

**PRINCETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DISTRICT #115
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
November 22, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Princeton Elementary District #115 Board of Education was held Monday, November 22, 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, Susan Garvin, Blake Jacobs, Judd Lusher, Pete Reviglio, and President Bouslog. Catherine Dye 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: None.

Program Recognition: None.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Mr. Jacobs, second by Mr. Reviglio, to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Administrative/Staff Presentation: The 2021 Girls' Basketball coaches/teams were recognized. Maddie Pierson reviewed the team statistics and highlights of the season. There were 13 girls on each roster. 7th grade was 3rd in the conference with an 8-5 record and the 8th grade team had a 14-0 season and were conference champs.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Orwig reviewed in detail the proposed Tax Levy information. He provided a spreadsheet outlining the previous year tax information and noted that due to increased property values, we could possibly receive an additional \$345,470 (estimated).

No motion needed on information presented.

Board Committee Reports: The finance committee of Mrs. Dye, Mr. Bouslog, and Mr. Orwig met. They reported that discussion was held on the Tax Levy. The tax rates are set rates and the increase requested are at the maximum amount. Also discussed were the forecasting of the Budget Negotiations and Amended Budget information. Details discussed and questions answered.

A motion was made by Mr. Lusher, second by Mrs. Arkels, to accept the report as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Informational Items:

An update was given by Mr. Orwig on the Return to Learn Plan. A change in terminology was added to the website regarding the quarantine/exclusion practices as provided by the guidance of the CDC and the Bureau County Health Dept. There has been a recent increase of positive cases and the Health Dept local officials are guessing the possible reason is the transition of outdoor activities moving indoors due to the time of year. A long-term strategic planning update was given. Mr. Orwig spoke to the IASA local rep, Mr. Grimm about coming to a meeting to discuss with the board about the benefits and creating a possible long-term plan outline.

Mr. Orwig will ask Mr. Grimm about attending the January meeting via a Zoom session that would begin possibly at 5 pm prior to the regular board meeting.

Board members shared information and their thoughts on the recent Annual Conference that was attended. Sessions that were attended included Finance and New Board member sessions by Mrs. Garvin; the role of the Board President and the General Session by Mr. Bouslog, Collective Bargaining by Mr. Orwig, and Mr. Reviglio attended a meeting regarding the Board/Supt. Relationship. Board members shared their thoughts and information. Mr. Lusher will share about the General Assembly session next month.

Mr. Orwig met with the Administrative Team regarding the request about tour and visiting the buildings in the district. A date in early March was discussed as there is an early out on Wed., with Parent/Teacher conferences on Thursday and Friday of that week. Discussion regarding the dates will be decided at a future meeting.

Action Items:

A motion was made by Mrs. Garvin, second by Mr. Reviglio, to approve the hiring of Alexis Mall, Jefferson Paraprofessional. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Dye absent.

A motion was made by Mrs. Garvin, second by Mr. Lusher, to approve the resignation of Justin Fundell, Lincoln Paraprofessional, with regret. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Garvin, second by Mr. Lusher, to approve the maternity leave request of Jacqueline Barnes, Logan Paraprofessional, beginning 11/29/21 for 12 weeks. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Dye absent.

A motion was made by Mrs. Garvin, second by Mrs. Arkels, to approve the maternity leave request of Mia Ochoa, Jefferson teacher, beginning 4/8/22 until the end of the school year. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Dye absent.

Mr. Jacobs made a motion, second by Mr. Reviglio, to approve the tentative tax levy as presented. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Dye absent.

A motion was made by Mr. Reviglio, second by Mr. Lusher, to approve the Health/Life Safety Amendment ion the amount of \$4980 for Jefferson Main Water Line/Main Valves. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Dye absent.

Future District / Board Considerations: None.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Mr. Lusher, second by Mrs. Garvin, to go into executive session at 6:34 p.m. to discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or dismissal of specific employees of the district.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Mrs. Arkels, second by Mr. Lusher, to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.