

June 15, 2017

In Attendance

Board members Ted Bachtold, Timothy McGreal, Brian Plenert, Mark Slagel, Corey Steffen, Ann Steidinger, and John E. Wilken; administrators John Capasso, Paula Crane, and Codi Conway; central office employee Cheryl Hoffman; PCEA representative Nicole Joiner; press representative Kent Casson (The Blade); guests (citizens) Craig Davis, Maggie Davis, Steve Mann, and David Slagel.

Minutes

The Board approved minutes of the May 18 regular meeting and the May 30 special meeting.

Comments (Public)

Craig Davis asked if policy had been developed to protect coaches, and who would be developing such a policy.

Comments (Visitors Arranged in Advance)

David Slagel, newly-elected mayor of Fairbury, introduced himself to the Board and affirmed his willingness to work with the school system.

Consent

The Board approved the consent agenda, which included an activity fund report, booster purchases (including a wrestling mat), bills (current/interim), a cafeteria report, financial reports, an investment schedule, a sales tax report, and a treasurer's report.

Superintendent's Report

The Board heard from Superintendent Capasso and Superintendent-elect Crane on the following topics:

- ISBE/State of Illinois/Legal.

?The State remains 7-9 months behind in paying categoricals. It is apparent PC will, by fiscal year's end, not receive \$1.5 Million due it.

?The Legislature has passed a funding reform measure that would bring a higher funding level to PC. Whether or not the Governor will sign the measure and the method of support for the new formula are yet undetermined. For reform to work, and in light of a movement to freeze property values, a significant increase in the State income tax will be needed, albeit highly controversial. In the same vane, the GA and Governor are still at loggerheads on a budget, nor has a proposal for emergency school funding been introduced for the coming year.

- Budget projection. Owing to the aforementioned shortfall of \$1.5 Million in State reimbursement, the education and transportation funds will require larger-than-expected transfers from working cash (\$1.3 Million and \$900K, respectively).

- Maintenance Summer projects. The Board reviewed Summer maintenance plans, both in-house and outsources.

- Meadowbrook demolition. Steve Mann, an attorney with Caughey, Legner, Freehill, Ehrgott & Mann Ltd., discussed options in demolishing Meadowbrook. Mr. Mann proposed to begin the process with a boundary survey and title commitment, and will meet with the Board again in July.

- Meeting date change. The Board changed its July meeting to the 13th.

Old Business

None

New Business

The Board

- Approved a Resolution on Prevailing Wage for fiscal year 2018;
- Approved a Resolution Authorizing the Abatement of the Working Cash Fund in the amount of \$1,300,000 to the Education Fund and \$900,000 to the Transportation Fund (leaving an estimated balance in working cash of \$3,546,955);
- Considered Board Goals for 2017-18;
- Approved PCHS Student Handbook changes for 2017-18; and
- Authorized the five-year lease of six (6) 2018 77-passenger International buses (Cummins engine/Allison transmission) from Midwest Transit, beginning with the 2017-18 school year at a cost of \$14,845 per vehicle, per year, in trade for leased buses 3, 14, and 21; and PC-owned buses 8, 11, and 17.

Executive Session

The Board entered a second executive session under 5 ILCS 120/2 (1, 10).

Personnel

Following executive session under 5 ILCS 120/2 (1), the Board

- Accepted the resignations of Nicole Floyd (cafe worker @ PCJH), Brett Johnson (aux girls coach @ PCHS), Joe Cliffe (head wrestling coach @ PCJH), Jason Whitfill (track coach @ PCJH), Linda Kinney (para @ PCUE/retirement), Tricia Steidinger (District bus monitor), and Trish Paulson (special education & PreK administrative liaison);
- Appointed Tricia Steidinger (parap @ Prim-W), Brooke Welborne (para @ Prim-W), Thomas Newsome (math teacher @ PCHS), Kathy Anderson (scholastic bowl coach @ PCHS), Alexandria Applen (special education teacher @ PCUE), Alan Dunahee (head boys basketball coach @ PCHS), Jeannea Shier (FCS teacher and FCCLA sponsor @ PCHS), Jon Siedentop (business teacher @ PCHS), Darrelyn Dunn (head girls basketball coach @ PCHS), Brenda Mingee (special education teacher @ PCHS), and Kim Hasty (JV volleyball coach @ PCHS);
- Approved payment of 75% of stipend to Dave Winterland for assuming duties as de facto JV girls basketball coach at PCHS during the 2016-17 season; and
- Approved pay and benefits for non-bargaining employees (administrators, coordinators, and central office employees).

General

The Board adjourned at 10:51 PM.