

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

March 19, 2015

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 January 15, 2015 and was called to order by President Patricia Haberkorn at 7:02 PM in the Prairie Central CUSD #8 Unit Office Conference Room.

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

Board members absent: Jeffrey Austman

Administrators present: Dr. John Capasso, Superintendent; Amber Buss, Special Education Director

Employees or PCEA members present: Angie Kratochvil, Prairie Central Education Association; Fred Kilcullen; bus driver and honoree; Brad Kilcullen, PCHS business teacher; Cheryl Hoffman, Prairie Central CUSD #8 chief of business operations

Students present: None

Guests present: Randy Holland, Patrick Doggett (from Rep. Kinzinger's office). Kevin Heid (Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc., Bond Underwriters)

Press present: Kent Casson, *The Blade*

Public Comment

None

Visitors Arranged in Advance

Patrick Doggett, from U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger's office, shared material about youth programs the Congressman is sponsoring.

General Action

To approve minutes

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Steffen that we approve minutes of the February 19, 2015 regular meeting as presented.
Voting: Austman, absent; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Schlatter, abstain; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Dotterer and seconded by Slagel that we approve the minutes of the March 2, 2015 special meeting as presented.
Voting: Austman, absent; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To approve consent agenda

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

Bond Resolution

To issue bonds

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Dotterer that we approve a resolution providing for the issuance of \$4,330,000 in taxable general obligation school bonds, series 2015, for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of

the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, in connection with the sale of said bonds.

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

To abate working cash

Moved by Dotterer and seconded by Steffen that we approve a resolution abating the working cash fund of the District.

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

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Capasso reported on the following:

○ ISBE/LEGISLATIVE NEWS & COMMENTARY

A re-write of SB 16 (SB 1). Seeing that the original funding reform bill created some imbalances, in spite of its intent to distribute money based on need, the General Assembly is making adjustments to present the bill again. The original proposal, if enacted, would have brought an additional \$650,000 to Prairie Central.

Governor Rauner's FY16 proposed budget for K-12 education. The Governor has asked for a larger allocation than the current fiscal year (+6.4%), but it does not match the ISBE's budget proposal (-5.4%).

○ FINANCE

Categorical payments. Categorical payments have virtually stopped; only the lunch program appears to be active presently. The ISBE has informed superintendents that districts should expect few categoricals for the rest of the fiscal year; but that all 24 payments in general state aid are scheduled. The information, if accurate, will enlarge Prairie Central's loss of state monies since 2011 from \$1.76 Million to \$2.5 Million.

○ TECHNOLOGY

Website. The District's new website is being designed and populated with information at the Area 4 Technology Hub, with a roll-out tentatively scheduled for the start of the 2015-16 school year. A calendar consideration is next on the docket.

○ CURRICULUM

Software. The K-6 council is surveying teachers for preferences in curriculum-enhancing software.

○ ASSESSMENT

PARCC. Very few glitches were encountered in the administration of the PARCC battery.

○ MAINTENANCE

Plans for 2015-16. Before considering bids on the Westview re-roof, the Board learned that Chenoa Elementary needs a chimney reduction, flue installation, and tuckpointing in critical spots at a cost of approximately \$70,000; and that internet towers around the district require attention, particularly the one at PCUE, which must be replaced. The estimated cost for the tower work is also \$70,000. Security-related projects must also be completed by summer's end, such as extra surveillance cameras, classroom door levers, and shatter-proof glass treatment.

Discussion (Old Business)

None

Discussion (New Business)

None

Action - Old Business

To approve calendars

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Dotterer that we approve the 2014-15 Official School Calendar as presented (attached).

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

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Slagel that we approve the 2015-16 Official School Calendar is presented (attached).

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

Action – New Business

To accept roof bid

Moved by Dotterer and seconded by Schlatter that we award the base bid for the re-roof of Westview Elementary School, the 1963 original construction only, to Peoria Roofing, Peoria, Illinois, in the amount of \$291,495, as per the attached contract items.

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

To approve IHSA membership

Moved by Steffen and seconded by Slagel that we renew Prairie Central High School's membership in the Illinois High School Association for the 2015-16 school term.

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

To approve music trips

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Steffen that we approve music performance trips to Six Flags, Gurnee, Illinois, for Prairie Central Junior High School music students on May 30, 2015; and to Disney World, Orlando, Florida, for Prairie Central High School music students during the week of June 8-13, 2015

Voting: Austman, absent; 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 Slagel that we enter into executive session at 9:10 PM for purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel; and collective bargaining issues (105 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1-2)).

Voting: Austman, absent; 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 Steffen that we return to open session at 10:56 PM.

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

Action on Personnel

To accept resignations

Moved by Dotterer and seconded by Schlatter that we accept the resignation of **Cherlyn McBride** as cheer sponsor at Prairie Central Junior High School, effective at the close of the 2014-15 school term.

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

Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Steffen that we accept the resignation of **Jason Welch** as an assistant boy's track coach at Prairie Central High School, effective retroactive to the close of the 2013-14 school term.

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

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Dotterer that we accept the resignation of **Jannan Quinn**, with intent to retire, as a 6th grade teacher at Prairie Central Upper Elementary School, effective at the close of the 2018-19 school term.

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

Moved by Steffen and seconded by Haberkorn that we accept the resignation of **Kristen Smith** as a physical education teacher at Prairie Central High School, effective at the close of the 2014-15 school term.

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

Moved by Dotterer and seconded by Schlatter that we accept the resignation of **Bennett Morris** as a social studies, physical education, and school-within-a-school (SIS) teacher at Prairie Central High School and Prairie Central Junior High School, and head wrestling coach at Prairie Central High School, effective at the close of the 2014-15 school term.

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

Moved by Steidinger and seconded by Steffen that we accept the resignation of **Andrea Friedericks** as a kindergarten teacher at Meadowbrook Elementary School, effective at the close of the 2014-15 school term.

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

Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Slagel that we accept the resignation of **Dan Stephenson** as a special education teacher at Prairie Central Junior High School, effective at the close of the 2014-15 school term.

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

Moved by Steffen and seconded by Dotterer that we accept the resignation of **Jackie Walter** as a reading teacher at Chatsworth Elementary School, effective at the close of the 2014-15 school term.

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

To appoint

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Dotterer that we transfer Casey McCullough to the position of art teacher at Prairie Central High School for the 2015-16 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

Moved by Steidinger and seconded by Schlatter that we appoint **Jean Krippel** as an auxiliary softball coach at Prairie Central High School for the 2015 season.

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

Moved by Steffen and seconded by Dotterer that we transfer **Kristen Hinz** to the position of social studies teacher at Prairie Central Junior High School for the 2015-16 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Slagel that we transfer **Stephanie McCormick** to the position of 6th grade teacher at Prairie Central Upper Elementary School for the 2015-16 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

To approve resolution

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Steffen that we approve the "Resolution Reference the Honorable Dismissal of a Professional Educator Licensed (PEL) Employee" (attached).

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

To grant leave

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Haberkorn that we grant a medical leave for **Danielle Donovan**, a 1st grade teacher at Westview Elementary School, beginning immediately and ending at the close of the 2014-15 school term.

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

General Action

To adjourn

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Dotterer that we adjourn at 11:10 PM.

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

President

Secretary