
PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
OPEN SESSION**

OCTOBER 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 OCTOBER 19, 2017 AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MARK SLAGEL AT 7:00 PM IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL UNIT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: TED BACHTOLD, TIMOTHY 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: NONE

PCEA REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: NICOLE JOINER

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: LISA BOUNDS

STUDENTS PRESENT: NATHAN PLENERT, JAKE MAY

GUESTS PRESENT: Andy Skoog (FFC), Denise Plenert, Lisa Bounds (Boy Scouts); Brian Quamm (EPG Principal)

PRESS PRESENT: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE

Adam Dontz (GLCEDC) discussed a 2-year property tax abatement agreement for BMCH Properties, LLC (Charlie Hoselton Jr. and Brian Miller).

Kale Minnaert (Opperman Construction) presented his plan of use for the Meadowbrook property if he receives the demolition bid.

GENERAL ACTION

TO APPROVE MINUTES MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY PLENERT THAT WE APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 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 WILKEN AND SECONDED BY BACHTOLD THAT WE APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH INCLUDES: ACTIVITY FUND REPORT, BILLS (CURRENT AND INTERIM), CAFÉ REPORT, CSFT (SALES 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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT CRANE REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

LETTER: REPRESENTATIVE DAN BRADY SENT A LETTER TO THANK AND SHOW APPRECIATION FOR THE PRINCIPAL, STAFF, AND STUDENTS AT PCJH. HE WAS A GUEST FOR "PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY" ACTIVITIES ON OCTOBER 2, 2017 (ATTACHED).

FUNDING: PC CONTINUES TO RECEIVE BASELINE STATE AID FUNDING, ALTHOUGH WE ARE STILL MISSING ONE PAYMENT FROM LAST YEAR IN CATEGORICALS (TRANSPORTATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION).

SECURITY UPDATE: WE CONTINUE TO UPDATE SECURITY INCLUDING ADDITIONAL SECURITY CAMERAS, NEW ENTRY DOOR AT PCE, FENCE AT PCE, COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, AND ALICE TRAINING.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION: TONYA DIEKEN GAVE AN UPDATE ON NEW CURRICULUM INITIATIVES AND GOALS FOR THIS YEAR.

INSURANCE: CHERYL HOFFMAN IS STILL LOOKING FOR VIABLE OPTIONS FOR INSURANCE, AS CURRENT BIDS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THIS YEAR'S PREMIUMS.

STATE LEGISLATION: WE WILL KNOW SOON IF CURSIVE WRITING IS MANDATED, AS THE VETO SESSION BEGINS NEXT WEEK. WE WILL HAVE TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNFUNDED MANDATE TO PROVIDE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS TO ALL GIRLS RESTROOMS IN GRADES 6-12. THIS IS ESTIMATED TO COST PUBLIC SCHOOLS OVER \$13 MILLION PER YEAR.

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT INCENTIVE PROPOSAL: WAS DISCUSSED IN "GUEST" PORTION OF THE MEETING.

MEADOWBROOK DISPOSAL BIDS: TIM MCGREAL PRESENTED THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM LEE FARMS EXCAVATING, WITH PRAIRIE CENTRAL RETAINING THE PROPERTY FOR POSSIBLE USE TO STORE BUSES AT A LATER TIME.

AUXILLIARY COACHES: MRS. CRANE NOTED THAT THE CURRENT PROPOSAL WAS APPROVED BY ATTORNEY JEFF FUNK AND AUDITORS FLOYD & ASSOCIATES.

BOND POSSIBILITIES: THE BOARD WAS REMINDED OF THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO CONSIDER FOR RE-ISSUING BONDS.

TRANSPORTATION: WE ARE LOOKING INTO NEW SOFTWARE TO HELP WITH BUS ROUTES AND TRANSPORTATION DATA. WE WILL UPDATE THE BOARD AS WE GAIN MORE INFORMATION. ALSO, WE WILL BE SUBMITTING A GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE EPA TO UPDATE SOME OF OUR BUSES TO MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY VEHICLES.

BAND UNIFORMS: MR. HALL WILL HAVE A PROPOSAL BY NEXT MEETING.

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

AUDIT/AFR: MRS. CRANE PRESENTED THE FY17 AUDIT AND ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT.

ACTION – OLD BUSINESS

TO APPROVE TAX ABATEMENT: MOVE BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY MCGREAL THAT WE APPROVE THE PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT FOR BMCH PROPERTIES, LLC AS PRESENTED. (ATTACHED)

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

TO ACCEPT BID: MOVED BY MCGREAL AND SECONDED BY WILKEN THAT WE APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BID OF, AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LEE FARMS EXCAVATING OF ONARGA, ILLINIOS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF A FACILITY KNOWN AS "MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL", 450 NORTH BACH, FORREST, ILLINOIS, AT A COST OF \$212,500.

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

TO APPROVE PROPOSAL: MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY MCGREAL THAT WE APPROVE THE PCHS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT PROPOSAL FOR COMPENSATION OF AUXILIARY COACHES AT NO COST TO PRAIRIE CENTRAL CUSD #8 AS PRESENTED (ATTACHED).

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

To
APPOINT

| NAME | POSITION/ SITE | EFFECTIVE | MOTION BY | SECOND BY | BACHTOLD | MCGREAL | PLENERT | VOTING | | | WILKEN | RESULT |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|---------|---------|--------|---------|------------|--------|---------|
| | | | | | | | | SLAGEL | STEFFEN | STEIDINGER | | |
| CHRIS HARPER | HS ASSISTANT FOOTBALL | 2017-18 | BACHTOLD | WILKEN | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | CARRIED |
| TREVIN MCCULLOH | HS BOYS BASKETBALL AUX COACH | 2017-18 | MCGREAL | STEIDINGER | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | CARRIED |
| HILARY BAUMAN | PCE SECRETARY | IMMEDIATELY | STEFFEN | WILKEN | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | CARRIED |
| JOE CLIFFE | PCJH CO-HEAD WRESTLING COACH | 2017-18 | BACHTOLD | MCGREAL | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | CARRIED |
| TORY FARNEY | PCJH CO-HEAD WRESTLING COACH | 2017-18 | STEIDINGER | STEFFEN | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | CARRIED |
| BILL CASNER | PCJH ASSISTANT WRESTLING COACH | 2017-18 | WILKEN | BACHTOLD | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | CARRIED |
| SONIA GRADBERG | HS GIRLS ASSISTANT BASKETBALL COACH | 2017-18 | MCGREAL | PLENERT | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | CARRIED |
| SUSAN CAVAZOS | PCUE CAFÉ WORKER | 2017-18 | PLENERT | STEFFEN | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | YEA | CARRIED |

GENERAL ACTION

TO ADJOURN

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY BACHTOLD THAT WE ADJOURN AT 9:35 PM.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, 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)

October 19, 2017

1. Name of unit of government

Prairie Central CUSD #8

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

9/21/17

8:45 PM – 9:28 PM

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

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

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

- a. 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

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

a. Discussion of resignations

b. Discussion of appointments

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