

July 14, 2017

In Attendance

Board members **Ted Bachtold, Tim McGreal, Brian Plenert, Mark Slagel, Corey Steffen, Ann Steidinger** and **John Wilken**; administrators **Paula Crane** and **Tonya Dieken**; central office employee **Cheryl Hoffman**; press representative **Kent Casson** (The Blade); guests (citizens) **Maggie Davis**

Minutes

The Board approved minutes of the June 15, 2017 regular meeting.

Comments (Public)

Maggie Davis thanked the Board for their work over the last several months and inquired about if policy that had been put into place regarding protecting coaches.

Comments (Visitors Arranged in Advance)

None

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:

- Options for Meadowbrook demolition
 - Information from attorney Steven Mann was reviewed, including bid options of demolition only, demolition and purchase, and purchase only.
- ISBE/State of Illinois/Legal
 - Despite the good news of the state budget being passed, we now await the funding formula measure to be sent to the Governor's office for approval. The Governor has promised to veto the formula. We can wait a bit longer to see what happens, but then may need to begin the process of decision making for next school year, as without a funding formula we would receive no state funding for the upcoming school year. Prairie Central cannot, even with borrowed money (Bonds), survive the year without this funding.
 - We did receive one more payment from the state in categoricals, allowing us to decrease the amount of money we had to abate from working cash to the education and transportation fund. Overall, a million dollars was abated to account for the lack of funds in these accounts.

- Chenoa Taxation Situation.
 - We will be sending a letter to our Chenoa residence informing them of an error made by the McLean County Clerk's office. Unfortunately, this is the second consecutive year the office has made this error. The Clerk did not correctly assess the Chenoa-McLean residents for their share of the working cash bonds. Because this was done two years in a row, Chenoa residents will be forced to pay all three years of this bond in one year, causing their bond rates to be abnormally high next year. Although Chenoa residents will NOT pay more than they were originally scheduled to pay, their payments will be back-loaded (heavy at the end) this time.

- Maintenance projects
 - A list of summer project that are in progress or completed was shared with the Board. Notably, the work on replacing the wood in the walkways of the football stadium bleachers has begun. A plethora of additional projects are underway as well.

- Athletic Policy
 - Mr. Harper has planned to meet with coaches to develop policy to help coaches communicate and deal with concerned parents. More information will be available as that policy is developed.

- Board Training
 - The Board agreed on August 29th as the date to receive training through IASB.

Old Business

The Board

- Looked over Board Goals for 2017-1018 to be discussed at the next meeting
- Approved several changes to the K-6 Student Handbook for 2017-2018
- Assigned Board members to Board Committees

New Business

The Board

- Reviewed and approved the Tentative Budget for the 2018 fiscal year.
- Reviewed and approved the ESP job descriptions and evaluations.

Personnel

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

- Accepted the resignations from Shelbi Shumaker (Speech Therapist), Teresa Runyon (Paraprofessional at PCPE), and Kelly Wescott (JV Baseball coach PCHS)
- Appointed Krista Leman (5 hour café worker at PCJHS), Emily Wenger (Reading Intervention Teacher Leader), Darin Bazzell (Aux Boys Basketball Coach at PCHS)
- Dismissed Mary Todd (District Bus monitor)
- Approved promotion and salary of Colin Duncan (District Technology Coordinator)

Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 10:45 pm