

**PRINCETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #115  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting  
January 24, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Princeton Elementary District #115 Board of Education was held Monday, January 24, 2022, at Logan Jr. High. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Steve Bouslog. The roll was called with the following members in attendance: Elizabeth Arkels, Catherine Dye, Susan Garvin, Blake Jacobs, Judd Lusher, Pete Reviglio, and President Bouslog. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Superintendent J.D. Orwig and Recording Secretary Lisa Bettner as well as several staff and community members were also present.

**Agenda Amendments:** An amendment was made to the agenda. An item was added to the informational items, regarding the Review of Strategic Planning. Mr. Lusher made a motion, second by Mr. Reviglio, to amend as suggested. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Long Term/Strategic Planning Presentation:**

Mr. Ralph Grimm, an IASA Field Representative for PES led a discussion via Zoom. Mr. Grimm introduced himself, having 21 years in the field and he is currently serving as an Interim Supt. At Norridge School District. Mr. Grimm thanked the board for their willingness to serve as board members and unpaid service to the families and students of District 115.

Mr. Grimm went through the details of developing a Long-Term Strategic Plan. He went through details as to why/how we develop this plan and how to effectively organize staff, teachers, and stakeholders in order to achieve the goals set in order to accomplish the actual writing of the plan.

He encouraged the board to discuss and identify who will be involved in the process, how it will be monitored, and how the process will be communicated to the stakeholders of the district.

Mr. Grimm then allowed time for board members to ask questions. Further discussion will take place under informational items later in this meeting.

**Public Participation:**

Rebecca Wilson: Ms. Wilson addressed the board and shared her disappointment that a survey had not been sent out to district parents regarding the mask mandate. Ms. Wilson sent a FOIA request to the district and received a response. She again mentioned that other schools are getting along fine with students not wearing masks.

Ben Gutshall: Mr. Gutshall shared his concern about a recent assembly held at the Jr. High. He noted that he had viewed the presenter's profile and bio information on her website. He stated that he noticed that what he viewed was that the professor had worked primarily with college and some high school populations. He asked about administration checking in and asking the presenter for the materials she would be presenting, etc. Mr. Gutshall suggested the possibility of adopting a policy for such assembly's and would also like to see the notification by administration to parents of any other upcoming assemblies or programs to give parents more notice.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Mrs. Arkels, second by Mr. Dye, to approve the agenda, as amended, to dispense with executive session. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of Consent Agenda Items:** Motion made by Mr. Jacobs, second by Mr. Lusher, to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Administrative/Staff Presentation:** Mrs. Brandie Jacobs, STEM coach was in attendance with several jr. high students that are a part of the STEM team. She thanked several businesses in the district for their donations and partnership in the program. Donations have been received by Taylor's Way, Marquis, MTM, Northern IL Partners, LW Schneider, and Michlig. Students Elin Workman and Brayden Kruse spoke to the board about the specifics of a competition and the process that they go through during team events and practices.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Orwig reviewed the Financial Reports. Mr. Orwig also told board members that he has re-submitted the title grant. At this time, the district is at 58% expended and doing well. Questions asked and discussion held.

Mrs. Arkels made a motion, second by Mrs. Garvin, to accept the Financial Report as given. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Board Committee Reports:** The Public Relations Committee met on December 16<sup>th</sup> and discussed communication and correspondence with the district employees and parents. Discussion included using other means of communication with the district such as Instagram, as one example.

**Informational Items:** Mr. Bouslog provided a handout to members regarding the response given by the district to the participants in the Public Participation portion during last month's meeting. Mr. Orwig also spoke about addressing the concerns with the administration, staff, and parents.

Mr. Bouslog gave board members a handout regarding the possibility of having Committee of the Whole meetings. This will be discussed at future meetings.

Board Building tours/visits was again discussed and Mrs. Carr put together a survey to give to board members. Please respond as soon as possible to that survey.

A packet and printed copy of the Board Policy changes was given to board members to review. Board members were asked to read it and review prior to next month's meeting.

The Draft #1 of the 2022-2023 School calendar was given. Mr. Orwig briefly spoke about the different dates for days off and vacations. A final draft calendar will be presented in the future for board approval.

Mr. Orwig updated the board on the Return to Learn Plan regarding quarantine and exclusion days. It is the recommendation to keep kids in school while continuing to follow the IDPH and ISBE guidelines.

Mr. Bouslog asked the board members if they had any further questions regarding the Ralph Grimm presentation held at the beginning of the meeting. Members are in agreement that it is a good idea to pursue getting more information and to continue moving forward with developing a Strategic Plan in the near future.

**Action Items:**

Mrs. Dye made a motion, second by Mr. Reviglio, to approve the hiring of James Sturtevant, as a paraprofessional at Logan Jr. High. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dye made a motion, second by Mrs. Arkels, to approve the hiring of Chelsey Lind, as a yearbook/photographer at Logan Jr. High. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dye made a motion, second by Mrs. Garvin, to approve the hiring of Madison Pearson, as a yearbook/photographer at Logan Jr. High. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dye made a motion, second by Mrs. Arkels, to approve the hiring of Nicole Newton, as a paraprofessional at Logan Jr. High. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mr. Reviglio, to accept the resignation of Tabetha Morton, Paraprofessional at Logan Jr. High, with regret. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mr. Jacobs, to accept the resignation of Jodee Zelenik, Paraprofessional at Lincoln, with regret. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mrs. Garvin, to approve the Textbook/Technology fee in the amount of \$90 for the FY23 school year. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lusher, second by Mr. Reviglio, to approve the Seniority Lists for FY22, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Jacobs, second by Mrs. Dye, to approve the TRS Supplemental Plan. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Future District / Board Considerations:** None.

A motion was made by Mr. Reviglio, second by Mr. Lusher, to dispense with Executive Session. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

Motion made by Mr. Jacobs, second by Mrs. Garvin, to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Steve Bouslog, President  
Board of Education

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Lisa Bettner, Recording Secretary  
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