

April 19, 2018 Board Meeting

In Attendance

Board members **Ted Bachtold, Tim McGreal, Brian Plenert, Mark Slagel, Corey Steffen, and John Wilken**; administrators **Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken**; press representative **Kent Casson** (The Blade).

Guests: Brandon Hoselton, Drew Hoselton, Renee Hoselton, Doug Hoselton, Chloe Hoselton, Lauren Hoselton, PCEA Representatives Kay Schols and Jennifer Steidinger

Comments (Public) None

Comments (Visitors Arranged in Advance)

The Board recognized Brandon Hoselton and Drew Hoselton for their accomplishments as State Champions in wrestling.

Minutes

The Board approved minutes of the March 15, 2018 regular meeting and the March 20, 2018 special meeting.

Consent

The Board approved the consent agenda, which included an activity fund report, bills (current/interim), a cafeteria report, financial reports, and investment schedule, County Schools Facility Tax Report, and a treasurer's report.

Superintendent's Report

The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

LEGISLATIVE: Several bills made it out of committee and await further action. We will keep watch on several of them that may affect PC Schools. HB 751 passed the full House and will be taken up in the Senate at a future date. This bill extends the sunset provision for retired teachers returning to teaching in subject shortage areas from June 30, 2013 to June 20, 2019. HB 3045 also attempts to alleviate the substitute teacher shortage by allowing retired teachers to teach 120 days of the school year instead of 100 without impairing retirement status. Of interest, there are bills in both the House and Senate that would increase the statutory minimum teacher salary to \$40,000 beginning July 1, 2019. Unless we hire new teachers in the District, this would not affect Prairie Central since all of our teachers will be earning more than that at that time, however it could be devastating to those schools on the verge of closing down due to lack of funds.

LAND DISPUTE: There was some question over the property lines at PCP East, however with the help of Attorney Steven Mann, we are confident that this has been cleared up.

SCHOOL SAFETY/MAINTENANCE:

*We are in the process of getting a rough estimate on changing the daytime visitor entrance at the High School to increase safety. The project could prove to be cost-prohibitive.

*We have established a prioritized list of summer maintenance items for Mr. Scott to review. The list is not inclusive of all projects that need attention throughout the District, as this list is extremely extensive and we have neither the funds nor the manpower to complete these. We have tried to give priority to safety items, and have prioritized other projects based on need.

FUNDING UPDATE: To date, we have received our General State Aid Payments on time (since they began arriving). The most recent payment also included our new Evidence Based Funding money, which will be spread over the last 6 payments. This money, in all, is a little under \$140,000. Although we were anticipating \$158,000, any additional funds are welcome. On another note, we have only received one M-Cat (Mandatory Categorical) payment from the State thus far this year. This money includes payments on regular and special education transportation, which is very significant in our vast district. Two more payments have been "vouchered", which means we theoretically received them some day. One may show up yet this year. The second is unlikely to show up. The third and final payment may not even be vouchered, meaning we may never receive that payment.

SAFETY: Prairie Central Administration will attend a "Table Top Drill", which will include members of the Red Cross, Fairbury Police Department, Fairbury Fire Department, EMT's, and mental health professionals. The drill aims to help the groups develop a plan in case of a crisis at Prairie Central High School.

Old Business

The Board

- Approved a bread bid from "Aunt Millie's Bread" for the 2018-19 school year.
- Approved a bid from Ken's Oil in Forrest for 25,000 gallons of biodiesel.
- Approved a bid from Union Roofing to repair the gym roof at Prairie Central Upper Elementary.

New Business

The Board

- Approved a High School Music Department trip request to Disney World in Orlando, Florida for the summer of 2019.
- Approved a PCJH Student Council trip request to the IAJHSC State Convention in Springfield.
- Approved the "Unpaid Meal" policy for all District student handbooks.
- Approved changes to the PCJH Student Handbook as presented.
- Approved the Activity Fees/Stipends/Registration Fees for 2018-19 school year.

Personnel

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

- Appointed Tanya Rhoads as HS café worker.
- Accepted the resignation of Emily Wenger as HS Fall Cheerleading Coach effective the end of 2017-18 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Jennifer Turnbow as District School Psychologist contingent upon her official hiring at another district.
- Accepted the resignation of April Powell as District School Social Worker contingent upon her official hiring at another district.
- Approved the resignation of Alyssa Chismarick as PCE special education teacher contingent upon her official hiring at another district.
- Approved the resignation of Mark Payne as HS Head Wrestling Coach effective the end of the 2017-18 school year.
- Approved the resignation of Alan Dunahee as Boys Varsity Basketball Coach effective the end of the 2017-18 school year.
- Approved the resignation of Lester Stevens, Jr. as bus monitor effective April 30, 2018.
- Approved the reduction of hours of Ashley Stokes, District bus driver, to AM route only.
- Approved leaves of absence for three employees.

Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 11:10 pm