

PROPHETSTOWN-LYNDON-TAMPICO COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #3
WHITESIDE, HENRY, BUREAU COUNTIES

REGULAR MEETING

DATE: December 14, 2009

- A. Call to Order – President Halpin called to order the regular meeting of the Prophetstown-Lyndon-Tampico Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education at 7:02 P.M. in the district administrative meeting room.
- B. Roll Call – The following members answered roll call: Doug Wetzell, Lisa Casson, Jill Ringenberg, Tya Boucher, and Gerry Halpin. Absent at roll: Pam Scanlan and Ryan Inskeep.

Members of the Administration – Mr. David Rogers, Superintendent, Mrs. Karen Anderson, Prophetstown Elementary Principal, Mr. Darren Erickson, Tampico Elementary Principal, Mr. Chad Colmone, Tampico Middle School Principal, and Mr. Guy Gradert, Prophetstown High School Principal

Board Recorder – Jeannie Richmond

Members of the Press – Stacie Barton, The Echo

- C. Amendments to the Agenda – None.
- D. Consent Agenda – A motion was made by Doug Wetzell and seconded by Tya Boucher to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote as follows: AYE: Jill Ringenberg, Tya Boucher, Doug Wetzell, Lisa Casson, and Gerry Halpin. NAY: None. Motion carried. The following items were approved:
1. Minutes of the November 23, 2009 Regular Meeting
 2. Bills and payroll through Dec. 14, 2009 in the amount of \$417,380.57
 3. Treasurer’s Report/Investment Schedule
 4. Activity Account Reports
- E. Public Forum/PLTTA Report – None.
- F. Presentations
1. 5th Grade Reading Club – Reading Interventionist Ann Cooper presented members of the 5th Grade Reading Club (ROCKETS). The students gave a brief summary on the five books the club has read.
 2. Math/Science Curriculum Review – Mr. Gradert, Mrs. Wolf and Mrs. Harrell told of the recommended changes in the math and science curriculum that they would like to see take place for the next school year. These changes will be put on the January agenda for action.

G. Good Things are Happening for Kids/Principals' Reports – Mrs. Anderson announced the PES K-5 Christmas program will be held on Dec. 16th at 6:30 P.M. She thanked Mrs. Bohms for her hard work in preparing the program. AIMSweb benchmark testing will take place in January. A Preschool Teachers' Assistance Team will meet on January 6th to share concerns about the academic and social development of preschool students and how to meet their needs. Mr. Gradert reported the NHS and Leo Club are collecting items for "Operation Christmas Child". The PHS Christmas Concert was held on Dec. 13th. Mr. Gradert and Mrs. Wright were presenters at the Raising Student Achievement Conference held on December 8th. A Technical Review Visit from ISBE and SREB took place on Dec. 1st and 2nd. A report of their findings will be forthcoming. The following students have been named Illinois State Scholars: Matthew Cole, Joshua Eriks, Zachary Jensen, Jaret Lansford, Jakob Leathers, Tyler Rosene, Scott Sandrock, and Mary West. Mr. Colmone told the Middle School Christmas Program was postponed until Dec. 17th due to the inclement weather. The mandatory emergency drill was also postponed because of weather. A food drive at the middle school collected 620 items for the Food Pantry. Eighth grade students took the Explore Test on Dec. 11th. Results will be used for student placement in high school classes. Mr. Erickson reported that the second dose of H1N1 vaccines have been given at TES. The TES Christmas Program was held on Dec. 3rd. Mrs. Wager has formed a Girls Group that meets over lunch to work on different issues. Mrs. Lawson and Mrs. Rhyne will attend Medicare/Medicaid training on on-line reporting. The TEA has raised another \$700 to go towards the expense of field trips.

H. Reports and Correspondence

1. Superintendent's Report

- a. Facility Grant Application – The due date for the facility grant application is January 29, 2010.
 - b. ROE Inspections – Building inspections were held by the Regional Office of Education. The inspections went well with few problems noted.
 - c. Response to Intervention Plan Approval – Word has been received from the ISBE that the District's RtI Plan has been reviewed and compliance has been met.
 - d. Parent Notification System – A concern was raised over the parent notification system not yet being in place and working. Board member Jill Ringenberg noted this project is of most importance and needs to be completed immediately.
2. Jr. Tackle Football Discussion – Discussion was held on the possibility of the Erie-Prophetstown jr. tackle football programs joining together and also the possibility of the school district running the program. There are still questions that need to be addressed before any decision is made.

I. Old Business

1. 2009 Tax Levy – A motion was made by Lisa Casson and seconded by Jill Ringenberg to approve the 2009 tax levy in the amount of \$3,376,000. Roll call vote as follows: AYE: Lisa Casson, Tya Boucher, Doug Wetzell, Jill Ringenberg, and Gerry Halpin. NAY: None. Motion carried.

2. NCA Accreditation – A motion was made by Lisa Casson and seconded by Tya Boucher to not renew the NCA Accreditation. Roll call vote as follows: AYE: Tya Boucher, Doug Wetzell, Lisa Casson, Jill Ringenberg, and Gerry Halpin. NAY: None. Motion carried.

J. New Business

1. Art Club Field Trip – No action taken. Trip was cancelled.

- K. Executive Session – A motion was made by Jill Ringenberg and seconded by Doug Wetzell to enter into executive session at 8:20 P.M. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, or performance of specific employees of the public body. Roll call vote as follows: AYE: Jill Ringenberg, Tya Boucher, Doug Wetzell, Lisa Casson, and Gerry Halpin. NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Doug Wetzell and seconded by Tya Boucher to return to open session at 9:35 P.M. Roll call vote as follows: AYE: Doug Wetzell, Lisa Casson, Jill Ringenberg, Tya Boucher, and Gerry Halpin. NAY: None. Motion carried.

L. Action from Executive Session

1. Resignation

- a. Donna Stichter, Pre-K Coordinator – A motion was made by Tya Boucher and seconded by Lisa Casson to accept the resignation of Donna Stichter as pre-k coordinator effective Dec. 18, 2009. Roll call vote as follows: AYE: Lisa Casson, Tya Boucher, Doug Wetzell, Jill Ringenberg, and Gerry Halpin. NAY: None. Motion carried.

2. Maternity Leave

- a. Valerie Kline – A motion was made by Tya Boucher and seconded by Lisa Casson to approve the maternity leave request of Valerie Kline. Roll call vote as follows: AYE: Jill Ringenberg, Tya Boucher, Doug Wetzell, Lisa Casson, and Gerry Halpin. NAY: None. Motion carried.

- M. Other Business – Discussion was held on the use of the high school gymnasium by a board member and the lunch program daily payment cut-off time.

- N. Adjournment – A motion was made by Doug Wetzell and seconded by Lisa Casson to adjourn at 10:05 P.M. Roll call vote as follows: AYE: Lisa Casson, Tya Boucher, Doug Wetzell, Jill Ringenberg, and Gerry Halpin. NAY: None. Motion carried.

President

Secretary