

The Princeton High School Board of Education, District #500, met in Regular Session on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 in the Learning Resource Center. Board Members present: Gary Coates, Colleen Sailer, Al Taylor, Stephanie Van Ordstrand and John Young. Board Members Absent: None.

John Young, President, called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. He welcomed guests and the media.

There was no public comment.

Student members of Operation Snowball and their sponsor, Tim Taylor, made a presentation about their group and the Illinois Teen Institute leadership conference they attended this summer. They explained how they are promoting good decisions and positive attitudes, and the “snowball” effect on PHS and other high schools. They are planning a three-day retreat in November for students from around the area, a bonfire on September 3 and selling 50/50 tickets at home football games to raise money for future events. The Board thanked these students for their leadership.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included Minutes from the July 27, 2011 Regular Meeting and Executive Session; Monthly Bills; Treasurer’s Report; and the Phelps and Zearing Farm Reports. *Al Taylor made the motion, seconded by Gary Coates, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Stephanie Van Ordstrand-yes, Colleen Sailer-yes, Gary Coates-yes, Al Taylor-yes, and John Young-yes.*

Education and Administration

Principal’s Report – Ms. Schmidt’s report was reviewed. It was noted that 58 seniors have earned their lanyards from test preparation hours. It is anticipated that 50% of the seniors will receive their lanyards once PSAE scores are received. Eleven seniors are ineligible. Appreciation was extended to the Ignition sponsors for the successful “Ignition” program for incoming freshmen.

Personnel – *The motion to approve the following appointments was made by Colleen Sailer. Second to the motion was made by Stephanie Van Ordstrand.*

Linda Lawson	Cafeteria Worker
Carol Prince	Substitute Cafeteria Worker
Katie Farrell	Volunteer Girls Golf Coach

The motion passed on the following roll call vote: Colleen Sailer-yes, Gary Coates-yes, Al Taylor, Stephanie Van Ordstrand-yes, and John Young-yes.

Board of Education Policy Manual Revisions – Mr. Haring discussed proposed board policy manual revisions as a first reading for adoption at the September meeting.

Finance

Tentative FY12 Budget - Mr. Haring reviewed the Executive Summary of the FY11 Budget and compared it to the FY12 Line Item Budget. He explained the challenges preparing the budget. *Gary Coates made the motion, seconded by Colleen Sailer, to approve the tentative FY12 Budget as presented and place it on display for public inspection for 30 days. The motion was approved on a roll call vote: Gary Coates-yes, Al Taylor-yes, Stephanie Van Ordstrand-yes, Colleen Sailer-yes, and John Young-yes.*

Set Hearing for the FY12 Budget - *The motion to set the public hearing for Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 5:45 P.M. was made by Stephanie Van Ordstrand, seconded by Gary Coates, and carried on a voice vote.*

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Haring stated five new sets of bleachers have been purchased for the tennis courts from class gifts.

Transportation

Lease Agreement for New Buses – Mr. Haring explained the need to replace several buses. *Colleen Sailer made the motion, seconded by Gary Coates, to approve the bus lease agreement with Midwest Bus Sales, Inc. to lease three buses this year and three buses next year, two with storage compartments and four without. Roll call vote: Al Taylor-yes, Stephanie Van Ordstrand-yes, Colleen Sailer-yes, Gary Coates-yes and John Young-yes.*

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

Other Business

Board Retreat - The possibility of a board retreat was discussed. It was decided existing short, mid and long-term goals would be reviewed, then establish a meeting time and place.

Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M. was made by Gary Coates, seconded by Colleen Sailer, and carried on a voice vote.

COLLEEN SAILER, VICE-PRESIDENT

MARGO L. OBENHAUS, SECRETARY