
PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
OPEN SESSION

SEPTEMBER 21, 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 SEPTEMBER 21, 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, TIMOTHY MCGREAL, BRIAN PLENERT, MARK SLAGEL, COREY STEFFEN, ANN STEIDINGER, AND JOHN WILKEN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: PAULA CRANE, TONYA DIEKEN, CHRIS HARPER

CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: CHERYL HOFFMAN

PCEA REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: CHRISTY DECKER, ALLISON KAISNER

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

STUDENTS PRESENT: NONE

GUESTS PRESENT: NONE

PRESS PRESENT: KENT CASSON, *THE BLADE*

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE

NONE

GENERAL ACTION

TO APPROVE MINUTES

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY WILKEN THAT WE APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AS PRESENTED.

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

MOVED BY MCGREAL AND SECONDED BY BACHTOLD THAT WE APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 29, 2017 SPECIAL 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 STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY MCGREAL THAT WE APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH INCLUDES: ACTIVITY FUND REPORT, BILLS (CURRENT AND INTERIM), BOOSTER PROPOSALS, 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.

BUDGET HEARING

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY BACHTOLD THAT WE ENTER THE BUDGET HEARING UNDER 105 ILCS 5/17-1 AT 7:07 PM

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 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:45 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:

INSURANCE.

OUR INSURANCE COMPANY HAS REPORTED WE WILL SEE AN INCREASE OF 34% IN OUR HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS. CHERYL HOFFMAN (INSURANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR) HAS ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL OPTIONS.

ISBE/STATE OF ILLINOIS/LEGAL.

PC HAS BEGUN RECEIVING REGULAR GSA PAYMENTS FROM THE STATE. THEY HAVE CAUGHT UP ON MISSED PAYMENTS FROM AUGUST AND EARLY SEPTEMBER. WE WILL RECEIVE A FUNDING BASE MINIMUM UNTIL THE STATE CAN DETERMINE THE CORRECT GSA PAYMENT UNDER THE NEW EVIDENCE-BASED FUNDING FORMULA. THE STATE IS ESTIMATING THIS WILL TAKE UNTIL JANUARY.

ASSESSMENT RESULTS.

PRAIRIE CENTRAL HAS AGAIN OUTSCORED THE STATE IN NEARLY ALL CATEGORIES AND GRADE LEVELS. SAT SCORES ALSO SURPASSED STATE AND NATIONAL SCORES.

MAINTENANCE.

THE BOARD HEARD ESTIMATES ON THE CHENOA ROOF LEAK AND PCUE GYM ROOF ISSUE. BIDS WILL BE TAKEN ON THE PCUE GYM ROOF.

6TH DAY ENROLLMENT.

THE DISTRICT CONTINUES TO EXPERIENCE A DECLINE IN ENROLLMENT. ALTHOUGH OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE HOLDING, THE REST OF THE DISTRICT IS DOWN 54 STUDENTS.

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT INCENTIVE PROPOSAL: GLCEDC HAS ASKED THE BOARD TO CONSIDER ALLOWING THE EXTRAPOLATION OF THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED MATRIX DOWN TO ONE-YEAR AND THE ADDITION OF A PLAN FOR 4, 6, 8, AND 9 YEARS. IT IS IN OUR BEST INTEREST TO DO SO.

AUXILLIARY COACHES: MR. HARPER PRESENTED A PROPOSAL FOR COMPENSATING FRESHMAN COACHES WITHOUT COST TO THE BOARD. THE BOARD WOULD LIKE FURTHER DETAIL AND THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD ATTORNEY BEFORE CONSIDERATION.

BOND POSSIBILITIES: THE BOARD WAS GIVEN A CALENDAR TO CONSIDER, AS WELL AS OPTIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE FUNDING.

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

SOFTBALL TRIP: COACH TIM MCGUIRE REQUESTED A TRIP TO KENTUCKY FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM OVER SPRING BREAK.

BAND UNIFORMS: MR. HALL HAS ASKED IF THE BOARD WOULD CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF NEW BAND UNIFORMS TO REPLACE THE 15-YEAR OLD UNIFORMS THEY CURRENTLY USE. THE UNIFORMS ARE IN DISREPAIR.

ACTION – OLD BUSINESS

TO APPROVE BUDGET: MOVE BY PLENERT AND SECONDED BY MCGREAL THAT WE APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET AND FORWARD IT TO THE ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION AS PER 105 ILCS 5/17-1 (SCHOOL CODE), AND TO THE COUNTY CLERKS UNDER 35 ILCS 200/18-50 (PROPERTY TAX CODE)

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 BACHTOLD THAT WE APPROVE THE PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT INCENTIVE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED (ATTACHED).

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

TO ENTER AGREEMENT: MOVED BY WILKEN AND SECONDED BY PLENERT THAT WE ENTER A JOINT AGREEMENT WITH CHENOA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FAIRBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING RECIPROCAL REPORTING OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY (ATTACHED).

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

To APPOINT:

VOTING

RESULT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/ SITE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>MOTION BY</u>	<u>SECOND BY</u>	<u>BACHTOLD</u>	<u>MCGREAL</u>	<u>PLENERT</u>	<u>SLAGEL</u>	<u>STEFFEN</u>	<u>STEIDINGER</u>	<u>WILKEN</u>	
CHRISTY ESHLEMAN	BUS MONITOR	IMMEDIATELY	PLENERT	BACHTOLD	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
GINA GOMEZ	BUS DRIVER	IMMEDIATELY	WILKEN	PLENERT	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

GENERAL ACTION

TO ADJOURN

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY PLENERT THAT WE ADJOURN AT 11:18 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)

September 21, 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

10:06 PM – 11:14 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