

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

MAY 19, 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 MAY 19, 2016 AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT PATRICIA HABERKORN AT 7:03 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; TRISH PAULSON, MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

EMPLOYEES OR PCEA REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: PHYLLIS BELLOT AND ANGIE KRATOCHVIL

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 SLAGEL AND SECONDED BY DOTTERER THAT WE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 21, 2016 REGULAR MEETING AS PRESENTED.

VOTING: AUSTMAN, YEA; DOTTERER, YEA; HABERKORN, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; AND STEIDINGER, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY AUSTMAN THAT WE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MAY 13, 2016 SPECIAL 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 MCGREAL AND SECONDED BY SLAGEL 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, 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:

- o NEGOTIATIONS. THE BOARD AND PCEA REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT EXCHANGED POTENTIAL DATES FOR DISCUSSING JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND STIPENDS FOR GRADE/DEPARTMENT CHAIRS.

o LEGISLATIVE/ISBE.

STATE FUNDING.

HB 696. HB 696 WOULD CAP PROPERTY TAXES FOR NOT JUST THE TWO (2)-YEAR PERIOD ORIGINALLY PROPOSED, BUT INDEFINITELY. THE ONLY WAY A SCHOOL COULD RAISE ITS LEVY WOULD BE THROUGH REFERENDUM. THE HOUSE PASSED THE BILL, 71-31-5. THE MEASURE WOULD LIKELY COST THE DISTRICT ~\$230,250 PER YEAR (AVERAGE INCREASE IN TAX EXTENSION PER YEAR).

SB 231. THIS BILL, APPROVED BY THE SENATE 31-21-03, WOULD CREATE A COMPLEX FUNDING FORMULA FOR RE-DISTRIBUTING EXISTING MONIES. IT WOULD HELP SOME DISTRICTS AND HARM OTHERS, BUT THE “LOSERS” WOULD BE HELD HARMLESS FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN TRANSITION. AS WRITTEN, THE FORMULA TAKES \$386,134 AWAY FROM PC, BUT WOULD MAKE IT ELIGIBLE FOR HOLD-HARMLESS MONIES.

o FINANCE.

CATEGORICALS. PRAIRIE CENTRAL RECEIVED A THIRD PAYMENT, OF FOUR (4) SCHEDULED PAYMENTS, IN TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT IN APRIL, UNUSUAL IN RECENT HISTORY.

CSFT. SALES TAX MONIES HAVE BEEN STEADILY DISTRIBUTED. TO-DATE, PRAIRIE CENTRAL HAS RECEIVED \$1,644,594 AND SPENT \$1,048,238, WITH SEVERAL PROJECTS LINED UP FOR SUMMER: ROOF AT CHATSWORTH & TRACK RE-SURFACING AT PCHS.

BUDGET REVIEW. PROJECTED END BALANCES, BASED ON FINANCIAL ACTIVITY THROUGH 4/30/16, APPEAR TO BE CLOSE TO THE ORIGINAL BUDGET, INCLUDING A \$1 MILLION TRANSFER OF WORKING CASH TO THE EDUCATION FUND. IT LOOKS AT THIS POINT THAT \$100,000 THE BUDGETED \$400,000, WILL BE NEEDED FOR TRANSPORTATION, THANKS TO UNEXPECTED STATE REIMBURSEMENT.

EXTENSION/BOND CALCULATION. THE MCLEAN COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE MADE AN ERROR IN ITS CALCULATION OF THIS YEAR’S BOND EXTENSION, SHORTING THE EXTENSION BY ~\$225,500. THE CURRENT BALANCE IN THE BOND & INTEREST FUND IS SUFFICIENT TO MAKE THE YEAR’S PAYMENTS; HOWEVER, THE ERROR DOES NEED TO BE CORRECTED OVER TIME. THE BOARD DISCUSSED ITS OPTIONS IN COLLECTING.

o PROPOSED MAINTENANCE WORK. THE BOARD REVIEWED MAINTENANCE PROJECTS FOR THE SUMMER. THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRACT PROJECTS ARE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF SYSTEM AND THE WEST CONDENSATE PIPE AT PRIMARY-EAST AND THE RESURFACING OF THE PCHS TRACK.

o MEADOWBROOK/REORGANIZATION.

MOVE. SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT (INCL. FURNITURE) HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED FOR TRANSFER TO APPROPRIATE CENTERS. THE MOVE – COORDINATED BY MAINTENANCE CHIEF MIKE SCOTT – WILL TAKE PLACE JUNE 2, 3, AND 6.

ORIENTATION. STUDENTS HAVE VISITED THE SCHOOLS THEY WILL ATTEND NEXT YEAR. PARENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR THE BUILDINGS AND MEET TEACHERS ON AUGUST 15-16.

TRANSPORTATION. MAPS ARE BEING UPDATED FOR THE PLOTTING OF BUS ROUTES FOR THE NEW CONFIGURATION.

o OTHER.

END-OF-YEAR SCHEDULE.

MAY 26.

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

MAY 27.

LAST DAY FOR STAFF

RETIREMENT RECEPTION (9:30)/BRUNCH (10:30)

PCHS GRADUATION (7:00 PM, SEATING RESERVED FOR MEMBERS, SPOUSES)

YOUNG HEARTS FOR LIFE. RESULTS FROM 4/29/16 EVENT WERE SHARED WITH THE BOARD. 272 STUDENTS WERE SCREENED.

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

BUS BIDS

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, THE BOARD DECIDED TO RE-BID THE PROPANE BUSES IN ORDER TO SAMPLE TWO (2) DIFFERENT ENGINES/TRANSMISSIONS.

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

CROSS-COUNTRY

THE BOARD LEARNED THAT A REQUEST IS FORTHCOMING FOR THE FORMATION OF A CROSS-COUNTRY PROGRAM AT PCJHS.

ACTION - OLD BUSINESS

TO APPROVE POLICY

MOVED BY DOTTERER AND SECONDED BY SLAGEL THAT WE APPROVE ARTICLES 715.01 ("STUDENT BEHAVIOR"), 715.04 ("SUSPENSION"), 715.05 ("EXPULSION"), AND 730.5 ("STUDENT ATHLETE CONCUSSION AND HEAD INJURIES") (ATTACHED).
VOTING: AUSTMAN, YEA; DOTTERER, YEA; HABERKORN, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; AND STEIDINGER, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION – NEW BUSINESS

TO APPROVE WORKING CASH RESOLUTION

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY DOTTERER THAT WE APPROVE A RESOLUTION ON WORKING CASH LOANS FOR THE IMMEDIATE TRANSFER OF \$1 MILLION TO THE EDUCATION FUND. (ATTACHED).
VOTING: AUSTMAN, YEA; DOTTERER, YEA; HABERKORN, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; AND STEIDINGER, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

TO APPROVE COMMODITIES SUPPLIERS FOR 2016-17

MOVED BY AUSTMAN AND SECONDED BY DOTTERER THAT WE ACCEPT CLOVERLEAF FARMS AND AUNT MILLIE'S BAKERIES AS SUPPLIERS OF MILK AND BREAD, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL TERM.
VOTING: AUSTMAN, YEA; DOTTERER, YEA; HABERKORN, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; AND STEIDINGER, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

TO APPROVE PREVAILING WAGE RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY DOTTERER THAT WE APPROVE A RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE ON PREVAILING WAGE FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL TERM AS PER 820 ILCS 130/1 ET. SEQ. (ATTACHED).
VOTING: AUSTMAN, YEA; DOTTERER, YEA; HABERKORN, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; AND STEIDINGER, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

TO RETAIN AUDITOR

MOVED BY AUSTMAN AND SECONDED BY MCGREAL THAT WE RETAIN FLOYD AND ASSOCIATES, CPAs, TO PERFORM THE CERTIFIED AUDIT FOR FY16 AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$10,500.
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 STEFFEN THAT WE ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:36 PM FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF PERSONNEL; AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION UNDER THE AUSPICES OF 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1, 11).
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 9:35 PM.
VOTING: AUSTMAN, YEA; DOTTERER, YEA; HABERKORN, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; AND STEIDINGER, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION ON PERSONNEL, LITIGATION

TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS FROM:

NAME	POSITION/ SITE	EFFECTIVE	MOTION BY	SECOND BY	VOTING							RESULT	
					AUSTMAN	DOTTERER	HABERKORN	MCGREAL	SLAGEL	STEFFEN	STEIDINGER		
SONIA GRADBERG	GIRLS FRESHMEN BASKETBALL COACH/ PCHS	FOLLOWING 2015-16	HABERKORN	SLAGEL	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
KELLEY WESCOTT	GIRLS JV BASKETBALL COACH/ PCHS	FOLLOWING 2015-16	DOTTERER	AUSTMAN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
SHAWN NIX	BUS DRIVER/ DISTRICT	FOLLOWING 2015-16	STEFFEN	STEIDINGER	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
KAYLA LEITSCHUH	LIBRARIAN/ PCJHS	FOLLOWING 2015-16	MCGREAL	AUSTMAN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
AMBER BUSS	DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUC/ DISTRICT	JUNE 30, 2016	SLAGEL	STEIDINGER	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

TO APPOINT:

KIRK BRANDENBURG	HEAD FOOTBALL COACH/PCHS	2016-17	MCGREAL	DOTTERER	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
MARK PAYNE	PE & HEALTH TEACHER/ PCHS	2016-17	STEIDINGER	STEFFEN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

TO APPROVE OCR AGREEMENT

MOVED BY AUSTMAN AND SECONDED BY SLAGEL THAT WE APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AGREEMENT #05-16-1063 BETWEEN PRAIRIE CENTRAL CUSD #8 AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS (ATTACHED).
 VOTING: AUSTMAN, YEA; DOTTERER, YEA; HABERKORN, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; AND STEIDINGER, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

GENERAL ACTION

TO ADJOURN

MOVED BY DOTTERER AND SECONDED BY SLAGEL THAT WE ADJOURN AT 9:55 PM.
 VOTING: AUSTMAN, YEA; DOTTERER, YEA; HABERKORN, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; AND STEIDINGER, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

 PRESIDENT

 SECRETARY