

**PRINCETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DISTRICT #115
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
April 25, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Princeton Elementary District #115 Board of Education was held Monday, April 25, 2022, 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, and President Bouslog. Blake Jacobs, Judd Lusher and Pete Reviglio were absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Superintendent J.D. Orwig and Recording Secretary Pam Warren as well as several staff and one community member were also present as well as Walt Zukowski, District #115 attorney.

Agenda Amendments: None

Public Participation: None

Executive Session: President Bouslog stated that he did not see a need for the first executive session listed in the agenda. Mrs. Dye made a motion to eliminate the first executive session, second by Mrs. Garvin. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Mrs. Arkels, second by Mrs. Dye, to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items: Mr. Bouslog indicated that the Regular Meeting Minutes from March needed to be pulled for approval as there was a small error in them that needed to be corrected. Mrs. Garvin made a motion to approved Consent Agenda Items, minus the March Regular Meeting Minutes, second by Mrs. Arkels. Roll Call Vote. All ayes. Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Lusher and Mr. Reviglio absent. Motion carried.

Administrative/Staff Presentation: None

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Orwig reported that he will, most likely, be bringing an Amended Budget to the May 23, 2022, meeting. He also reviewed the Expenditure and Revenue detailed report noting that on page 32, we were showing 77% of the year expenditures and we should be showing approximately 75% expenditures. He explained that some of this fluctuation is associated with ESSR funds. He also brought attention to the Main Fund Balance Sheet concerning the Operation and Maintenance Funds. We are currently showing \$51,267 and last year at this time we were showing \$138,972. This is due to the lack of reflection of a transfer from working cash of \$180,000, which should offset any concerns with that fund. A motion was made by Mrs. Arkels, second by Mrs. Garvin, to accept the financial report as given. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board Committee Reports: Negotiations Committee - Mr. Bouslog and Mr. Orwig informed the Board that negotiations will begin shortly after school is dismissed for the summer.

Informational Items:

Re: Long-Term Strategic Planning. Mr. Orwig posed the question to the Board, “Where does the Board want me to go from here?” After some discussion, it was decided that Mr. Orwig should contact Ralph Grimm of the IASB as soon as possible to get things rolling in the area of Long-Term Strategic Planning.

Re: Mr. Walt Zukowski, PES Dist. #115 attorney. Mr. Orwig presented Mr. Zukowski and was quite complimentary of his availability to him during his first months as Superintendent of PES. Mr. Zukowski stated that he was appreciative of the continued relationship with Princeton Elementary. He also distributed a handout to the Board of Education with the New School Laws for 2022. Mr. Zukowski related that the Board of Education Statements of Economic Interest need to be turned into the Bureau County Courthouse as soon as possible. Mr. Zukowski touched on Health Bill 1167 as it relates to covid related sick days and how it will affect our district. He recommended that we use an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for all staff related to this bill. Mr. Zukowski answered several questions from the Board of Education regarding this issue.

President Bouslog announced that the IASB Annual Conference will be held in November, as always, and is asking board members to check their calendars as to their availability for that weekend as there is cost associated with registrations.

Action Items:

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mrs. Arkels, to approve the hiring of Rebecca Handler, as teacher at Lincoln Elementary. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Lusher and Mr. Rebiglio absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mrs. Arkels, to approve the hiring of Julie Kuhne, as a teacher at Logan Jr. High. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Lusher, Mr. Reviglio absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mrs. Garvin, to approve the hiring of Tiffany Grawe, as an ELA/Math Support Teacher at Douglas Elementary. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Lusher, Mr. Reviglio absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mrs. Arkels, to approve the resignation of Kaelynn Geheber, cheerleading sponsor, teacher at Logan Jr. High, with regret. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Lusher, Mr. Reviglio absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mrs. Garvin, to approve the resignation of Tom Jagers, 8th grade boys basketball coach at Logan Jr. High, with regret. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Lusher, Mr. Reviglio absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mrs. Garvin, to approve the engagement of Hopkins and Associates for our FY23 audit. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Lusher, Mr. Reviglio absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Arkels, second by Mrs. Dye, to approve the retention of Zukowski Law Office as PES District legal counsel for FY23. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Lusher, Mr. Reviglio absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mrs. Garvin, to begin FY23 Committee of the Whole Planning around July 1, 2022.. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Lusher, Mr. Reviglio absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Garvin, second by Mrs. Arkels, to approve the Internet access points with a cost of \$109,080, with 70% being reimbursed by E-Rate funding. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Lusher, Mr. Reviglio absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mrs. Arkels to approve a new telecommunications system at all five buildings, along with a new intercom system at Logan Jr. High with a total cost of \$125,311. There was minimum discussion and questions regarding these projects. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Lusher, Mr. Reviglio absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Arkels, second by Mrs. Garvin to approve the IESA Membership registration for extra curricular activities. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Lusher, Mr. Reviglio absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Arkels to approve PES Board of Education meeting dates for FY23. Second by Mrs. Dye. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mrs. Jacobs, Mr. Lusher, Mr. Reviglio absent. Motion carried.

Future District / Board Considerations: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Mrs Arkels, second by Mrs. Garvin, to go into executive session at 6:17 p.m. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Lusher, Mr. Reviglio absent. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mrs. Garvin, to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Steve Bouslog, President
Board of Education

Pam Warren, Recording Secretary