

**PRINCETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DISTRICT #115
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
December 13, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Princeton Elementary District #115 Board of Education was held Monday, December 13, 2021, at Logan Jr. High. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Steve Bouslog. The roll was called with the following members in attendance: Elizabeth Arkels, Catherine Dye, Susan Garvin, Judd Lusher, Pete Reviglio, and President Bouslog. Blake Jacobs was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Superintendent J.D. Orwig and Recording Secretary Lisa Bettner as well as several staff were also present.

Agenda Amendments: None.

Public Participation: Eric Meyer: Eric expressed his concern regarding the assembly held to address Diversity/Inclusion issues and the right of parents to be able to have their student participate in such assemblies in the future. Mr. Meyer asked the board to consider a way to let parents know in advance details of what an assembly may be regarding.

Rebecca Wilson: address the Board regarding her Petition for “Protect Parents Rights” and looking at what rights the parents have regarding options for masks, exclusion practices, etc. Ms. Wilson would like the district to survey and ask families for their views by giving parents the option to answer a general questionnaire. Ms. Wilson gave details and statistics regarding said matter.

Amber Glover: district sub who addressed the board on the wearing of mask issue and how it is inhibiting our children from seeing each other’s faces and being able to understand dialog and communication.

Samantha Knudsen: Address the board regarding parents having a say as to what information is being shared with our children. Would like to be more informed in the future regarding information being shared with students.

Sara Clark: She and her husband were upset with the way that the assembly was presented to students. Mrs. Clark also asked the board to make masks optional and was requesting information as far as the results of contract tracing. She also addressed the quarantine requirement procedures/length of time students are out of the classroom. Results of being quarantined and out of class are causing grades to suffer, etc.

Program Recognition: None.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda Items: Motion made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mr. Reviglio, to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Jacobs absent.

Administrative/Staff Presentation: None

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Orwig reviewed the expenditure reports in detail. Comparison was made regarding where expenses stand this year, vs. this time last year. Expenditures thus far in Ed. Fund are at 44.34%; in Building Fund 46.26%; and in Transportation Fund 34.35%.

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

Board Committee Reports: None.

Informational Items:

Mr. Orwig updated the board on the Long-term/Strategic Planning meeting that will take place with Ralph Grimm. He will speak at the January board meeting, via zoom, as approved. Mr. Grimm will be sharing the experiences he has and the importance of having a plan to follow.

Mr. Lusher commented on the General Assembly meeting that he attended at the Annual Meeting. He shared the resolutions that were passed and will be giving board members a written report of same.

Mr. Orwig updated the board on the request to have building tours and for board members to have a chance to see classrooms, etc. Dates being looked at are March 2, 3, & 4 as we have early dismissal and parent/teacher conference sessions and teachers would be more available to speak with. This item will be put on the February agenda in order to look and decide times more concretely.

Action Items:

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mrs. Garvin, to approve the hiring of Eileen Behrends, as Mat5h Support5 Teacher at Logan, effective for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Jacobs absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mrs. Arkels, to accept the resignation, with regret, of Sally Albrecht, BEST Paraprofessional. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mr. Lusher, to accept the resignation of Madison Pearson, Lunch Supervisor at Logan, with regret. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mr. Lusher, to approve the maternity leave request of Charnelle Fara, ELA Teacher at Logan, to begin approximately March 21, 2022, with congratulations. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Jacobs absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mr. Lusher, to approve the maternity leave request of Kelly Kessel, ECE/Preschool Administrator, to begin approximately January 23, 2022 and end June 13, 2022, with congratulations. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Jacobs absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lusher, second by Mrs. Garvin, to approve the District Tax Levy Request as presented. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Jacobs absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Arkels, second by Mr. Reviglio, to change the January 24, 2022 meeting time to 5:00 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Future District / Board Considerations: None.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mr. Lusher, to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Steve Bouslog, President
Board of Education

Lisa Bettner, Recording Secretary
Board of Education