



BOARD MEETING REPORT

6/17/16

PRAIRIE CENTRAL CUSD #8

DR. JOHN CAPASSO, SUPERINTENDENT

THE BOARD . . .

RECOGNIZED THE ATTENDANCE OF

»BOARD MEMBERS PATRICIA HABERKORN, TIMOTHY MCGREAL, MARK SLAGEL, COREY STEFFEN, AND ANN STEIDINGER.

»ADMINISTRATOR JOHN CAPASSO (SUPERINTENDENT).

»CITIZEN BRAD STEIDINGER.

»PRESS REPRESENTATIVE KENT CASSON (*THE BLADE*).

TOOK GENERAL ACTION

»TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF ITS MAY 19, 2016 REGULAR MEETING AND THE MAY 27, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING.

»TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH INCLUDED AN ACTIVITY FUND REPORT, BILLS (CURRENT/INTERIM), BOOSTER PROPOSALS, A CAFETERIA REPORT, A FINANCIAL REPORT, A FINANCIAL SUMMARY, AN INVESTMENT SCHEDULE, AND A TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECOGNIZED PUBLIC AND PRE-ARRANGED VISITOR'S COMMENT FROM

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HEARD THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND LEARNED (OR WAS REMINDED) THAT

LEGISLATIVE/ISBE

»FUNDING. SEVERAL BILLS, IF ENACTED, WOULD AFFECT SCHOOL FUNDING:

<u>BILL</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION (WOULD . . .)</u>	<u>EFFECT ON PC</u>
SB 231	WEIGHT GSA ACCORDING TO NEED	- \$381,500
HB 3190	" (+CPS PENSIONS)	- ???
HB 106	ELEVATE FOUNDATION THROUGH TRANSACTION TAX	+\$5.8 MILLION
HB 696	APPLY PTELL (FREEZE PROPERTY VALUES) FOR TAX YEARS 2016 AND 2017	- \$230,250
SB 318	APPLY PTELL (FREEZE PROPERTY VALUES) INDEFINITELY	- \$230,250

IN ADDITION, TWO MEASURES TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FOR SCHOOLS WHILE STATE BUDGET DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE WERE DEFEATED. IN THE EVENT THERE IS NO STATE FUNDING NEXT YEAR, PRAIRIE CENTRAL COULD OPERATE UNTIL



FEBRUARY, AND THEN WOULD BE FACED WITH THE DECISION TO CLOSE FOR THE YEAR OR ISSUE EMERGENCY FUNDING BONDS, ISSUE TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANTS, OR ESTABLISH A LINE OF CREDIT WITH LOCAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS.

»CATEGORICALS. VERY LITTLE MONEY WAS RECEIVED IN MAY, PRINCIPALLY GSA.

BUDGET

»BUDGET REVIEW. PROJECTED END BALANCES, BASED ON FINANCIAL ACTIVITY THROUGH 5/31/16, REMAIN CLOSE TO THE ORIGINAL BUDGET. AT THIS POINT, IT IS APPARENT THAT \$1.1 MILLION IN WORKING CASH WILL BE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDS.

»OPEN LETTER TO CHENOANS. A LETTER WAS SENT TO CHENOA TAXPAYERS REGARDING THE BOND RATE FOR THE COMING YEAR. MCLEAN COUNTY MISAPPLIED THE NEW BOND LEVIES, GIVING CHENOA/MCLEAN PEOPLE A YEAR'S HIATUS FROM A 75-CENT RATE. THE DOWN SIDE IS THAT THE AMOUNT WILL HAVE TO BE MADE UP OVER THE ENSUING TWO TAX YEARS.

MAINTENANCE

»PROJECTS. THE SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS ARE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF SYSTEM AND AN UNDERGROUND CONDENSATE PIPE AT PC PRIMARY-EAST (CW); THE INSTALLATION OF A SECOND SET OF SECURITY DOORS AT PCE (WV); AND THE RESURFACING OF THE TRACK AND THE REPLACEMENT OF GYM EXHAUST FANS @PCHS. THE LATTER HAS BEEN PROPOSED @ \$21,520 BY POPEJOY.

TECHNOLOGY

»COMPUTER REPLACEMENT. AN ASSESSMENT HAS GENERATED A LIST OF NEEDED EQUIPMENT. PC WILL NEED TO REPLACE ALL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER LAPTOPS AND SEVERAL LAPTOP MOBILE LABS. THE FAVORED DEVICE IS THE CHROMEBOOK. ADDITIONALLY, WITH THE REORGANIZATION, SMARTBOARDS WILL BE NEEDED. FEDERAL GRANTS AND CSFT MONIES WILL BE USED.

»CIRBN TOWER DAMAGE. THE CHENOA CIRBN TOWER ABSORBED A LIGHTNING STRIKE A FEW DAYS AGO, CANCELLING THE INTERNET SIGNAL DISTRICT-WIDE. ESTIMATES ARE FOR RESTORATION BY WEEK'S END.

MEADOWBROOK/REORGANIZATION

»ORIENTATION. MEET-THE-TEACHER NIGHTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 15 AND 16.

»MOVE. ALL ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE, AND SUPPLIES WERE MOVED ON JUNE 2, 3, AND 6. TECHNOLOGY ISSUES ARE BEING ADDRESSED. THE NEXT STEPS ARE CLEANING AND ASSEMBLING CLASSROOMS.

»TRANSPORTATION. A PLOTTING OF ROUTES IS FORTHCOMING.

TRANSPORTATION

»PROPANE-POWERED BUSES. SPECS HAVE BEEN RE-WRITTEN FOR TWO (2) DIFFERENT PROPANE ENGINE/TRANSPORTATION COMBINATIONS. BIDS ARE DUE ON AUGUST 8.



EXECUTIVE SEARCH

»SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH. THE IASB CONDUCTS SEARCHES FOR SUPERINTENDENTS. THE BOARD CAN ALSO CONDUCT ITS OWN SEARCH. A SPECIAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO DECIDE THE APPROACH TO REPLACING THE RETIRING SUPERINTENDENT FOR 2017-18.

CONDUCTED/CONSIDERED OLD BUSINESS, BY

»APPROVING THE FINAL DRAFT OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ACCESS TO PRAIRIE CENTRAL SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY.

CONDUCTED/CONSIDERED NEW BUSINESS, BY

»APPROVING A MEETING CALENDAR FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR.

»AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO PREPARE A TENTATIVE FY17 BUDGET.

»APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 703 OF THE BOARD POLICY MANUAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF THE OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS.

»APPROVING CHANGES IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR 2016-17.

»CONDUCTING A FIRST READING OF THE PK-6 STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR 2016-17.

»CONDUCTING A FIRST READING OF ITS GOALS FOR 2016-17.

HELD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSES (EXCEPTIONS TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT) OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL AND STUDENT PLACEMENT; AND, FOLLOWING, MADE DECISIONS TO

»ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF **BRIAN HASSETT** AS A PE/DRIVERS EDUCATION TEACHER @ PCHS, EFFECTIVE AT THE CLOSE OF THE 2015-16 SCHOOL TERM; AND **DANIEL CASILLAS** AS PRINCIPAL @ PCHS, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016.

»TRANSFER **BARB ZIMMERMAN** TO THE POSITION OF LIBRARIAN @ PCJHS.

»RECALL **KRISTEN HINZ** AS A LANGUAGE ARTS AND SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER @ PCJHS.

»APPOINT **KELLY JONES, SARAH COX, KATIE RICKETTS, AND KIM HASTY** AS SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS FOR THE 2015-16 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR TERM; AND **PHYLLIS BELLOTT, CELINA STEPHANSKI, AND CINDY FRICKEY** AS PARAPROFESSIONALS FOR THE 2015-16 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR TERM; AND **AMANDA STENGER** AS A SCIENCE TEACHER @ PCHS.

»APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF A CHILD TO PRIMARY WEST (CHENOA) FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL TERM.

TOOK GENERAL ACTION TO

»ADJOURN AT 11:10 PM.