

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

January 21, 2016

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 21, 2016 and was called to order by President Patricia Haberkorn at 7:00 PM in the Prairie Central CUSD #8 Unit Office Conference Room.

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

Board members absent: None

Administrators present: Dr. John Capasso, Superintendent

Employees or PCEA present: Cheryl Hoffman, Chief Business Official; Glenda Knauer, Debbie Vaughan, and Angela Kratochvil, PCEA

Students present: None

Guests present: None

Press present: Kent Casson, *The Blade*

Public Comment

None

Visitors Arranged in Advance

None

General Action

To approve minutes Moved by Austman and seconded by McGreal that we approve minutes for the December 17, 2015 regular meeting as presented.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; McGreal, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To approve consent agenda Moved by Slagel and seconded by Austman that we approve the consent agenda, which includes: Activity fund report, bills (current and interim), booster proposal (high jump kit for PCHS track program @ \$5,495), café report, financial report/summary, investment schedule, and treasurer's report.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; McGreal, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Capasso reported on the following:

○ ISBE/LEGISLATIVE NEWS & COMMENTARY.

HB 691 & SB 318. These tax-capping measures would cost the District approximately \$478,000 (based on average new dollars/year) in property taxes. Final action on the House version has been delayed six (6) times.

Categoricals. 11 of 18 categories have now received payments in the current fiscal year. PC's loss in categorical revenue between FY11 and FY16 stands at ~\$1.7 Million; but proration in GSA and transportation has taken ~\$3.6 Million away from the District in that time frame.

Board member training. Board members were reminded of required training sessions on the Open Meetings Act, leadership issues, and Performance Evaluation Reform Act.

- INSTITUTE. The January 15 institute activities were reviewed. Teachers worked on student learner objectives (SLOs), which will become part of the student growth piece in teacher evaluations next year. Also, the PCHS staff was exposed to A.L.I.C.E. (crisis) training.
- MEADOWBROOK CLOSURE/ATTENDANCE CENTERS. The administrative team is engaged in assembling the staff for the new PK-4 configuration, and also in light of budget reductions in grades 7-12. The hope remains that a slate can be completed by February 1.
- TRANSPORTATION. The Board discussed the need to replace the aging fleet. It appears that the preferred method of renewing such a large number of buses is funding bonds. In the meantime, the Board expressed an interest in experimenting with alternative fuel engines. It asked Superintendent Capasso to look into the possibility of acquiring 2-3 propane-engine buses for this purpose. Some schools are moving to propane for the reason that agency/government incentives are available for vehicle and tank purchases and the operating cost of a propane fleet is estimated to be a 30% savings over diesel.

Discussion (Old Business)

Foundation

The Board favored the crafting of an agreement between the existing Prairie Lands Foundation and Prairie Central CUSD #8 in the formation of a sub-foundation for educational, athletic, and fine arts purposes. Superintendent Capasso will contact Prairie Lands chair David Hammer about a tentative agreement.

Discussion (New Business)

Calendar

The Board reviewed a tentative calendar for 2016-17. A committee of administrators and PCEA members must be assembled to refine the calendar before the Board can take final action.

Action - Old Business

None

Action – New Business

Fuel bid materials

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Austman that we authorize the attached bid materials for the purchase of bulk diesel fuel.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; McGreal, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

February meeting date

Moved by Dotterer and seconded by Steffen that we change the original regular Board of Education meeting date for February, 2016, to February 23.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; McGreal, 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 8:46 PM for purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)).
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; McGreal, 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 10:21 PM.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; McGreal, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Action on Personnel

To accept resignations from:

Name	Position/Site	Effective	Motion by	Second by	Voting							Result
					Austman	Dotterer	Haberkorn	McGreal	Slagel	Steffen	Steidinger	
Lisa Mayr	Café worker/ PCUE	1/21/16	Dotterer	Austman	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Carried

To appoint:

Jason Whitfill	Track coach/ PCJHS	2015-16	McGreal	Haberkorn	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Carried
Kelley Wescott	Assist baseball coach/PCHS	2015-16	Slagel	Steidinger	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Carried

General Action

To adjourn

Moved by Dotterer and seconded by McGreal that we adjourn at 10:29 PM.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; McGreal, yea; Slagel,
yea; Steffen, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

President

Secretary