

REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 23, 2009

The Princeton High School Board of Education, District #500, held a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 23, 2009 in the Learning Resource Center. Board Members Present: Gary Coates, Gary Hanna, Jane Fredenhagen and John Young. Board Members Absent: None.

President, John Young, called the Regular meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. He welcomed guests and the media. Cindy Behrends addressed the Board during the public comment. She expressed her concerns regarding the possible schedule change from 4-block to 8-block

**Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda contained Minutes from the October 28, 2009 Regular Monthly Meeting and Executive Session; Monthly Bills and Treasurer's Report. *Gary Hanna made the motion, seconded by Gary Coates, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion was approved on the following roll call vote: Jane Fredenhagen-yes, Gary Coates-yes, Gary Hanna-yes and John Young-yes.*

**Education and Administration**

Assistant Principal's Report – Mr. Berlinski announced the following students-of-the-month for November: Kara Birch, Brandon Boettcher, Alan Delbridge, Deprise Karns, Emily Lund and Seth Woolley. The Board congratulated these students on their honor and thanked the parents. Mr. Berlinski's report included attendance and discipline data; attendance rate was 87.78%.

The Director of Student Activities report outlined athletic events and upcoming events.

Principal's Report –

Response-to-Intervention – This new federal program requires core instruction daily in addition to intervention with progress monitoring. The RtI Committee has proposed the transition to an 8 block schedule with daily homeroom. Ms. Schmidt explained the alternating daily schedule, ongoing student meetings to identify and resolve any schedule concerns, measurement methods over four to five years to evaluate effectiveness and is encouraging parents with concerns to contact the Administration. The Board commended the Administration and Staff for all the diligence and efforts addressing RtI and commitment to improving instruction.

Explore, PLAN and practice ACT tests will be administered to all classes in December. All 8<sup>th</sup> graders will take Explore test as a universal screener for English and Math placement as part of the RtI.

2009 School Report Card – PHS is at or above state averages in all subject areas, except Math. Ms. Schmidt described continuing actions to improve instruction and the school improvement plan goals. *The motion to approve the 2009 School Report Card as presented was made by Jane Fredenhagen, seconded by Gary Hanna, and passed with a voice vote.*

Board of Education Policy Manual Revisions – Kirk Haring reviewed recommended changes and revisions to Board policies. *Gary Hanna made the motion, seconded by Gary Coates, and carried with a voice vote, to approve the revised Board of Education policies as presented.*

Academic Schedule for 2010-11 School Year – Mr. Haring reiterated the proposal to change the schedule from a 4 Block to 8 Block with extended homeroom for 2010-11 school year to meet the federal mandates of Rtl. Action on the schedule change will be taken at the December meeting.

**Building and Grounds**

Roofing Project – The roof project has been completed.

**Finance**

Tentative 2009 Tax Levy – Mr. Haring explained the proposed tax levy. A 3.2% increase in EAV and a slight decrease in the tax rate are anticipated. *The motion to approve the tentative 2009 Tax Levy as presented was made by Jane Fredenhagen and, seconded by Gary Coates. Motion passed on a roll call vote: Gary Hanna-yes, Gary Coates-yes, Jane Fredenhagen-yes and John Young-yes.*

**Executive Session**

*The motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:20 P.M. to discuss Personnel and Selection of a Person to Fill a Public Office was made by Jane Fredenhagen, seconded by Gary Hanna, and passed with a voice vote.*

*Gary Hanna made the motion, seconded by Gary Coates, to return to Regular Session at 6:55 P.M. Voice vote – motion passed.*

**Other Business**

Actions Arising From Executive Session – *Gary Coates made the motion, seconded by Gary Hanna, to appoint Colleen Sailer to fill the seat created by the resignation of Bob Jesse. Roll call: Jane Fredenhagen-yes, Gary Hanna-yes, Gary Coates-yes and John Young-yes; motion carried.* The Board thanked the eight individuals that applied for the position and encouraged participation in the next school board election.

Tuition Rate for Ohio High School Students – Mr. Haring stated Ohio High School is considering options for their high school if deactivation is decided. The Board authorized the Superintendent to begin preliminary discussions with Ohio High School regarding tuition and transportation options.

**Adjourn**

*The motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 P.M. was made by Gary Coates and seconded by Gary Hanna, and carried on a voice vote.*

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JOHN YOUNG, PRESIDENT

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MARGO L. OBENHAUS, SECRETARY