

MINUTES OF PHILLIPS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Monday, December 19, 2022

- I. The Phillips Board of Education regular meeting was called to order by President Pesko at 5:30 p.m. in the PHS Library. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. Present: Baxter, Bilgrien, Fox, Halmstad, Krog, Pesko, Rose, Van De Voort and Student Liaison Bjork. Absent: Denzine
- III. Administration present: Superintendent Morgan, Business Manager Lehman, Principals Scholz and Wellman, and Pupil Services Director Peterson. Others: Community member. The meeting was available via Zoom for online attendance.
- IV. President Pesko stated that public notice of the meeting was properly posted according to Wisconsin Statute 19.84(4). Notice was posted at all school-owned buildings, the School District of Phillips' website, and the Price County Review.
- V. Public Participation - No comments
- VI. Administrative and Committee Reports
  - A. Dave Scholz, Elementary Principal
    1. December activities have included Christmas programs on the 1st and 6th with good attendance, grades 4 and 5 joining the 6-12 students for the Northwoods Players production of The Christmas Carol, Moose Lodge doing the Child ID project with grades 2 and 3.
    2. Many positive comments were received on having a real snow day. With the advance notice, students were able to bring home their snow gear.
    3. Aaron Hickerson met with Grade 5 students to deliver their DARE t-shirts. The program will begin in January.
  - B. Kevin Wellman, 6-12 Principal
    1. December activities have included the FBLA food drive, and Honor Flight penny drive; music concerts last week and tonight, and The Christmas Carol play.
    2. The eSports team participated in playoffs. The teams are looking forward to the winter season.
    3. Students of the Month at PhMS were Miggy Martwick (6), Mark Hoogland (7), McKenna Jones (8) and Students of the Quarter at PHS were Anna Belan (9), Kiana Zierer (10), Jada Cantrell (11) Kyle Soberg (12). Megan DeLeasky (12) was nominated to the US Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs
  - C. Kate Peterson, Pupil Services Director had no report this month.
  - D. Rick Morgan, Superintendent
    1. Student transportation planning for next year has been pushed to January due to the cancellation of committee meetings last week. All the data has been collected and is available for review.
    2. High school curriculum review has been started by Principal Wellman. While there is no planned reduction in teacher FTE, the review may mean some reassignment of staff. The curriculum committee will be meeting several times in the future.
  - E. Student Liaison Alec Bjork updated the Board on the winter sports records and achievements as well as academic and club sport activities. He highlighted the high school talent show coming up on Thursday.

- F. The superintendent search committee met on November 21 and will meet again on January 2, 2023 to begin the candidate selection process. There are currently four candidates with several more expressing interest.
  - H. Policy committee meeting was canceled due to storms. All agenda items will be moved to January and reported at the January Board meeting.
  - I. Revenue committee was canceled due to storms. All agenda items will be moved to January and reported at the January Board meeting.
  - J. Facilities and transportation committee was canceled due to storms. All agenda items will be moved to January and reported at the January Board meeting.
  - K. Business services committee was canceled due to storms. All agenda items will be moved to January and reported at the January Board meeting.
- VII. Items for Discussion and Possible Action
- A. The FACE teacher position will be discussed in closed session. The status of paraprofessional placement is good for now with one more interview this week.
  - B. Motion (Fox/Krog) to approve the purchase of Board Docs LT for \$3,000.00. Motion carried 7-1 (Van De Voort).
  - C. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed 2023-2024 school year calendar.
  - D. Motion (Baxter/Krog) to approve the resolution authorizing Jon Pesko and Molly Lehman to execute and sign sub-grant agreements related to the FEMA Grant. Motion carried 8-0.
  - E. Motion to approve resolution that: (1) The Phillips School District hereby adopts the amended 2019 Price County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and (2) the Phillips School District will continue to participate in the updating and revision of the Price County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan with a plan review and revision to occur within a five-year cycle; and (3) on behalf of the Phillips School District, Price County is authorized to submit this plan adoption resolution to Wisconsin Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region V officials to enable final acceptance and recognition of the amended 2019 Price County MultipHazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried 8-0 with a roll call vote.
- VIII. Consent Items - Motion (Van De Voort/Fox) to approve the following consent items. Motion carried 8-0.
- A. Minutes from November 14, 30, and December 5, 2022 Board meetings
  - B. Personnel report
    - 1. Hiring of Alexandria Zajeckowski, Valerie Ringersma, Chelsie McReynolds, and Dominique Kleinhans as paraprofessionals; and Brandy Lyon as Custodian II.
    - 2. Accepted resignations from paraprofessionals Serina Soul (3 months), Stephanie Litvinoff (2 months) and Mackenzie Zimmerman (3 months) and from Food Service Director Terra Gastmann effective 6/30/2022 (15 years).
    - 3. Approve bills from November 2022 (#350816-350937 and wires) for a total of \$529,406.56.
- X. The next regular board meeting on January 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Phillips High School Performing Arts Center.
- XI. Motion (Krog/Van De Voort) to convene into executive session at the conclusion of open session pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, including students, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where discussed in public, would be likely to

have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Motion carried 8-0 at 6:17 p.m..

XI. Motion (Bilgrien/Halmstad) reconvene into open session pursuant to WI Stat. Sec. 19.85(1). Motion carried with roll call vote 8-0.

XII. Motion (Fox/Rose) to adjourn. Motion carried 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:01p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Baxter, Clerk  
Board of Education

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