
PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
OPEN SESSION**

NOVEMBER 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 JULY 13, 2017 AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MARK SLAGEL AT 7:02 PM IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL UNIT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: TIM MCGREAL

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: PAULA CRANE & TONYA DIEKEN

CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: CHERYL HOFFMAN

PCEA REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: NICOLE JOINER, CATHY SMITH

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: KYLE MILLER, BECKY FREED, ERIC HALL

STUDENTS PRESENT: NONE

GUESTS PRESENT: ED MAUBACH

PRESS PRESENT: KENT CASSON, *THE BLADE*

PUBLIC COMMENT

MR. MAUBACH EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF A CURREN PRAIRIE CENTRAL EMPLOYEE.

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE

NONE

GENERAL ACTION

TO APPROVE MINUTES

MOVED BY WILKEN AND SECONDED BY PLENERT THAT WE APPROVE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AS PRESENTED.

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

TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Bachtold and seconded by Steffen that we approve the consent agenda, which includes: Activity fund report, bills (current and interim), booster proposals, café report, financial report/summary, investment schedule, and treasurer's report.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, 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. The Milk Quality and Products team was named Reserve Champions as well. In addition to these, the Farm Business Management team earned 6th place and the Meats Evaluation Team placed 13th.

Legislation. The new Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption and General Homestead Exemption increases will have a negative impact on revenue. Additionally, there is a possibility of a property tax freeze in the near future, which could ultimately be devastating.

Cursive handwriting is now required by law to be offered in 2nd grade. Prairie Central currently meets this requirement.

Transportation. We will be purchasing software to help manage bus routes/data. It will take approximately 3 months to get it up and running.

Veteran's Day: Each school offered a variety of Veteran's Day activities including assemblies at several locations.

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

Mr. Hall presented additional information about Band uniform purchase, including an estimate of cost and visual of the proposed uniform.

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

GRANT. Mr. Miller and Mrs. Freed presented information on two grant opportunities to be considered by the Board, including the “three Circles Grant” and the “Improving Ag Education Program” grant. One of the grants will help fund a new greenhouse, the other will help fund additional staff hours for FFA/Agriculture. (Attached)

LEVY. Mrs. Crane presented a tentative levy to the Board, which presents as very similar to past years. (Attached)

HEALTH INSURANCE. Cheryl Hoffman presented the quotes for health insurance as agreed upon by the district “Insurance Committee”. (Attached)

ACTION – OLD BUSINESS

TO APPROVE RESOLUTION. Moved by Wilken and Seconded by Bachtold that we approve a resolution to retain the property described in said resolution, that the bid of Lee Farms Excavating of Onarga, Illinois be accepted on the terms as set forth in the Bid for Demolition Services that the District will contribute \$212,500 for the demolition and that the President and Secretary of PC CUSD #8 be authorized to execute the demolition contract of sale on behalf of the district.

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

TO APPROVE RESOLUTION. Moved by Steffena nd Seconded by Plenert that we approve a resolution declaring the intention to issue \$6,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds of Community Unit School District Number 8, Livingston, McLean and Ford Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of increasing the working Cash Fund of said School District, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.

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

ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

TO APPROVE GRANT PARTICIPATION. Moved by Plenert and seconded by Steffen that we agree to contribute matching funds of up to \$10,000 for the purpose of replacing the old greenhouse.

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

TO APPROVE GRANT PARTICIPATION. Moved by Wilken and seconded by Plenert that we

PATRICK THOMAS AUXILIARY 2017-18 PLENERT STEFFEN YEA ABSENT YEA YEA YEA YEA YEA CARRIED
GIRLS
BASKETBALL
COACH/
PCHS

TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. Moved by Steffen and seconded by Plenert that we approve a Memorandum of Understanding for a current employee.

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

GENERAL ACTION

TO ADJOURN

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY PLENERT THAT WE ADJOURN AT 10:35 PM.

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

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SESSION (5 ILCS 120/2)

November 14, 2017

1. Name of unit of government

Prairie Central CUSD #8

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

11/14/17

8:51 PM – 10:20PM

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

Mark Slagel, 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))

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.

President

Secretary