



# BOARD MEETING REPORT

5/20/16

## PRAIRIE CENTRAL CUSD #8

DR. JOHN CAPASSO, SUPERINTENDENT

### THE BOARD . . .

#### RECOGNIZED THE ATTENDANCE OF

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

»ADMINISTRATORS, JOHN CAPASSO (SUPERINTENDENT); AND TRISH PAULSON (MEADOWBROOK PRINCIPAL).

»EMPLOYEES ANGIE KRATOCHVIL AND PHYLLIS BELLOT (PCEA REPRESENTATIVES).

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

#### TOOK GENERAL ACTION

»TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF ITS APRIL 21, 2016 REGULAR MEETING AND THE MAY 13, 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.

SENATE BILL 231, RECENTLY PASSED BY THE SENATE, WOULD NOT BE FAVORABLE TO PRAIRIE CENTRAL. ALTHOUGH THE DISTRICT WOULD BE HELD HARMLESS FOR SEVERAL YEARS, ITS ALLOTMENT WOULD BE DECREASED BY \$386,134.

HOUSE BILL 696, PASSED BY THE HOUSE, WOULD FREEZE PROPERTY TAXES INDEFINITELY, RATHER THAN FOR THE TWO (2) YEARS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED. APRIL WAS A BETTER MONTH FOR CATEGORICAL PAYMENTS: PC RECEIVED >\$1 MILLION, INCLUDING THIRD REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS IN TRANSPORTATION FOR BOTH REGULAR AND SPECIAL EDUCATION.

THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ANNOUNCED RECENTLY IT HAD OVER-DISTRIBUTED CORPORATE PERSONAL PROPERTY REPLACEMENT TAXES TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD AND THE MONEY MUST BE RETURNED BY SOME MEANS. PRAIRIE CENTRAL'S OVERPAYMENT WAS \$97,000 OVER THREE YEARS.

#### *FINANCE*

»BUDGET REVIEW. PROJECTED END BALANCES, BASED ON FINANCIAL ACTIVITY THROUGH 4/30/16, APPEAR TO BE CLOSE TO THE ORIGINAL BUDGET, PERHAPS A LITTLE BETTER THAN EXPECTED IN TRANSPORTATION. THE BUDGETED \$1 MILLION WORKING CASH TRANSFER TO THE EDUCATION FUND WILL NEED TO TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY, BUT IT LOOKS AT THIS POINT THAT \$100,000, RATHER THAN THE BUDGETED \$400,000 WC TRANSFER WILL BE NEEDED FOR TRANSPORTATION. BOTH FUNDS ARE HEAVILY RELIANT ON STATE MONIES.

»EXTENSION/BOND CALCULATION. THE OPERATING EXTENSION FOR FY17 SHOWS AN AGGREGATE INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR OF NEARLY \$300,000. THE MCLEAN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE ERRED IN ITS CALCULATION OF THE BOND LEVY, HOWEVER. AS A RESULT, THE EXTENSION IS ~\$225,000 SHORT OF THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE BOND PAYMENTS. THE GOOD NEWS IS TWO-FOLD: THE BOND & INTEREST FUND CARRIES A BALANCE SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE SHORTFALL, AND CHENOA/MCLEAN COUNTY RESIDENTS WILL GET A YEAR'S REPRIEVE ON THE 75-CENT BOND RATE. THE BAD NEWS, FOR THESE SAME PEOPLE, IS THAT THESE DOLLARS MUST STILL BE COLLECTED. THE BOARD WILL ASK MCLEAN TO SPLIT THE RATE AND COLLECT THE AMOUNT OWED OVER TWO (2) TAX YEARS, INSTEAD OF ONE (1). THEREFORE, CHENOA/MCLEAN COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS CAN EXPECT THEIR BOND RATES TO INCREASE BY THE .75 PLUS HALF-AGAIN THAT NUMBER, OR \$1.12, IN EACH OF THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

#### *SUMMER MAINTENANCE*

»LIFE-SAFETY PROJECTS. THE BOARD HAS AUTHORIZED A NUMBER OF PROJECTS FOR THE COMING SUMMER; AMONG THEM, 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); THE RESURFACING OF THE TRACK AND THE REPLACEMENT OF ALL FOUR GYM EXHAUST FANS @PCHS; AND CARPETING/FLOOR TILE REPLACEMENT AT PCJHS. THE MAIN FOCUS OF ATTENTION THIS SUMMER WILL BE THE MOVEMENT OF CLASSROOMS, SUPPLIES, AND EQUIPMENT AHEAD OF THE REORGANIZATION INTO CENTERS.

#### *MEADOWBROOK/REORGANIZATION*

»ORIENTATION. STUDENTS HEADING FOR ONE OF THE PRIMARIES OR PCE NEXT YEAR HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR THEIR NEW SCHOOLS. PARENTS WILL BE ABLE TO TOUR AND MEET TEACHERS BEFORE STUDENT ATTENDANCE IN THE FALL, WHEN ALL ROOMS ARE ASSEMBLED.

»MOVE. THE FINISHING TOUCHES HAVE BEEN PUT ON MOVING PLANS. ESSENTIALLY, ALL MOVING WILL TAKE PLACE IN EARLY JUNE. WHEN IT IS TIME FOR ROOMS TO BE ASSEMBLED, TEACHERS WILL BE CONTACTED TO PARTICIPATE. MR. SCOTT WILL DIRECT THE MOVE WITH A CREW OF CUSTODIANS, AND MR. TETLEY WILL GUIDE THE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS. WE HOPE, BY EARLY JULY, TO BE CALLING TEACHERS FOR CONSULTATION.

»TRANSPORTATION. MAPS ARE UPDATED FOR THE PLOTTING OF BUS ROUTES.

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»YOUNG HEARTS FOR LIFE. THE YH4L PROJECT ATTRACTED 272 PCHS STUDENTS FOR HEART SCREENINGS ON APRIL 29, CONSTITUTING 45% OF THE TOTAL STUDENT POPULATION. EKGs, ADMINISTERED WITH THE HELP OF LOCAL VOLUNTEERS, WERE EVALUATED BY EXPERIENCED CARDIOLOGISTS AND ECHO-TECHNICIANS FROM ADVOCATE-BROMENN.

CONDUCTED/CONSIDERED OLD BUSINESS, BY

»APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO POLICY ARTICLES ON STUDENT CONCUSSION PROTOCOL; AND STUDENT BEHAVIOR, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, AND ACCOMPANYING REVISIONS TO THE PCHS STUDENT HANDBOOK IN THE WAKE OF SENATE BILL 100.

»TABLING ITS DECISION ON PURCHASING TWO (2) SCHOOL BUSES. THE BOARD REJECTED ALL BIDS ON PROPANE-POWERED BUSES AND WILL WRITE SPECS IN ORDER TO SAMPLE TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF PROPANE VEHICLES.

CONDUCTED/CONSIDERED NEW BUSINESS, BY

»APPROVING A RESOLUTION ON THE TRANSFER OF WORKING CASH MONIES TO THE EDUCATION FUND. THE BOARD ANTICIPATES A LOAN OF \$1 MILLION.

»ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF CLOVERLEAF FARMS AND AUNT MILLIE'S BAKERY FOR THE SUPPLY OF MILK AND BREAD, RESPECTIVELY, FOR 2016-17.

»APPROVING AN ANNUAL RESOLUTION ON PREVAILING WAGE.

»RETAINING FLOYD AND ASSOCIATES AS AUDITORS FOR FY16, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$10,500.

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

»ACCEPT, EFFECTIVE AT THE CLOSE OF THE CURRENT SCHOOL TERM, THE RESIGNATIONS OF **SONIA GRADBERG** AND **KELLEY WESCOTT**, AS GIRLS BASKETBALL COACHES @ PCHS; **SHAWN NIX**, AS A DISTRICT BUS DRIVER; **KAYLA LEITSCHUH**, AS LIBRARIAN @ PCJHS; **AMBER BUSS**, AS DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION; AND **PAUL MEISTER**, AS A SCIENCE TEACHER @ PCHS.

»APPOINT, FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL TERM, **MARK PAYNE**, AS A PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER @ PCHS; **KIRK BRANDENBURG**, AS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH @ PCHS; AND **BRET JOHNSON**, AS AUXILIARY GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH @ PCHS.

»APPROVE A RESOLUTION AGREEMENT FOR REMEDIAL MEASURES WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS.

TOOK GENERAL ACTION TO

»ADJOURN AT 9:55 PM.