

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

JANUARY 19, 2017

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 19, 2017 AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT PATRICIA HABERKORN AT 7:00 PM IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL 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, BRAD BEYERS

CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES PRESENT: CHERYL HOFFMAN, PAMELA WEEKS

EMPLOYEES OR PCEA REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: BECKY BOUNDS, ZACH CORRIE, CINDY IFFT, ANGIE KRATOCHVIL, CHARISSE PRICE, KAY SHOLS, SARAH STEFFEN, AND SCOTT WILLI

STUDENTS PRESENT: NONE

GUESTS PRESENT: BRIAN PLENERT

PRESS PRESENT: KENT CASSON, *THE BLADE*

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE

NONE

GENERAL ACTION

TO APPROVE MINUTES

DATE	MEETING TYPE	MOTION	SECOND	VOTING							RESULT
				AUSTMAN	DOTTERER	HABERKORN	MCGREAL	SLAGEL	STEFFEN	STEIDINGER	
12/15/16	REGULAR	DOTTERER	SLAGEL	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSTAIN	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
12/19/16	SPECIAL	STEFFEN	AUSTMAN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
12/20/16	SPECIAL	SLAGEL	MCGREAL	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
12/28/16	SPECIAL	AUSTMAN	STEFFEN	ABSTAIN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY AUSTMAN THAT WE APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH INCLUDES: ACTIVITY FUND REPORT, BILLS (CURRENT AND INTERIM, AS AMENDED), BOOSTER PROPOSALS, CAFÉ REPORT, FINANCIAL REPORT/SUMMARY, INVESTMENT SCHEDULE, SALES TAX (CSFT) REPORT, 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/LEGAL.

CATEGORICALS. AS OF DECEMBER 31, PRAIRIE CENTRAL 31% OF ITS EXPECTED STATE/FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT, 95% OF WHICH IS GENERAL STATE AID. THE DISTRICT HAS RECEIVED NO GRANT PAYMENTS, SPECIAL EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT, OR TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT.

ALLIANCE LEGISLATIVE REPORT. IN EARLY JANUARY, A "LAME DUCK" ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE HATCHED A BUDGET PLAN, THE FOLLOWING PORTIONS OF WHICH WOULD AFFECT PUBLIC SCHOOLS: A PROPERTY TAX FREEZE (~\$260K/YEAR FOR PC), AN INCOME TAX INCREASE, THE EXPANSION OF GAMBLING, A PROCESS FOR SCHOOLS TO WAIVE CERTAIN (COSTLY) MANDATES, A PENSION COST-SHIFT TO MEMBERS & SCHOOLS, AND A RECOMMENDATION TO BORROW MONEY IN ORDER TO PAY DOWN A \$10 BILLION BACKLOG OF BILLS.

MAINTENANCE. THE ROE RECENTLY CONDUCTED A LIFE-SAFETY WALK-THROUGH, CITING A HANDFUL OF COMPLIANCE ISSUES, MOSTLY MINOR: FIRE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS, APPROPRIATE EMERGENCY LIGHTING, AND A FIRE ALARM APPARATUS IN THE PCHS GREENHOUSE.

REORGANIZATION/CENTERS. THE BOARD ACCEPTED AN ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION TO HOLD A THIRD, AND FINAL, SALE OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE AT MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY ON THE SAME DAY AS THE FORREST VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE IN THE SPRING.

TRANSPORTATION. THE BOARD HEARD A TROUBLING REPORT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE TWO (2) NEW, PROPANE-POWERED BUSES. DRIVERS AND COORDINATOR PAM WEEKS REVIEWED A NUMBER OF MECHANICAL PROBLEMS, THE RETURN OF BOTH VEHICLES (INTERNATIONAL AND BLUE BIRD) TO THE RESPECTIVE FACTORIES FOR ADJUSTMENTS, AND EXTREMELY POOR GAS MILEAGE (3.5 MPG), LEADING TO FREQUENT REFUELING FOR IN-DISTRICT ROUTES. THE BOARD ASKED THAT A MEETING TO DISCUSS OPTIONS BE SET UP WITH REPS OF THE TWO VENDORS AND DRIVERS, COORDINATOR, SUPERINTENDENT, AND THE BOARD TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

TECHNOLOGY. E-RATE IS A FEDERAL PROGRAM CREATED TO HELP SCHOOLS DEVELOP LIBRARY SEARCH CAPABILITIES AND EXPAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AS TECHNOLOGY HAS EVOLVED AND BECOME A MORE INTEGRAL PART OF EDUCATION, E-RATE'S PRIORITIES HAVE SHIFTED FROM PHONES AND FAX MACHINES TO INTERNET SERVICE AND BROAD-BAND INFRASTRUCTURE. BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS, COORDINATOR TETLEY RECEIVED WORD THAT A \$96,000 INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN HAD BEEN APPROVED AT 70% FEDERAL REBATE. THUS, THE DISTRICT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR \$28,800 OF THIS SUBSTANTIAL PROJECT.

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR. THE BOARD ASKED THAT ITS FEBRUARY AND MARCH MEETINGS TO CHANGE TO THE 21ST AND THE 14TH, RESPECTIVELY.

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

CURRICULUM PROPOSAL. SCOTT WILLI AND CINDY IFFT, PCHS P.E. INSTRUCTORS, FORMALLY REQUESTED THAT P.E. GRADES BE INCLUDED IN OVER-ALL GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA). FOLLOWING AN INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION, THE BOARD TABLED THE QUESTION TO ITS NEXT MEETING (PROCEDURAL), BUT EXPRESSED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL.

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

AMENDMENTS TO POLICY ARTICLES 200, SCHOOL BOARD - SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE; 215.02, SCHOOL BOARD - SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS; 246, SCHOOL BOARD - BOARD MEMBER DEVELOPMENT; 280, SCHOOL BOARD - BOARD MEMBER EXPENSES; AND 525, GENERAL PERSONNEL - ABUSED & NEGLECTED CHILD REPORTING

ACTION - OLD BUSINESS

TO APPROVE POLICY

MOVED BY DOTTERER AND SECONDED BY AUSTMAN THAT WE APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES 729, STUDENTS - SUICIDE AND DEPRESSION AWARENESS AND PREVENTION; AND 729-AP, STUDENTS - (ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE) RESOURCE GUIDE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SUICIDE AND DEPRESSION AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM.

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

ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

TO PURCHASE FUEL

MOVED BY MCGREAL AND SECONDED BY SLAGEL THAT WE AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF 60,000 GALLONS OF 2% BIO-DIESEL FUEL FROM KEN'S OIL

SERVICE AT A PRICE OF \$2.04⁴ PER GALLON.

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 9:15 PM FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF PERSONNEL UNDER THE AUSPICES OF 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 11:22 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:

VOTING

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/ SITE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>MOTION BY</u>	<u>SECOND BY</u>	<u>AUSTMAN</u>	<u>DOTTERER</u>	<u>HABERKORN</u>	<u>MCGREAL</u>	<u>SLAGEL</u>	<u>STEFFEN</u>	<u>STEIDINGER</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
JESSICA BIGGER	K TEACHER/ PRIM-E	END OF TERM	SLAGEL	DOTTERER	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
PAMELA WOODS	SPEC ED TEACHER/ PCJHS	2/3/17	STEFFEN	HABERKORN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

TO APPOINT:

VOTING

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/ SITE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>MOTION BY</u>	<u>SECOND BY</u>	<u>AUSTMAN</u>	<u>DOTTERER</u>	<u>HABERKORN</u>	<u>MCGREAL</u>	<u>SLAGEL</u>	<u>STEFFEN</u>	<u>STEIDINGER</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
MOLLY CAGLEY	ASSIST SOFTBALL COACH/PCHS	2016-17 TERM	STEIDINGER	SLAGEL	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
JORDAN SPANGLER	AUX BOYS BASKETBALL COACH/PCHS	2016-17 SEASON	AUSTMAN	MCGREAL	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
NORMALYNNE BASHFORD	BUS DRIVER/DIST	2016-17 TERM	HABERKORN	STEIDINGER	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
BONNIE SECHREST	PARA/PCHS (OFF LEAVE)	2016-17 TERM	DOTTERER	AUSTMAN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
TRICIA STEIDINGER	BUS MONITOR/DIST	2016-17 TERM	MCGREAL	STEFFEN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

TO EXTEND LEAVE

MOVED BY HABERKORN AND SECONDED BY STEIDINGER THAT WE EXTEND THE HEALTH-RELATED LEAVE FOR MELISSA GRANT UNTIL MARCH 10, 2017.
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 STEFFEN THAT WE ADJOURN AT 11:27 PM.
VOTING: AUSTMAN, YEA; DOTTERER, YEA; HABERKORN, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; AND STEIDINGER, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY