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**PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8**

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
OPEN SESSION**

**DECEMBER 14, 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 DECEMBER 14, 2017 AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MARK SLAGEL AT 7:00 PM IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: TED BACHTOLD, TIM MCGREAL, BRIAN PLENERT, MARK SLAGEL, COREY STEFFEN, ANN STEIDINGER, AND JOHN WILKEN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: PAULA CRANE & TONYA DIEKEN

CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: CHERYL HOFFMAN

PCEA REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: GLENDA KNAUER, LINDA WALTER

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: KYLE MILLER, BECKY FREED, KOLE STADT, CAREN APPEL, CARA SWEET, JUDY HARTMAN

STUDENTS PRESENT: PRAIRIE CENTRAL FFA NATIONAL/STATE JUDGING TEAMS

GUESTS PRESENT: MARK HARTMAN, BRAD ALLEN, MADELINE ALLEN, TONYA ALLEN, ABBY EISENMAN, BECKY MCGREAL, BETH STEFFEN, KIM LEMAN

PRESS PRESENT: KENT CASSON, *THE BLADE*

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PUBLIC COMMENT NONE

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE

NONE

GENERAL ACTION

TO APPROVE MINUTES

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY BACHTOLD THAT WE APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AS PRESENTED.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA Moved by McGreal and seconded by Wilken that we approve the consent agenda, which includes: Activity fund report, bills (current and interim), booster proposals, café report, County Sales Facility Tax report, financial report/summary, investment schedule, and treasurer's report.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED

**To Enter Hearing:**

Moved by Steffen and seconded by McGreal that we enter a Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Prairie Central Board of Education to sell \$6,000,000 in working cash fund bonds at 7:02 pm.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

**To Exit Hearing:**

Moved by Plenert and Seconded by Bachtold that we return to open session at 7:03 pm.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT CRANE REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

**FFA National Convention.** The Prairie Central FFA again found success at the national level. The Agriculture Technology and Mechanical Systems team were named National Champions at the contest. Milk Quality and Products team was named Reserve Champions as well. In addition to these, the Farm Business Management team earned 6<sup>th</sup> place and the Meats Evaluation Team placed 13<sup>th</sup>. All of these teams were recognized and thanked by Mrs. Crane and the Board. Additionally, team members that succeeded recently at the State contest were recognized.

**Illinois Report Card Website:** Mrs. Crane introduced the website as offering valuable information for Board members and community members alike.

**Maintenance:** Several major and minor projects have been complete or are currently underway.

**Tax Decrease in Assessed Value:** PTC Tubular Products is seeking such a decrease, which would cost the district over \$26,000 per year.

**Grant:** Prairie Lands Foundation has awarded both PCP East and PCP West grants for \$3,000 to help fund their after-school programs. Additionally, Mrs. Ricketts and Mrs. Hasty and their High School self-contained special education classroom were awarded \$2,500.

#### DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

**Levy:** Levy remains as discussed at the November meeting.

**Band Uniforms:** A brief review of the details that were heard in November.

**Meadowbrook Disposal:** A few classrooms have been flooded, due to burst pipes. Asbestos removal is ready to be underway. All materials we wish to retain have been removed from the building.

**Bond Schedule:** This schedule may depend on whether PC receives grant money for buses. Will discuss at a later date, once this is known.

#### DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

**SEAL OF BILITERACY:** Ms. Sweet described the program, which would award this designation to those students showing proficiency in both English and Spanish

**COURSE APPROVALS:** Three new courses were presented by the High School (Appel and Dieken) including two PE and “AP Computer Science Principals”

#### ACTION – OLD BUSINESS

##### **LEVY:**

Moved by McGreal and Seconded by Wilken that we hereby certify under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$7,470,000 to be levied as a special tax for educational purposes.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA;  
STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Steffen and Seconded by McGreal that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$1,200,000 to be levied as a special tax for operations and maintenance purposes.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA;  
STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Bachtold and seconded by Wilken that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$500,000 to be levied as a special tax for transportation purposes.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA;  
STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Plenert and seconded by McGreal that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$111,806 to be levied as a special tax for a working cash fund.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA;  
STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Steffen and seconded by Wilken that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$315,100 to be levied as a special tax for Illinois Municipal Retirement Purposes.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA;  
STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by McGreal and seconded by Steffen that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$800,000 to be levied as a special tax for tort immunity purposes.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA;  
STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Plenert and seconded by Bachtold that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$111,806 to be levied as a special tax fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security, and specific repair purposes..

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA;  
STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Wilken and seconded by McGreal that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$89,445 to be levied as a special tax for special education purposes.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA;  
STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Bachtold and seconded by Plenert that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$515,100 to be levied as a special tax for social security purposes.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA;  
STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Plenert and seconded by Steffen that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$111,806 to be levied as a special tax for leasing of educational facilities or computer technology or both, and temporary relocation expense purposes.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA;  
STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

TO APPROVE UNIFORMS: Moved by Wilken and seconded by Plenert that we approve the purchase of marching band uniforms not to exceed a cost of \$45,320.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

SEAL OF BILITERACY: Moved by Wilken and seconded by Plenert that we approve the "Seal of Biliteracy" program for Prairie Central High School..

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

**COURSE APPROVALS:**

Moved by Plenert and seconded by McGreal that we approve the "Foundations to Fitness" course for PCHS.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Steffen and seconded by Bachtold that we approve the "Personal Development" course for PCHS.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Wilken and seconded by Plenert that we approve the "AP Computer Science Principals" course for PCHS.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY PLENERT THAT WE ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:17 PM FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF PERSONNEL; AS PER 5 ILCS 120/2 ( C )(1, 10), FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE (5ILCS 120/2 (C)(9) AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(2))

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.



ALLISON WILSON	PCE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER	FEBRUARY 16, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 6, 2018	MCGREAL	BACHTOLD	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
RANDY PERKINS	PCP EAST CUSTODIAN	THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2018	STEFFEN	SLAGEL	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
MELISSA GOEMBEL	PCP EAST PARAPRO	NOVEMBER 27, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 20, 2017	SLAGEL	STEFFEN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

TO AMMEND:

MOVED BY SLAGEL AND SECONDED BY PLENERT THAT WE APPROVE THE AMMENDED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR JANET RINKER (ATTACHED).

STEFFEN, YEA;

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED

### GENERAL ACTION

TO ADJOURN

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY WILKEN THAT WE ADJOURN AT 11:15 PM.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SESSION (5 ILCS 120/2)

December 14, 2017

1. Name of unit of government

Prairie Central CUSD #8

2. Date and time of closed meeting or closed portion of meeting

12/14/17

8:17 PM – 11:09 PM

3. Names of all members of the public body present during the closed meeting or closed portion of meeting

Mark Slagel, Tim McGreal, Corey Steffen, Ann Steidinger, Ted Bachtold, Brian Plenert, John Wilken

- b) Each specific exception cited for closing the meeting (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1-2), (5ILCS 120/2 (c)(9), (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2))

c) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel

5. For each of the exceptions cited, provide a general description of the subject matter discussed during the closed meeting or portion of a closed meeting

d) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel

a. Discussion of Memorandum of Understanding for employee

b. Discussion of appointments

c. Discussion of discipline



Certification

I certify that I understand Section II of the Illinois Open Meetings Act and that to the best of my knowledge and belief no other topic was discussed during the closed meeting, or closed portion of the meeting, in violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

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President

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Secretary