

**PRINCETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #115  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting  
August 23, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Princeton Elementary District #115 Board of Education was held Monday, August 23, 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, Blake Jacobs, Judd Lusher, and President Bouslog. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Superintendent J.D. Orwig and Recording Secretary Lisa Bettner as well as staff Mandy Carr, Josh Smith, Kylee Gutshall, Kelly Kessel, as well as Egan Hicks, from the BEST Program. Community members were also present.

**Agenda Amendments:** None.

**Public Participation:** Jennifer Hubbard, Princeton, IL – who has a Pre-K student in the district. She was asking the board to look as quickly as possible to find a Special education Pre-K teacher. She has a child that has special needs and currently is not being served through the program. The board listened carefully and stated that they will take all of the concerns she shared and address them.

**Program Recognition:** None.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Jacobs made a motion, second by Mr. Lusher, to dispense executive session. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mrs. Arkels, 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, as amended. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mrs. Garvin to amend the July 26, 2021 minutes as discussed. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Administrative/Staff Presentation:** None.

**Superintendent's Report:**

The financial report was presented by Mr. Orwig in detail. He again guided the board through the report and updated them on the finances of the district. The tentative budget expenses are slightly over the projected revenue. However, Mr. Orwig feels that once all of the grant money is figured into the budget and those amendments are made, the revenue will out-perform the expenditures.

A motion was made by Mr. Lusher, second by Mrs. Dye, to accept the Superintendent's Report as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Informational Items:**

The IASB Fall Division Meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2021. Mr. Bouslog explained the meeting to the new board members and mentioned that they are not required to go. Please let Mr. Orwig know if you are planning to attend so they can plan on numbers and transportation.

There were policy updates that were recommended for review. They are in digital format for the board members, but if you would like a hard copy, you may get one from Mr. Orwig at the district office.

Mr. Orwig gave a brief Return to Learn Plan update. He mentioned the state requirement that was put into effect for all staff and students to wear masks. Mr. Orwig also shared with the board the legal aspects and what type of issues that may exist if they choose not to follow the state plan.

### **Action Items:**

Mrs. Dye made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Arkels, to approve the hiring of Madyson Cain, as a paraprofessional at Jefferson School for the 20-21 school year. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dye made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, to approve the hiring of Jan Walters, as a paraprofessional at Lincoln School for the 20-21 school year. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dye made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Arkels, to approve the hiring of Connie Hartman, as a teacher at Lincoln School for the 20-21 school year. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dye made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garvin, to approve the hiring of Nicole Walker, as a paraprofessional at Logan Jr. High School for the 20-21 school year. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dye made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, to approve the hiring of Roger Miskell, as a Counselor at Logan Jr. High School for the 20-21 school year. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dye made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garvin, to approve the hiring of Tim Parry, as a Volunteer Softball Coach at Logan for the 20-21 school year. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dye made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Arkels, to approve the hiring of Maggie Bouslog, as a teacher at Logan Jr. High School for the 20-21 school year. Roll call vote. All ayes. Mr. Bouslog abstain. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mrs. Arkels, to accept the resignation of Darcy Kepner, Logan Jr. High teacher, with regret. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mr. Lusher, to accept the resignation of Buc Grey, Logan Jr. High 6<sup>th</sup> grade Basketball Coach, with regret. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mr. Jacobs, to accept the resignation of Cindy Rodefer, Logan Jr. High paraprofessional, with regret. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mr. Lusher, to accept the resignation of Megan Mussche, Jefferson paraprofessional, with regret. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mrs. Garvin, to accept the resignation of Dawn Mall, Douglas Paraprofessional, with regret. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mr. Lusher, to accept the resignation of Lara Kautz-Schneider, Logan Jr. High paraprofessional, with regret. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Garvin, second by Mr. Lusher, to approve the Paraprofessional raises of 3%, to those employees who already make minimum wage. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye, second by Mr. Lusher to approve paraprofessional wage increases to \$12.00 per hour for those paraprofessionals not making the required minimum wage, in response to the minimum wage act. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Jacobs, second by Mr. Lusher, to approve the Tentative FY22 PES Budget as presented. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Arkels, second by Mrs. Garvin, to approve the Tentative FY22 BEST Budget as presented and explained by Mr. Egan Hicks. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Jacobs made a motion, second by Mrs. Dye, to set the FY22 Budget Hearing and the America Rescue Plan Budget presentation for September 27, 2021, at 5:00 pm at Logan Jr. High School.

**Future District / Board Considerations:** Mr. Orwig mentioned to the Board that he would follow up with Mrs. Hubbard regarding her request at the beginning of the board meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Motion made by Mrs. Arkels, second by Ms. Lusher, to adjourn at 6:28 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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