

**CALL TO**

**ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Linder

**ROLL CALL:** Linder, Facklam, Weinert, Hannan, Rohrer and Garcia. Coe Peek was present via speakerphone. Supt. Correll & Brad Goldstein were also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance took place at this time.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Garcia to approve the agenda for 3/16/09, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye	Facklam - aye
Weinert – aye	Rohrer - aye
Coe Peek – absent	Hannan – aye
Garcia – aye	

6 ayes            0 nays            1 absent            Motion Carried.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Weinert to move into Closed Session at 7:31 p.m. to consider information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the district and collective negotiating matters between the district and its employees or their representatives. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye	Facklam - aye
Weinert – aye	Rohrer - aye
Coe Peek – absent	Hannan – aye
Garcia – aye	

6 ayes            0 nays            1 absent            Motion Carried.

**OPEN SESSION:**

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Linder to return to open session at 8:05 p.m. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye	Facklam - aye
Weinert – aye	Rohrer - aye
Coe Peek – aye	Hannan – aye
Garcia – aye	

7 ayes            0 nays            0 absent            Motion Carried.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Weinert to approve the consent agenda for 3/16/09 including; minutes of 2/17/09, accounts payable, exceptions register summary, and personnel report, as presented.

Amounts paid from each fund are as follows:

- Education Fund - \$514,280.70
- O & M Fund - \$162,927.82
- Transportation Fund - \$47,703.05
- IMRF/Social Security - \$125.23
- Capital Improvements - \$109,271.46
- Total - \$834,308.26

A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye	Facklam - aye
Weinert – aye	Rohrer - aye
Coe Peek – absent	Hannan – aye
Garcia – aye	

6 ayes            0 nays            1 absent            Motion Carried.

**BOARD/SUPT.  
REPORTS:**

Supt. Correll stated that it is her pleasure to announce that Lynn Barkley is now the Principal of Avon School. Mrs. Barkley will also be maintaining her position as the Assistant Superintendent.

Brad Goldstein shared that the District went out to bid on transportation and the proposed contract came in at a reduction of 6.6 percent, and that the contract would be for three years. Upon Board approval, the new contract will be implemented starting in July.

**DISCUSSION  
ITEMS:**

Update on Budget

Supt Correll explained that PMA has presented the District’s deficit over the next few years. It was mentioned that the Board began deficit conversations months ago and have been keeping an eye on the deficit. Supt. Correll explained that almost 60% of the District’s costs are salaries and 12% go to benefits. Supt. Correll stated that when making cost reduction recommendations, the Administrators and Board focused on putting children first, fiscal responsibility and maintaining quality education. Supt. Correll reviewed the cost savings recommendations that have begun to be implemented.

Supt. Correll reviewed the proposed staffing reductions and how this would impact the budget.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT:**

Public comment was offered at 8:06 p.m.

Cheryl Tednes stated as President of the PSRP Union, she is concerned regarding the proposal to cut the secretarial positions. Mrs. Tednes reviewed the roles of the various support staff positions and explained how she feels these positions have a direct, positive impact on students. Mrs. Tednes stated that she understands the need to balance the budget, but asked the Board to reconsider their decision to cut support staff positions.

Jim Tiffany asked the Board how many more cuts would be made, from what departments, and if there were future cuts being reviewed that the public is not aware of. Mr. Tiffany asked if the rumors of reduction in office staff, program assistants, and one teacher from each grade level were true. Mr. Tiffany also asked if the school day would be shortened, and if the Board is considering cutting student lunch. Mr. Tiffany further asked why the District is not in compliance regarding Physical Education and what was being done to correct this. Finally, he asked if there would be a remedy regarding the traffic issues at Prairieview. He mentioned Prairieview has one exit and one entrance, and stated that he feels it should not have been built on a state highway.

Maria Hebb stated she believes that there is a ten million surplus in the Education Fund and asked how the Board plans to utilize these funds to balance the budget?

Becky Jakubowski stated her concern regarding the District's fiscal problems. Mrs. Jakubowski asked the Board why they are discussing and voting on staffing reductions at the same meeting. Mrs. Jakubowski asked the Board to consider delaying the vote to allow further discussion.

Suzanne Sawusch asked the Board to think about student and staff safety when making staffing cuts.

Shawn Carney asked the Board if the \$2.7 million in cuts corrects the current deficit. Mr. Carney asked if the cuts would last, or if there would be more cuts in the near future. He also asked if PMA had run the numbers yet.

Gail Von Rueden stated that she values curriculum, but would prefer to have seen an update on curriculum be postponed to save the secretarial positions. Mrs. Van Rueden asked if the Board considered pay cuts for the top paying employees, and if there were any secretary positions at the District Office eliminated. Mrs. Von Rueden commended the professionalism and dedication of Prairieview's office staff.

Public comment closed at 8:54 p.m.

#### Transworld Systems, Inc. (Collection Agency) Renewal

Brad Goldstein explained that Transworld is a company who helps the District collect fees. It was explained that the District has been utilizing promissory notes in order to make every effort to assist those who are unable to pay fees in full. It was further stated that the collection agency is a last resort in those cases where the District is unable to collect fees. Brad

reminded the Board that once the agency is able to get payment, the District receives 100% of the collection and the company collects the \$25 fee for a bounced check.

Summer O & M Projects

Brad Goldstein stated that the base bid to correct the flooding issue at Avon would be \$118,000. If the Board approves this project, it will be done during the summer months.

Discussion of School Reach Contract Renewal

Brad Goldstein shared that the District utilizes school reach to make mass phone calls for announcing information such as school closings. The Board had no further questions regarding the renewal of the school reach contract at this time.

Discussion of 2010-11 Kindergarten Fee Increase

Supt. Correll proposed that the Kindergarten Registration fee go up ten dollars in the 2010-11 school year since the other grade levels went up ten percent for the 2009-2010 school year. The Board had no further questions at this time.

Discussion of Klein, Hall & Associates Contract

Supt. Correll stated she would provide the Board with the last two years contract fees. The Board discussed whether or not they would be going out to bid for an auditor contract. Brad recommended the Board to approve working with Klein, Hall & Associates for one more year and begin looking in December to go out for RFP.

Future Agenda Items

- Food Service
- Policy Committee/Wind Chill Recommendation
- Lunch Costs

**ACTION  
ITEMS:**

APPROVAL OF  
OF 2009-2010  
STAFFING PLAN:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Weinert to approve the 2009-2010 staffing plan with the verbal changes of the reduction of one administrative position and five secretarial positions, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye	Facklam - aye
Weinert – aye	Rohrer - aye
Coe Peek – aye	Hannan – nay
Garcia – aye	

6 ayes            1 nay            0 absent            Motion Carried.

APPROVAL TO  
FULLY SUPPORT THE  
SUPERINTENDENT  
AND ADMINISTRATION  
IN IMPLEMENTATION

OF BUDGET PLAN: A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Weinert to approve to fully support the Superintendent and Administration in implementation of the budget plan, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye	Facklam - aye
Weinert – aye	Rohrer - aye
Coe Peek – aye	Hannan – nay
Garcia – aye	

6 ayes            1 nay            0 absent            Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF  
SCHOOL REACH  
CONTRACT  
RENEWAL:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Garcia to approve the school reach contract renewal, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye	Facklam - aye
Weinert – aye	Rohrer - aye
Coe Peek – aye	Hannan – aye
Garcia – aye	

7 ayes            0 nays            0 absent            Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF  
2010-11  
KINDERGARTEN  
FEE INCREASE:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Rohrer to approve the 2010-2011 Kindergarten registration fee increase of ten dollars, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye	Facklam - aye
Weinert – aye	Rohrer - aye
Coe Peek – aye	Hannan – nay
Garcia – nay	

5 ayes            2 nays            0 absent            Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF  
KLEIN, HALL &  
ASSOCIATES  
CONTRACT:

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Garcia to approve a one-year extension of the Klein, Hall & Associates contract, as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye  
Weinert – aye  
Coe Peek – aye  
Garcia – aye

Facklam - aye  
Rohrer - aye  
Hannan – aye

7 ayes            0 nays            0 absent            Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT:**

Public comment was offered at 9:19 p.m.

Stephanie Arnopolin expressed her displeasure that the staffing cut discussion was not opened up to the parents who attended the meeting. Mrs. Arnopolin stated she was also disappointed the Board voted on the staffing plan without further discussion.

Lynn Tiffany complimented Prairieview’s office staff. Mrs. Tiffany asked the Board why \$11,000 is being paid to a collection agency.

Laurie Twaddle thanked Prairieview’s Office staff for all they do for the students and staff.

Shawn Carney asked the Board how the cuts would affect class size.

Joann Meciej stated that there is a lack of communication and would like to know how decisions regarding budget cuts are going to be implemented. Mrs. Meciej asked how these cuts would be made without affecting class size and stated she would like the answer to this questions prior to next school year.

Martin Rocha stated that foreign language is important and expressed his disappointment to see a Spanish position reduced.

Debbie Wilson asked how the gifted program is going to be affected and what will the program look like once the budget cuts have been made? Mrs. Wilson asked if the gifted program would be continued for those students who have already started.

Public comment closed at 9:33 p.m.

**CLOSED  
SESSION:**

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Linder to move into Closed Session at 9:34 p.m. to consider information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the district and collective negotiating matters between the district and its employees or their representatives. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye  
Weinert – aye  
Coe Peek – absent  
Garcia – aye

Facklam - aye  
Rohrer - aye  
Hannan – aye

6 ayes            0 nays            1 absent            Motion Carried.

**OPEN**

**SESSION:**

A motion was made by Linder and seconded by Weinert to return to open session at 9:57 p.m. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye	Facklam - aye
Weinert – aye	Rohrer - aye
Coe Peek – absent	Hannan – absent
Garcia – aye	

5 ayes          0 nays          2 absent          Motion Carried.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Facklam and seconded by Weinert to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. A roll call vote was taken:

Linder – aye	Facklam - aye
Weinert – aye	Rohrer - aye
Coe Peek – absent	Hannan – absent
Garcia – aye	

5 ayes          0 nays          2 absent          Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sue Facklam, Secretary

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Mike Linder, President