

March 15, 2018 Board Meeting

In Attendance

Board members **Ted Bachtold, Tim McGreal, Brian Plenert, Mark Slagel, Corey Steffen, Ann Steidinger, and John Wilken**; administrators **Paula Crane, 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 February 15, 2018 regular meeting and the February 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, a sales tax report, and a treasurer's report.

Superintendent's Report

The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

LEGISLATIVE: There are many bills on the table at this point which could be of significance to Prairie Central. One such bill is HB 3080, which would allow retired teachers to work 120 days instead of 100. Hopefully this would help alleviate our substitute situation a bit. Also of importance is HB 5812 which provides "patches" to the Evidence Based Funding Model necessary to finalize calculations and being distribution of funds to districts. Senate Bill 2572 also essentially repeals an earlier bill that provided mandate relief from PE.

MEADOWBROOK UPDATE: The building is down and nearly everything cleared from the site. Lee Farms will be back to "smooth out" the dirt at some point.

MAINTENANCE: Mike Scott, Brad Beyers and Paula Crane have been in discussion about creating a more safe entry for daytime visitors at the High School. Middleton and Associates will be visiting to give us an idea of what our options are.

ESSA: The Board was given a brief overview of the "Every Student Succeeds Act" and how this will impact Prairie Central Schools. They were informed of the currently proposed accountability

measures for both P-8 and High Schools, and of the new summative designations each school could receive.

Freshmen “On Track”: Mrs. Dieken described a project currently being developed to help improve our core failure rate for freshman, and to improve our “on track” rate. This measure will be used as an accountability measure in the new ESSA plan. The proposed project includes alternative instructional methods for freshmen, hoping to help them with the transition to High School and the block schedule.

Old Business

The Board

- Approved the proposed 2018-2019 School Calendar.
- Decided to open fuel bids for 25,000 gallons of bulk diesel fuel.
- Approved the Superintendent Evaluation Tool developed at the February 20th special meeting.

New Business

The Board

- Approved the contract with Clover Leaf Farms for milk.
- Approved the renewal of PCHS as members of IHSA.
- Approved the “School Time Insurance” proposal as an option for purchase by Prairie Central families.
- Reviewed proposed changes to the Elementary (P-6) Student Handbook for approval next month.

Personnel

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

- Appointed Abby Thilmont as Kids Club Supervisor at PCP East beginning immediately.
- Accepted the resignation of Melissa Goembel, PCP East paraprofessional effective 3/16/18.
- Accepted the resignation of Erin Ifft as PCHS Winter Cheerleading Coach effective the end of the current season.
- Accepted the resignation of Shelby Gresham as PCJH Cheerleading Coach effective the end of the current season.
- Approved the retirement of Kathy Davis, PCE Café Worker, effective the end of the 2017-18 school year

Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 10:47 pm