be the board’s Freedom of Information Act officers. President Vogler called for a voice vote. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Burgard, and Purdy. Nays: none. The motion carried.

REPORT ON ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Superintendent Heerboth presented charts showing the achievements of elementary students in reading and math based on the 2009 School Report Card and the Illinois Interactive Report Card. The charts were based on third and fourth grade tests taken over the last five years.

FFA RECYCLING PROJECT:

Daniel Mitchell, FFA President, presented a plan to recycle at the high school to the board. The written plan was given to board members. The board commended the FFA group for their interest in recycling and encouraged them to proceed with the project.

DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCE:

Board members attending the IASB School Board Conference shared information of some of the sessions they attended. Mrs. Corrine Galvan was a presenter for West Prairie FFA at the conference. Board members congratulated Mrs. Galvan on her excellent presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Cook moved and Danner seconded to enter executive session at 8:15 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, compensation, performance of an employee or employees, contractual matters, collective bargaining matters, and personnel matters. Those members on roll call voting "aye": Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Burgard, and Purdy. Nays: none. The motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Morrell moved and Cook seconded to return to open session at 9:19 p.m. Those members on roll call voting "aye": Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Burgard, and Purdy. Nays: none. The motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Danner moved and Mitchell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Those members on roll call voting "aye": Vogler, Cook, Morrell, Mitchell, Danner, Burgard, and Purdy. Nays: none. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned

The next regular monthly meeting will be January 28, 2010 in the West Prairie Middle School at 7:00 p.m.

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

McDonough, Hancock, Henderson Counties, Illinois on _____

President

Secretary