

**Paris Consolidated School
Board of Education
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 21, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dennis Hrupka at 6:30pm.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call** – Vice President Dennis Hrupka, Clerk Kristine Kordecki, Member Curt Nikula, and District Administrator Roger Gahart were all present for the meeting. President Deanna Krumm and Treasurer Colleen Belmont were absent.
- 4. Approval of Agenda** – A Kordecki/Nikula motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.
- 5. Approval of Board Minutes** - A Kordecki/Nikula motion was made to approve the March 17, 2021 regular minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.
- 6. Approve Payment of Bills** – A Kordecki/Nikula motion was made to approve the payment of bills totaling \$263,872.72. Motion carried 3-0.
- 7. Correspondence** – District Administrator, Roger Gahart, read a letter that he received from Colleen Belmont stating that she is in favor of implementing a mask requirement policy.
- 8. Comments from the floor** – Six parents communicated their positions regarding the adoption of a policy requiring the wearing of face masks: Five in favor of masks optional, one in favor of a mask requirement policy.
- 9. Reports**
 - A. Treasurer’s Report** – A Kordecki/Nikula motion was made to accept the March 2021 Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried 3-0.
 - B. Administrator’s Report** –
 - 1.) As today is Administrative Assistants’ Day, I start off by recognizing and thanking our office staff, Secretary Mrs. Dorn, and Bookkeeper, Mrs. Klabunde, for their outstanding work in our school office every day. Both are incredibly talented and dedicated professionals, but more importantly, they are the first voices people hear when calling school and they are the moms in the office who are the first to assist our students when they come to the office in need. Whether it is a skinned knee, bloody nose, upset tummy, or a student just needs to call home because he or she forgot something that is urgently needed, Rachel and Kristina always pause from their busy day to attend to the needs of every student for as long as it takes. One cannot place a value on that kind of dedication, care, and love that they show our students, and we are most appreciative of all that they do, for all of us, each day.

2.) We had a fantastic day here at school today, as Mr. Howard Thompson, a dog musher from Mondovi, Wisconsin, presented at four different assemblies for our students as part of our Arctic/Antarctic Literacy Unit this year. Mr. Thompson brought a complete sled with all the riggings, as well as his up and coming young lead dog. It was an amazing learning experience for all of us and we greatly appreciate our PSO sponsoring these fun and educational experiences for our students.

3.) Last Thursday evening, we held our annual 8th Grade Fun Night here at school. In the past, we have invited the entire school, however this year, the event was held for 8th graders and their families only. Nonetheless, it was a super fun evening for all, with a highly competitive parent and sibling vs. student basketball game, tug of war, dodgeball, volleyball, and performances by two of the top cheerleading squads around, the Paris Panther Cheerleaders and the 8th Grade Moms! Huge thanks to Kwik Trip for their kind donation of pizzas to feed the large hungry crowd, to all the 8th graders and their families, and to our 8th grade class advisors, Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Topercer, for providing a night of fellowship and fun that our 8th graders and their families will never forget.

4.) Our basketball seasons have concluded and I congratulate Coaches Cheney, Shefky, and Grams, as well as all the players for their great seasons. We are very proud of how our student athletes represented Paris School. Our student athletes are currently enjoying volleyball season, and we wish Coaches Curtis and Berce, as well as all of the players, a very successful and fun season.

5.) Thank you to our PSO for another Excellent Easter Egg Hunt on a beautiful Spring Saturday. Special thanks to coordinator, Jennifer Tellez. The event was well attended, including a visit from the Easter Bunny, and we are most appreciative for all of the work involved in putting on this super activity for our students.

6.) Special thanks to our PSO officers this year: Nikki Niccolai- President, Katie Niehbur- Vice President, Brad Schwer- Treasurer, Jodi Matthews- Secretary, for their tremendous dedication, time, and leadership of our Paris School Organization.

7.) Please mark your calendars for May 1st, which is when we will host our Annual Spaghetti Supper. Delicious dinners will be served from 4 until 7 pm in our cafeteria, private dining rooms, or by carry out, followed by silent and live auctions in the gym. We cordially invite everyone to join us for this fantastic community event!

10. Discussion

- A. Open Enrollment Update** - District Administrator, Roger Gahart, presented an update on the Open Enrollment applications at the present time.
- B. Spring Election Results** – Incumbents Treasurer Colleen Belmont and Clerk Kristine Kordecki were re-elected to the Paris School Board.
- C. Insurance Quotes Update** – M3 is still in the process of collecting insurance quotes for the 2021-22 school year.

11. Action

A. Adoption of Policy Requiring the Wearing of Face Masks – No action taken.

B. Staff Retirements/Resignations – None

C. Set Date and Time of Board Reorganization Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 6:30pm

A Kordecki/Nikula motion was made to set the Board Reorganization Meeting for Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 6:30pm.

12. Executive Session as exempt by Statute 19.82 and 19.85 (1)(c)

1. (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee.
 - a. Individual Employee Employment
 - b. Individual Employee Compensation

A Kordecki/Nikula motion was made at 7:35pm to move into Executive Session. Motion carried 3-0.

A Kordecki/Nikula motion was made at 8:11pm to adjourn Executive Session. Motion carried 3-0.

13. Executive Session Action – No Executive Session action was taken.

14. Adjournment – At 8:11pm, a Kordecki/Nikula motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine Kordecki, Clerk
Board of Education

Kristina Klabunde
Recording Secretary