

February 15, 2018 Board Meeting

In Attendance

Board members **Ted Bachtold, Brian Plenert, Mark Slagel, Corey Steffen, Ann Steidinger, and John Wilken**; administrators **Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken**, central office employee **Cheryl Hoffman**; PCEA representatives Emily Jones and Katie Travis; press representative **Kent Casson** (The Blade).

Guests: None

Comments (Public) None

Comments (Visitors Arranged in Advance)

None

Minutes

The Board approved minutes of the January 18, 2018 regular 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, a sales tax report, and a treasurer's report.

Superintendent's Report

The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

LEGISLATIVE: The Governor's veto to SB 444 was overridden, paving the way for ISBE to continue with calculations for Evidence-Based Funding, however ISBE has stated that additional corrections will need to be made in the legislation before money can be released. No additional bills have been introduced to make corrections at this time. It is unclear how this will effect funding or the timeline of payment.

ILLINOIS SCIENCE ASSESSMENT RESULTS (2017): The ISA results from 2017 have arrived, and Prairie Central Schools have fared well. A significantly higher percentage of our students met standards on the test compared to students state-wide in 5th grade and HS Biology. In 8th grade, our students' results were comparable to those of the state.

MAINTENANCE:

*We are in the process of compiling a list of projects throughout the district. These projects will be prioritized and scheduled according to priority and available resources. On the top of the list are the High School parking lot near the agriculture building (drainage problem creating hazardous conditions), and several roof projects including two at the Upper Elementary, one at PCP West, and one at the High School. Also at the top is a new water heater for Prairie Central Elementary.

*We would like to hire one or two people to help keep up with mowing this summer. This would be approximately 30 hours per week (total) for around 12 weeks. This would free Mike up to do other, more specialized work including plumbing and electrical.

*We would like to begin work to mount new backboards in the High School gym. All materials have already been purchased, and we have an estimate for the labor to mount the winches to lift the heavier boards. We will be using mostly activity money to do so, and will ask the Booster Club to help support the project.

MEADOWBROOK UPDATE:

*The demolition of Meadowbrook School has begun. The west wing is down, and they have begun on the gym.

EPA GRANT:

*We did not receive the "EPA Clean Diesel Rebate" grant.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB GRANT:

*We are still waiting on the Boys and Girls Club's after-school program (21st Century) grant. This grant would fund an after-school program at PCJH, and include students from that school as well as PCUE.

STATE PAYMENTS:

*We just received our first "Categorical" payment from the state. We should be receiving four payments throughout the year, but are told to only expect one this year.

LEAD TESTING:

*All reports are on our website. We have capped off sinks that tested positive, and will be replacing some of the faucets. Those with new fixtures will have to be retested. Many sinks will remain capped until we receive negative lead testing results from those sinks with new fixtures. There were two sinks in the District that tested higher than EPA standards; one in the library at East and one in a storage room at West. Neither of these has been used for an extended period of time, and neither are used for consumption.

INSTITUTE:

*Mrs. Dieken presented the schedule for Friday's teacher institute. The day is filled with relevant learning and collaboration opportunities for teachers and staff members.

THANK-YOU:

*Mrs. Crane shared a thank-you note from Mr. Krippel, Head Baseball Coach, for their support of the work done on the fields.

Old Business

The Board

- Approved the Prairie Central Wellness Plan
- Tabled the decision to open fuel bids until next month.

New Business

The Board

- Reviewed the first draft of the 2018-19 School Calendar

Personnel

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

- Appointed Jason Whitfill Assistant HS Baseball Coach for the 2017-18 school year
- Appointed Josh McWilliams Auxiliary HS Baseball Coach for the 2017-18 school year
- Appointed Cheryl Hoffman Auxiliary HS Softball Coach for the 2017-18 school year
- Appointed Erica Wenger JH Track Coach for the 2017-18 school year
- Appointed LeeAnn Radtke PCHS Business Ed Teacher for the 2018-19 school year
- Appointed Emily Lantz PCHS FCS Teacher for the 2018-19 school year
- Accepted the resignation of Thomas Newsome, PCHS Mathematics teacher, effective at the end of the 2017-18 school year
- Granted a medical leave of absence for two employees.
- Approved the retirement of Phyllis Bellot, HS paraprofessional, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year
- Approved the retirement of Barb Taylor, PC bus driver, effective August 22, 2018

Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 10:19 pm