

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

REGULAR MEETING

DATE: October 27, 2008

- 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 7:14 P.M. in the Tampico Middle School media center.
- B. Roll Call – The following members answered roll call: Doug Wetzell, Pam Scanlan, Lisa Casson, Jill Ringenberg, Tya Boucher, Ryan Inskeep, and Gerry Halpin.

Members of the Administration – Mr. David Rogers, Superintendent, Mr. Darren Erickson, Tampico Elementary Principal, Mrs. Karen Anderson, Prophetstown 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 Jill Ringenberg and seconded by Tya Boucher to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote as follows: AYE: Jill Ringenberg, Tya Boucher, Doug Wetzell, Ryan Inskeep, Lisa Casson, Pam Scanlan, and Gerry Halpin. NAY: None. Motion carried. The following items were approved:
1. Minutes of the September 22, 2008 Budget Hearing
  2. Minutes of the September 22, 2008 Regular Meeting
  3. October bills and payroll in the amount of \$993,410.98
  4. Treasurer's Report/Investment Schedule
- E. Public Forum/PLTTA Report – None.
- F. Principals' Reports/Good Things are Happening for Kids – Mr. Erickson reported that TES will hold a Veteran's Day assembly on November 11<sup>th</sup>. An assembly was held on Oct. 22 to help celebrate Red Ribbon Week. Teachers have been analyzing ISAT scores and looking for areas of weakness within the curriculum. A Traveling Science Center will be spending the day at TES on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Anderson noted upcoming events include the book fair, Red Ribbon Week, Veteran's Day assembly, parent/teacher conferences and Halloween parties. Special education teachers will be attending training on web-based IEP's. A special thank you was given to those who participated in the recent emergency drill. Mr. Colmone told that the recent PTA fundraiser was a huge success. Several teachers attended training on the Promethean whiteboard. Staff met during school

improvement time to begin the process of identifying students who may need the support of the RtI program. A dance will be held at the middle school on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Plans are being made to once again sponsor a Positive Rewards trip to a hockey game. Mr. Gradert mentioned that Homecoming activities went very well. GED classes are held at PHS every Monday and Thursday night. Anyone interested in the classes should call the high school. During the recent school improvement day many topics were covered by staff members. Several teachers recently attended a High Schools That Work data workshop. A thank you was given to the local responders who helped with the recent fire drill.

G. Reports and Correspondence

1. Superintendent's Report

- a. Board Member Recognition – Board member Jill Ringenberg was recently recognized at the NW Division meeting for her achievement of Master School Board Member.
- b. Per Capita Library Grant – Gail Wright presented information on use of the libraries in the school district. Last year's grant money funded Internet Safety Classes. She also reviewed goals for the district.
- c. LP School Bus – Representatives were present from Blue Bird Bus and Ferrel Gas to discuss and answer questions on the different aspects of buses fueled by liquid propane.
- d. State Superintendent's Conference – Mr. Rogers recently attend the Superintendent's Conference in Springfield.
- e. Golf Course Usage – Discussion was held on the use of local golf courses for the golf team's practices and meets. Further discussion will be held at the November meeting.

H. Old Business – No old business.

I. New Business

1. Appoint Election Representatives – A motion was made by Jill Ringenberg and seconded by Tya Boucher to appoint Jane Alborn and Jeannie Richmond election representatives for the April 7, 2009 election. Roll call vote as follows: AYE: Lisa Casson, Ryan Inskeep, Tya Boucher, Pam Scanlan, Doug Wetzell, Jill Ringenberg, and Gerry Halpin. NAY: None. Motion carried.
2. Appoint Homeless Children and Youth Liaison – A motion was made by Ryan Inskeep and seconded by Jill Ringenberg to appoint Guy Gradert as Homeless Children and Youth Liaison. Roll call vote as follows: AYE: Pam Scanlan, Tya Boucher, Ryan Inskeep, Doug Wetzell, Lisa Casson, Jill Ringenberg, and Gerry Halpin. NAY: None. Motion carried.
3. Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal – A motion was made by Pam Scanlan and seconded by Lisa Casson to renew the property/casualty insurance with Ramza Insurance at a cost of \$73,186. Roll call vote as follows: AYE: Doug Wetzell, Pam Scanlan, Lisa Casson, Jill Ringenberg, Tya Boucher, Ryan Inskeep, and Gerry Halpin. NAY: None. Motion carried.

- J. Executive Session – A motion was made by Tya Boucher and seconded by Pam Scanlan to enter into executive session at 8:05 P.M. Roll call vote as follows: AYE: Jill Ringenberg, Tya Boucher, Doug Wetzell, Ryan Inskeep, Lisa Casson, Pam Scanlan, and Gerry Halpin. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Executive session was postponed until 9:47 P.M. following the presentation by the district auditor.

A motion was made by Tya Boucher and seconded by Lisa Casson to return to open session at 9:40 P.M. Roll call vote as follows: AYE: Doug Wetzell, Pam Scanlan, Lisa Casson, Jill Ringenberg, Tya Boucher, Ryan Inskeep, and Gerry Halpin. NAY: None. Motion carried.

- K. Presentation – Tom Peffer of Gorenz & Associates presented the financial audit for the 2007-2008 school year and compared data to prior years. He also noted the district received a 4.0 financial rating from the State.

- L. Action from Executive Session

1. Employment

- a. Bus Driver, Ron Quesenberry – A motion was made by Doug Wetzell and seconded by Pam Scanlan to employ Ron Quesenberry as bus driver. Roll call vote as follows: AYE: Lisa Casson, Ryan Inskeep, Pam Scanlan, Doug Wetzell, Jill Ringenberg, and Gerry Halpin. NAY: Tya Boucher. Motion carried.

- M. Other Business – No other business

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

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President

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Secretary