

June 12, 2018 Board Meeting

In Attendance

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

Guests: None

Comments (Public) None

Comments (Visitors Arranged in Advance) None

Minutes

The Board approved minutes of the May 17, 2018 regular meeting, the May 22, 2018 special meeting, the May 29, 2018 special meeting and the June 12, 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, and a treasurer's report.

Superintendent's Report

The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

LEGISLATIVE/FUNDING: Superintendent Crane discussed the new Illinois budget which includes additional money for education. The majority of the money will go to Tier 3 and Tier 4 schools. Prairie Central is a Tier 2 school currently, and will most likely not receive much if any additional money. It is, however, impossible to calculate, as the distribution depends on every other district in the state.

*Public Act 100-0587: This is currently in effect, and limits the increase in pay for a teacher during those years used for their final average salary calculation for retirement. Districts will be penalized if teachers' creditable earnings exceed a 3% increase. In the most current law, the maximum increase was 6%.

*SB 2892 has been passed, which requires the minimum pay for teachers to be \$40,000. This would currently affect only 2 teachers in our district. The current plan is to phase in the new minimum salary, reaching the \$40,000 mark in 2022-23.

*As in the past few years, Title II and Title IV monies (Federal) are at risk of being cut. Prairie Central uses this money for teacher's professional development, including reimbursement for education and workshops. Title IV money can also be used for school safety among other things.

TRAP SHOOTING: The "Prairie Central" trap shooting team has been invited to Nationals. The competition will take place July 12-15 in Michigan.

MAINTENANCE: The Board was updated on completed projects and projects currently underway.

BUDGET PROJECTIONS: Because of excess deficit spending, we will be forced to take money from Working Cash.

Old Business

The Board

- Was presented with information regarding bus purchase, lease and bids. Midwest has promised to have specs ready before the next meeting.

New Business

The Board

- Approved a trip request from the High School Cross Country team to travel to Turkey Run on August 8-10.
- Discussed and approved two new ELA courses for PCJH, Advanced ELA 7 and Advanced ELA 8.
- Reviewed the current Board committee assignments.
- Authorized Superintendent Crane to prepare a tentative FY19 budget for consideration at the July 19, 2018 Board meeting.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the abatement of the Working Cash fund.

Personnel

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

- Appointed Dawn Greif, Elementary Art teacher. (JH and UE).
- Appointed Jennifer Jones as PCHS ELA teacher.
- Appointed Josey Schouweiler as District School Social worker.
- Appointed Nicole Fehr as paraprofessional at PCP West.
- Appointed Mindy Houberg as PCP East Summer School teacher.
- Appointed Rita Meister as PCP East Summer School teacher.
- Appointed Kim Hasty as PCHS Summer School Teacher (Half-time)
- Appointed Katie Ricketts as PCHS Summer School Teacher (Half-time)
- Appointed Celina Stefanski as PCP East summer school paraprofessional.
- Appointed Jamie Penney as PCP East summer school paraprofessional
- Appointed Monika Rhoades as PCJH Summer school paraprofessional.
- Appointed Cindy Frickey as PCHS Summer School papaprofessional.

- Accepted the resignation of Erica Wenger, PCJH Girls Track and 7th Grade Volleyball coach.
- Dismissed Tricia Steidinger, PCP West paraprofessional.

Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 9:48pm