Prairie School District RE-11J
Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 19, 2026

The regular meeting of the Prairie School District RE-11J Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 PM in the Prairie School Library, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Board members present: Mr. Kenny Holzworth, Ms. Susie Kester, Mr. Cole Mertens, Mrs. Janie Shoemaker. Mr. Kugler was absent.

The following items were presented for approval under the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from December 15, 2025, December 23, 2025, and Jan 9, 2026 meetings.
- December 2025 Expenditures
- New Hire: Jessica Henry

Mrs. Shoemaker motioned to approve the consent agenda; Mr. Mertens seconded. Motion passed 4-0

No Public participation.

The board discussed a Mill Levy Override. Discussion was held regarding polling and community feedback. Qtech will assist with refining ballot language to better explain the Mill Levy. Possibility of placing the measure on the ballot similar to Briggsdale's approach. Polling will likely occur in the spring.

In the Superintendent's Report, it was shared that during Mr. Burr's area superintendent meeting, North Central League athletics scheduling concerns were discussed, including potential adjustments to avoid conflicts and restrictions. Considerations given to impacts on junior high scheduling. Mr. Burr shared that the baseball lights project is moving forward. Materials have been ordered and work is progressing. Board Training will be conducted with Brad Miller. Looking at February 10 for that training to take place. Mr. Burr also shared an update with the activities account. Eric from CBOCES is currently helping get everything reconciled. It could take two months or more to complete.

Action items: Supplemental Budget Passed 4-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

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