

**PLEASANT RIDGE EXHIBIT  
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**PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
OPEN SESSION**

August 21, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Prairie Central Community Unit School District No. 8, Ford, Livingston, and McLean Counties, was held on August 21, 2014 and was called to order by President Patricia Haberkorn at 7:09 PM in the Prairie Central Community Unit School No. 8 conference room.

Board members present: Jeffrey Austman, Jason Dotterer, Patricia Haberkorn, Barbara Schlatter, Mark Slagel, Corey Steffen, and Ann Steidinger

Board members absent: None

Administrators present: Dr. John Capasso, Superintendent

Employees or PCEA members present: Angie Kratochvil, PCEA president; Cheryl Hoffman, Chief of Business Operations

Guests present: None

Press present: Kent Casson, The Blade

Public Comment  
None

Visitors Arranged in Advance  
None

General Action

To approve minutes                      Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Slagel that we approve minutes of the July 17, 2014 regular meeting as presented.  
Voting: Austman, abstain; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To approve consent agenda              Moved by Slagel and seconded by Dotterer that we approve the consent agenda, which includes an activity fund report, a financial summary, bills (current and interim), an investment schedule, and a treasurer's report.  
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Capasso reported on the following:

- PLEASANT RIDGE WIND FARM. Capasso re-introduced the topic and referred the Board to reading material produced by the Center for Renewable Energy (Illinois State). The question remains as to the net result of the interaction between a wind farm's assessment and general state aid. The Board will consider a resolution on the matter after additional fact-finding and, hopefully, a visit from an expert on the matter at a future meeting.
- AIR-CONDITIONING. The Board revisited, at length, the air-conditioning of all facilities by comparing three viable cooling alternatives w/funding options, and concluded for the time being that such a significant expense - ranging from \$4.4 Million to \$9.7 Million - would likely jeopardize the issuance of bonds to support operating funds and trump virtually all other - even life-safety - projects.

- MAINTENANCE/TECHNOLOGY SUMMER PROJECTS. Capasso reported that impressive progress was made over the summer in both areas, while commending maintenance chief Scott and tech coordinator Tetley, but related that some issues still have to be resolved.
- REGISTRATION. It was reported that all but a handful of students are registered through Infosnap, PC's new on-line registration system, and business manager Hoffman was recognized for her efforts in supporting this new approach to registration.
- WORKING CASH BOND ISSUANCE. The Board still favors issuing bonds in the amount of \$4.33 Million, which will require a 75-cent rate. A resolution to this effect will be decided upon in November.
- FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL. Institutes, orientations, and attendance were reviewed. It was reported that the 2014-15 school year began with little complication, thanks to the cooperation of many.
- AT-RISK/PK. Capasso shared letters of commendation from the ISBE for the at-risk/pre-kindergarten programs at PC, and also informed the Board that a number of PK students appeared at the very end of summer, presenting the possibility of opening additional sections.

Discussion (Old Business)

None

Discussion (New Business)

Amendments to Policy Manual

The Board conducted a first reading of amendments to articles 100 - 130.

Action - Old Business

To amend Policy Manual

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Schlatter that we approve amendments to Board Policy Manual Articles 708 – 750-AP as presented.  
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Action – New Business

To approve Goals

Moved by Steffen and seconded by Austman that we approve Board Goals for 2014-15 as presented (attached).  
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To approve Resolution

Moved by Dotterer and seconded by Schlatter that we approve a "Resolution to Lease" regarding the leasing of technology equipment through Heartland Bank and Trust (attached).  
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To approve Applications for Recognition of Schools

Moved by Austman and seconded by Dotterer that we approve an Application for Recognition of Schools for each of the seven (7) District attendance centers.  
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Executive Session

To enter executive session

Moved by Dotterer and seconded by Schlatter that we enter into executive session at 9:23 PM for purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel (105 ILCS 120/2 ( c )(1)).  
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To return to open session

Moved by Dotterer and seconded by Schlatter that we return to open session at 10:26 PM.

Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Action on Personnel

To accept resignations

Moved by Steffen and seconded by Steidinger that we accept the resignation of **Rebecca Shafer**, with intent to retire, as a mathematics teacher and department chair at Prairie Central High School, effective at the close of the 2018-19 school term.

Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Haberkorn that we accept the resignation of **Joe Oprondek** as head girls' track coach at Prairie Central High School, effective at the close of the 2013-14 school term.

Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Austman and seconded by Steidinger that we accept the resignation of **Jean Krippel** as JV softball coach at Prairie Central High School, effective at the close of the 2013-14 school term.

Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To appoint

Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Dotterer that we appoint **Berenice Mardis** as a District special education bus driver for the 2014-15 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Steffen and seconded by Austman that we appoint **Kristen Mills** as a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Chenoa Elementary School for the 2014-15 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Schlatter that we appoint **Seth Welch** as assistant wrestling coach at Prairie Central High School for the 2014-15 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

General Action

To adjourn

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Dotterer that we adjourn at 10:31 PM.

Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

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President

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Secretary