

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

November 17, 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 November 17, 2015 and was called to order by Vice-President Mark Slagel at 7:05 PM (President Patricia Haberkorn arrived at 7:14 PM and assumed the chair) in the Prairie Central CUSD #8 Unit Office Conference Room.

Board members present: Jeffrey Austman, Jason Dotterer, Patricia Haberkorn (arrived 7:14 PM), Timothy McGreal, Mark Slagel, and Ann Steidinger

Board members absent: Corey Steffen

Administrators present: Dr. John Capasso, Superintendent; Daniel Casillas, Prairie Central High School Principal

Employees or PCEA present: Cheryl Hoffman, Chief of Business Operations; Angie Kratochvil, PCEA President; and Debbie Vaughan, PCEA representative

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 Dotterer that we approve minutes for the October 15, 2015 regular meeting as presented.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, abs; McGreal, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, abs; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To approve consent agenda Moved by Slagel and seconded by McGreal 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, abs; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Capasso reported on the following:

- STUDENT SUCCESSES. FFA judging teams returned from the National Convention in Louisville, KY, having achieved 2nd place in the nation in Dairy Cattle Management & Technology and Ag Sales, 4th in Forestry, 10th in Ag Technology & Mechanical Systems, and 12th in Meats Evaluation. Several students earned collegiate scholarships for their efforts. All participants and coaches were commended by the Board.
- ISBE/LEGISLATIVE NEWS & COMMENTARY.

House Bill 691/Senate Bill 318. These bills propose to limit property tax extensions to 0% in tax years 2016 and 2017. If enacted, Prairie Central will be unable to capture approximately \$478,000.

Alliance Report 10-23-15. The Alliance reported that there has been no movement by either the General Assembly or Gov. Rauner on the State budget for the current year. Capasso shared a spreadsheet on categoricals. Although General State Aid payments are being processed in a timely manner, owing to previous emergency legislation, the other categorical payments – e.g. special education, early childhood, and transportation – likely will not be until the budget is approved.

EdTPA. The ISBE has adopted EdTPA for those entering the teaching profession. It is a comprehensive exam which demands a display of teaching ability, including video teaching sequences. The added rigor is controversial: It may help weed out the mediocre; but it may also weed out the talented, who won't see such rigor translating into commensurate rewards.

o **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS.**

Curriculum council activity. The K-6 council is discussing web-based programs such as the Advanced Accelerated Reader (360) for reading enhancement; and Science Fusion (Houghton-Mifflin), National Geographic and Teach TCI to support Next Generation Science Standards. The 7-12 council is reviewing mathematics sequencing, and recommended the addition of a new math course for 2016-17, "Financial Algebra", as an alternative to Algebra II.

Assessment results. PARCC results were shared in raw form. A crude analysis suggested that 92.2% of all tested Prairie Central students, grades 3-11, fell on a continuum from "Partially Meeting Expectations" to "Exceeding Expectations" in English/language arts; and 93% fell on the same continuum in mathematics.

o **MEADOWBROOK.** Student placement, staffing, programming, logistics (movement of materials & equipment), and maintenance are considerations as the District approaches closing the building and forming attendance centers next year.

o **BUILDING/GROUNDS.** Capasso asked the Board to consider roof repair and heating system work at Chatsworth ahead of the reorganization.

Discussion (Old Business)

None

Discussion (New Business)

Boys & Girls Club, Chatsworth The Board discussed an announcement by the Boys & Girls Club of Prairie Central of its intentions to close the Chatsworth program on 12/31/15. The Board tacitly approved an allotment of \$10,000 from the Title I grant for the Boys & Girls Club to maintain the Chatsworth program until the end of the term.

Action - Old Business

To direct architect to write plans for Chatsworth roof, heating system work

Moved by Austman and seconded by Dotterer that we direct the school architect to write specification options for the repair/replacement of the roof and heating systems at Chatsworth Elementary School, approved life-safety projects.

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

Action – New Business

To approve tentative levy

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Austman that we

(a) Approve the 2015 tentative levy as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Educational Purposes	\$7,119,498
Operations, Building, and Maintenance Purposes	1,078,712
Transportation Purposes	431,485
Working Cash Fund Purposes	107,871
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Purposes	393,320
Tort Immunity Purposes	740,363
Fire Prevention, Safety, etc. Purposes	107,871
Special Education Purposes	86,297
Social Security Purposes	393,320
<u>Other: Lease Purposes</u>	<u>107,871</u>
Total	\$10,566,608 ; and

(b) Approve the attached Truth in Taxation Resolution as per 35 ILCS 200/18-65—85).

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

To add math course at PCHS

Moved by Austman and seconded by Dotterer that we add a course entitled “Financial Algebra” to the mathematics curriculum at Prairie Central High School beginning Fall, 2016.

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

To approve insurance benefit

Moved by McGreal and seconded by Slagel that we approve employee group health, dental, and life insurance renewals, administered as per Collective Bargaining Agreement, for calendar year 2016 as presented.

Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; McGreal, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, abs; 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 8:59 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, abs; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To return to open session

Moved by Dotterer and seconded by McGreal that we return to open session at 11:15 PM.

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

Action on Personnel

To accept resignations from:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Site</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Motion by</u>	<u>Second by</u>	<u>Voting</u>							<u>Result</u>
					<u>Austman</u>	<u>Dotterer</u>	<u>Haberkorn</u>	<u>McGreal</u>	<u>Slagel</u>	<u>Steffen</u>	<u>Steidinger</u>	
Diane Ahlemeyer	Para @ PCHS	End of 2015-16	Dotterer	Slagel	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Abs	Yea	Carried

To appoint:

Kerstyn Wescott	Track coach/ @PCJHS	2015-16	McGreal	Haberkorn	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Abs	Yea	Carried
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Derek Kessinger	Auxiliary boys basketball coach @PCHS	2015-16 season	Austman	Slagel	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Abs	Yea	Carried
Matthew Lamber	Sub soc studies teacher @ PCHS	12/14/15 + 6 weeks	Haberkorn	Steidinger	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Abs	Yea	Carried
Brianna Berg	Bus monitor	2015-16	Slagel	McGreal	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Abs	Yea	Carried

To grant medical leaves for:

Allison Kaisner	2 nd grade teacher @WVE	1/4/16-3/29/16	Steidinger	Dotterer	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Abs	Yea	Carried
Andrew Quain	Soc studies teacher @ PCHS	12/14/15 + 6 weeks	Slagel	Austman	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Abs	Yea	Carried
Julie Hutchins	Bus monitor	1/4/16-1/29/16	Haberkorn	Dotterer	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Abs	Yea	Carried

General Action

To adjourn

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Dotterer that we adjourn at 11:18 PM.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; McGreal, yea; Slagel, yea; Steffen, abs; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

President

Secretary

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

School Business Services Division
217/785-8779

Original: TENT
Amended:

CERTIFICATE OF TAX LEVY

A copy of this Certificate of Tax Levy shall be filed with the County Clerk of each county in which the school district is located on or before the last Tuesday of December.

District Name PRAIRIE CENTRAL	District Number 0--8	County LIVINGSTON
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Amount of Levy

Educational	\$	<u>7,119,498</u>	Fire Prevention & Safety *	\$	<u>107,871</u>
Operations & Maintenance	\$	<u>1,078,712</u>	Tort Immunity	\$	<u>740,363</u>
Transportation	\$	<u>431,485</u>	Special Education	\$	<u>86,297</u>
Working Cash	\$	<u>107,871</u>	Leasing	\$	<u>107,871</u>
Municipal Retirement	\$	<u>393,320</u>	Other	\$	<u> </u>
Social Security	\$	<u>393,320</u>	Other	\$	<u> </u>
			Total Levy	\$	<u>10,566,608</u>

* Includes Fire Prevention, Safety, Energy Conservation, Disabled Accessibility, School Security, and Specified Repair Purposes.

See explanation on reverse side.

Note: Any district proposing to adopt a levy must comply with the provisions set forth in the Truth in Taxation Law.

We hereby certify that we require:

the sum of 7,119,498 dollars to be levied as a special tax for educational purposes; and
 the sum of 1,078,712 dollars to be levied as a special tax for operations and maintenance purposes; and
 the sum of 431,485 dollars to be levied as a special tax for transportation purposes; and
 the sum of 107,871 dollars to be levied as a special tax for a working cash fund; and
 the sum of 393,320 dollars to be levied as a special tax for municipal retirement purposes; and
 the sum of 393,320 dollars to be levied as a special tax for social security purposes; and
 the sum of 107,871 dollars to be levied as a special tax for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security and specified repair purposes; and
 the sum of 740,363 dollars to be levied as a special tax for tort immunity purposes; and
 the sum of 86,297 dollars to be levied as a special tax for special education purposes; and
 the sum of 107,871 dollars to be levied as a special tax for leasing of educational facilities or computer technology or both, and temporary relocation expense purposes; and
 the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for _____; and
 the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for _____
 on the taxable property of our school district for the year _____.

Signed this 17th day of November 2015 .

Patricia Haberkorn
(President)

Ann Steidinger
(Clerk or Secretary of the School Board of Said School District)

When any school is authorized to issue bonds, the school board shall file a certified copy of the resolution in the office of the county clerk of each county in which the district is situated to provide for the issuance of the bonds and to levy a tax to pay for them. The county clerk shall extend the tax for bonds and interest as set forth in the certified copy of the resolution, each year during the life of the bond issue. Therefore to avoid a possible duplication of tax levies, the school board should not include a levy for bonds and interest in the district's annual tax levy.

Number of bond issues of said school district that have not been paid in full 2 .

(Detach and Return to School District)

This is to certify that the Certificate of Tax Levy for School District No. 8 , Livingston County, Illinois, on the equalized assessed value of all taxable property of said school district for the year 2015 , was filed in the office of the County Clerk of this County on _____ .

In addition to an extension of taxes authorized by levies made by the Board of Education (Directors), an additional extension(s) will be made, as authorized by resolution(s) on file in this office, to provide funds to retire bonds and pay interest thereon.

The total levy, as provided in the original resolution(s), for said purposes for the year 2015 , is \$ Old PC #8
\$100,000
All PC #8
\$1,435,450 .

(Signature of County Clerk)

(Date)

(County)

**RESOLUTION REGARDING ESTIMATED AMOUNTS
TO BE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2015**

WHEREAS, the *Truth in Taxation Law* (35 ILCS) requires that all taxing districts in the State of Illinois determine the estimated amounts of taxes necessary to be levied for the year not less than 20 days prior to the official adoption of the aggregate tax levy of the district; and

WHEREAS, if the estimated aggregate amount necessary to be levied, exclusive of election costs and bond and interest costs, exceeds 105% of the aggregate amount of property taxes extended or estimated to be extended, including any amount abated by the taxing district prior to such extension, upon the levy of the preceding year, public notice shall be given and a public hearing shall be held on the district's intent to adopt a tax levy in an amount which is more than 105% of such extension or estimated extension for the preceding year; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate amount of property taxes extended or estimated to be extended for 2014 was:

Educational Purposes	\$6,782,845
Operations, Building, and Maintenance Purposes	1,027,704
Transportation Purposes	411,081
Working Cash Fund Purposes	102,770
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Purposes	373,818
Tort Immunity Purposes	703,643
Fire Prevention, Safety, Environmental, and Energy Conservation Purposes	102,770
Special Education Purposes	82,216
Social Security Purposes	373,818
<u>Other: Lease Purposes</u>	<u>102,770</u>
Total	\$10,063,435

; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined that the estimated amounts of money necessary to be raised by taxation for the year 2015 upon the taxable property of the district are as follows:

Educational Purposes	\$7,119,498
Operations, Building, and Maintenance Purposes	1,078,712
Transportation Purposes	431,485
Working Cash Fund Purposes	107,871
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Purposes	393,320
Tort Immunity Purposes	740,363
Fire Prevention, Safety, Environmental, and Energy Conservation Purposes	107,871
Special Education Purposes	86,297
Social Security Purposes	393,320
<u>Other: Lease Purposes</u>	<u>107,871</u>
Total	\$10,566,608

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education, Prairie Central Community

Unit School District No. 8, Counties of Livingston, McLean, and Ford, State of Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: The aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for the year 2015 is **\$10,566,608**.

Section 2: The aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for the year 2015 DOES NOT EXCEED 105% of the taxes extended by the district in the year 2014.

Section 3: In light of Section 2 above, the provisions of Section 18-65 through 18-85 of the *Truth in Taxation Law* (35 ILCS 200/18-65 through 18-85) DO NOT APPLY to the adoption of the 2015 aggregate levy, and the district IS NOT REQUIRED to publish notice of or conduct a hearing thereon.

Section 4: This resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its passage.

ADOPTED this 17th day of November, 2015.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8
COUNTIES OF LIVINGSTON, MCLEAN,
AND FORD
STATE OF ILLINOIS

By: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH
THE TRUTH IN TAXATION LAW**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am President of the Board of Education of Prairie Central Community Unit School District No. 8, Counties of Livingston, McLean, and Ford, State of Illinois; and

I do further certify that the Board of Education of said district adopted a "Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts to be Levied for the Year 2015" at a specially-convened meeting held on the 17th day of November, 2015, said date being at least 20 days preceding the adoption of the aggregate tax levy of the district; and

I do further certify that the estimated amount of taxes necessary to be levied for the year 2015, and the aggregate levy of the district for 2015 as adopted, DID NOT EXCEED 105% of the amount of taxes extended or estimated to be extended, exclusive of election costs and bond and interest costs, and including any amount abated prior to such extension, upon the levy of the district for 2014, such that the provisions of Sections 18-65 through 18-85 of the *Truth in Taxation Law* (35 ILCS 200/18-65 through 18-85) WERE NOT APPLICABLE to the adoption of said 2015 aggregate levy.

PRESIDENT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8
COUNTIES OF LIVINGSTON, MCLEAN,
AND FORD
STATE OF ILLINOIS