

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

JULY 21, 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 JULY 21, 2016 AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT PATRICIA HABERKORN AT 7:01 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/COORDINATORS
PRESENT: DR. JOHN CAPASSO, SUPERINTENDENT; BRAD BEYERS, PCHS PRINCIPAL;
CHRISTOPHER HARPER (AND FAMILY), PCHS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR-DESIGNATE;
JONI BESGROVE, FOOD SERVICES COORDINATOR; PAM WEEKS, TRANSPORTATION
COORDINATOR

EMPLOYEES OR PCEA
REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: NONE

STUDENTS PRESENT: NONE

GUESTS PRESENT: NONE

PRESS PRESENT: KENT CASSON, *THE BLADE*

PUBLIC COMMENT
NONE

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE

BRAD BEYERS: MR. BEYERS THANKED THE BOARD FOR APPOINTING HIM PRINCIPAL OF PCHS AND PROMISED HIS DEDICATION TO QUALITY LEADERSHIP; AND INTRODUCED MR. HARPER AS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR-DESIGNATE (APPOINTED FORMALLY LATER IN THE MEETING)

CHRISTOPHER HARPER MR. HARPER GREETED THE BOARD AND INTRODUCED HIS WIFE AND CHILD; ALSO ASSURED MEMBERS OF HIS DEDICATION TO HIS NEW ROLE AS AD

GENERAL ACTION

TO APPROVE MINUTES MOVED BY SLAGEL AND SECONDED BY MCGREAL THAT WE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 16, 2016 REGULAR MEETING AS PRESENTED.
VOTING: AUSTMAN, ABSTAIN; DOTTERER, ABSTAIN; HABERKORN, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; AND STEIDINGER, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY SLAGEL AND SECONDED BY AUSTMAN THAT WE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 21, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING AS PRESENTED.
VOTING: AUSTMAN, YEA; DOTTERER, ABSTAIN; HABERKORN, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; AND STEIDINGER, YEA. MOTION 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), 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 LEGISLATION/COMMENTARY

ASSESSMENT. ILLINOIS WILL ADMINISTER THE SAT (@ ISBE EXPENSE) TO HIGH SCHOOLERS IN 2016-17, AND NOT PARCC. PARCC WILL BE CONTINUED IN GRADES 3-8.

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STATE FUNDING. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNOR HAVE COMPROMISED IN THE 11TH-HOUR (JUNE 30) AND APPROVED PA 99-0524, AN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION FUNDING MEASURE FOR FY17 WHICH INCLUDES AN INCREASE OF \$361 MILLION OVER FY16. THE MEASURE IS INTENDED TO SUPPORT GENERAL STATE AT THE FORMULA'S STATUTORY (NOT PRORATED) FOUNDATION LEVEL OF \$6,119. THE ACT ALSO CALLS FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$250 MILLION TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS ACCORDING TO THEIR SHARE OF THE STATE-WIDE LOW-INCOME STUDENT POPULATION. GIVEN NO CHANGE IN THE GSA FORMULA, COMBINED WITH ITS LOSS OF 74 STUDENTS IN AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE (ADA), A KEY COMPONENT OF THE FORMULA, PRAIRIE CENTRAL WOULD BRACE FOR A LOSS OF \$412,497 IN THE CLAIM BETWEEN FY16 AND FY17. THE ACT, AS WRITTEN, WOULD MEAN A GAIN OF \$230,294.

A BREAKDOWN . . .	
FY16 GSA CLAIM (@ 91% FOUNDATION)	\$4,981,362
<u>FY 17 GSA CLAIM (@ 91% FOUNDATION)</u>	<u>\$4,568,865</u>
DIFFERENCE	\$(412,497)
FY16 GSA CLAIM (@ 91% FOUNDATION)	\$4,981,362
FY17 GSA CLAIM (PA 99-0524/@ 100% FOUNDATION, EXTRA \$ FOR SHARE OF LOW-INC)	<u>\$5,211,656</u>
DIFFERENCE	\$ 230,294

PA 99-0524 ALSO ADDS \$75 MILLION TO THE "PRE-SCHOOL FOR ALL" GRANT WHICH, CONSIDERING PC'S NEW CONFIGURATION FOR THE COMING YEAR, IS TIMELY. THE HOPE IS THAT THE MEASURE PLAYS OUT AS INTENDED.

CATEGORICALS. AT FISCAL YEAR'S END ON JUNE 30, PRAIRIE CENTRAL RECOGNIZED A SHORTFALL OF \$495,254. HOWEVER, IN EARLY JULY, PAYMENTS IN TITLE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD GRANTS BROUGHT THAT NUMBER CLOSER TO \$418,774.

BUDGET

END BALANCES, FY16. TO END THE YEAR WITH POSITIVE BALANCES, \$800,000 IN WORKING CASH WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE EDUCATION FUND. \$1M WAS ORIGINALLY BUDGETED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IT HAD ALSO BEEN ANTICIPATED THAT \$400,000 WOULD BE NEEDED FROM WORKING CASH IN TRANSPORTATION, BUT NO TRANSFER WAS NECESSARY, EVEN THOUGH THE BALANCE IN THIS FUND WAS PROPORTIONALLY SMALL.

MAINTENANCE/SUMMER PROJECTS

PCHS TRACK. INITIALLY NOT SATISFIED WITH THE PROJECT, ADMINISTRATION, MAINTENANCE, AND THE DISTRICT'S ARCHITECT MET WITH FISHER TRACK PRESIDENT, SAM FISHER. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE COMPANY WILL FILL OUTER ASPHALT CRACKS AND RE-STRIPE THE TRACK. DIVOTS AND COATING THICKNESS (COVERAGE) ISSUES HAVE CORRECTED THEMSELVES WITH TEMPERING AND TIME.

PRIMARY-EAST ROOF. UNION ROOFING OF CHENOA HAS BEGUN THE ROOF PROJECT ROOF AND IT IS ON SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETION BEFORE THE START OF SCHOOL. A CHANGE ORDER WAS APPROVED FOR TUCK-POINTING AROUND THE GYM UPPER WALLS.

PRIMARY-EAST CONDENSATE PIPE. POPEJOY HAS ALSO BEGUN THIS PROJECT, WHICH IS ALSO STILL ON TARGET FOR COMPLETION BEFORE STAFF RETURNS.

PCE SECURITY DOORS. THIS INSTALLATION OFFERS CHALLENGES IN ANCHORING TO EXISTING WALLS/CEILING. MCLEAN COUNTY GLASS HAS BEEN THE CONSULTANT. MAINTENANCE WILL CONSULT ELSEWHERE. THE GOAL REMAINS TO INSTALL BEFORE THE START OF SCHOOL.

LEAD. IDEAL & ASSOCIATES, BLOOMINGTON, WAS ENGAGED TO SAMPLE AND TEST DRINKING WATER FOR LEAD CONTENT IN ALL OCCUPIED BUILDINGS. NO LEAD WAS DETECTED IN ANY OF THE TESTED SOURCES THAT PERTAIN TO HUMAN CONSUMPTION. ONE TAP – A MAINTENANCE SINK AT PCJHS – REFLECTED A LEVEL SLIGHTLY ABOVE EPA STANDARDS; BUT THE DRINKING, COOKING, ETC. WATER IS LEAD-FREE.

TECHNOLOGY

SMARTBOARDS. THIS SUMMER, THE TECH DEPARTMENT WILL UPGRADE OR PURCHASE OUTRIGHT 38 SMARTBOARDS, THUS EQUIPPING EVERY CLASSROOM.

STUDENT COMPUTERS. WITH THE PURCHASE OF CHROMEBOOKS FROM REDISTRIBUTED TEXTBOOK MONEY, THE NUMBER OF STUDENT COMPUTERS IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE:

DESK-TOPS (IN LAB)	345
LAP-TOPS (ON CART)	590
CHROMEBOOKS (ON CART)	1,030
TOTAL	1,965

REORGANIZATION DECISIONS

BUS PICK-UP, DROP TIMES. THE PC WEBSITE HAS BEEN UPDATED WITH INFORMATION IN POWERPOINT FORM ON BUS ROUTES AND TIME FRAMES FOR THE COMING YEAR.

ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS. ON AUGUST 15 THE DISTRICT WILL HOLD MEET-THE-TEACHER NIGHTS FOR ALL PK/ECSE, K, 1, 2-4 PARENTS.

STATUS OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUB PROGRAMS. THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF PRAIRIE CENTRAL HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ITS PROGRAM IN CHATSWORTH WILL BE DISCONTINUED FOR THE COMING YEAR. THE BOARD EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN DEVELOPING A PROGRAM AT CHATSWORTH SIMILAR TO THAT IN CHENOA. POSSIBILITIES WILL BE EXPLORED.

TRANSPORTATION

PROPANE BUSES. BIDS FOR TWO (2) PROPANE-POWERED BUSES ARE DUE AUGUST 8.

IASB

EXECUTIVE SEARCH. A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 8 TO DISCUSS THE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH WITH ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS REPRESENTATIVES.

ANNUAL REPORTS

TRANSPORTATION

MOVED BY AUSTMAN AND SECONDED BY DOTTERER THAT WE ACCEPT THE ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION REPORT AS PRESENTED BY COORDINATOR, PAMELA WEEKS.

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

FOOD SERVICES

MOVED BY AUSTMAN AND SECONDED BY SLAGEL THAT WE ACCEPT THE ANNUAL FOOD SERVICES REPORT AS PRESENTED BY COORDINATOR, JONI BESGROVE.

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

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

NONE

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

NONE

JIM MEISTER, BRIAN SEEMAN, JESSICA LAWENT	AUX SOFTBALL COACHES	2016 SEASON	AUSTMAN	DOTTERER	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
KARI EDELMAN	CAFÉ WORKER (6 HRS/DAY)/ PCUE	2016-17 TERM	STEFFEN	SLAGEL	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
SLATE OF DEPARTMENT & GRADE CHAIRS	SEE ATTACHED	2016-17 TERM	DOTTERER	AUSTMAN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

TO AUTHORIZE LEAVE

MOVED BY MCGREAL AND SECONDED BY SLAGEL THAT WE AUTHORIZE A MEDICAL LEAVE FOR JENNIFER TURNBOW, SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST, FROM AUGUST 15 TO SEPTEMBER 20, 2016.

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

TO APPROVE NON-BARGAINING

MOVED BY HABERKORN AND SECONDED BY AUSTMAN THAT WE APPROVE SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR ALL NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 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 11:05 PM.

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

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY