

May 17, 2018 Board Meeting

In Attendance

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

Guests: PCEA Representative Travis Johnson, PCHS Teacher Cara Sweet

Comments (Public) None

Comments (Visitors Arranged in Advance) None

Minutes

The Board approved minutes of the April 19, 2018 regular meeting and the May 14, 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/FUNDING: A few bills that could affect PC are still active: (note that there are MANY, MANY more bills active that could have a lesser effect on the District as well)

* SB 2572 would basically undue what was just done a few months ago for PE. This would require a minimum number of minutes of PE per week, and removes the 3-days-per-week requirement.

*HB 5175 requires the minimum teacher salary be moved from \$10,000 to \$40,000. At this time, we only have 2 teachers that would be affected by this, however this bill will be extremely impactful in districts with lower teacher pay.

*SB 2350 states that the law enforcement drill must address an active shooter and must be done when students are present and participating. This bill is highly contended by those in mental health professions, especially because it applies to all age groups.

*SB 3249 adds to the mandated topics in US History.

*SB 2306, 3093, and 3197 adds more Homestead exemptions.

*In funding news: We have received one additional payment for categoricals, however we are still awaiting two (half) of the payments. It is unlikely we will receive this money. Transportation gets hit

the hardest in this scenario. With 386 square miles, our transportation costs are immense. The loss of these payments amounts to over \$400,000 for this fund alone.

TECHNOLOGY: The Board was introduced to the laptops the District is currently purchasing for teacher-machines. The machines will be bought with money from our 2018 FY Budget and our 2019 FY Budget.

UE ROOF UPDATE: The Board was shown the materials that will be used to replace the gym roof at PCUE. The project will begin shortly after school dismisses for the summer, and will be completed before students return in the fall.

END OF YEAR SCHEDULE: The recent cancellation of classes at PCP West due to a water main break will NOT affect the end of school calendar. May 30th will be the last day for students, with a 2-hour early release. May 31st will be the last day for staff, including a 9:30 am retirement reception and 10:30 am brunch at PCHS.

SAFETY: Prairie Central Administration attended a safety meeting presented by ESDA at the Fairbury Fire Department on April 23rd. During the meeting, a scenario was given involving a school shooter, and school officials discussed the plan of action in such an event. The Fire Department, EMT's, Fairbury Police Department, ESDA, and Coroner's office then spoke on what their reaction would be, and/or how they would like the school to react to help them best do the important work they will need to do. The exchange of information was invaluable. The PC Administrators will be working on updating plans for a school shooter scenario this summer.

MEETING SCHEDULE: Board meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month again next school year, with a November exception. Administrative Team meetings will be held the second Thursday of the month. The schedule will be published on the District website.

GRADUATION SCHEDULE: Commencement begins at 7:00 next Friday, May 25th. Two floor chairs will be reserved for each Board member.

Old Business

The Board

- Discussed purchasing buses to replace our aging fleet, and to prepare to replace the 12 leased buses due back in 2019. Bond money is needed to do this. A meeting will be set up to discuss further in committee.

New Business

The Board

- Discussed a proposal from a PCE teacher to apply to be the Iditarod "Teacher on the Trail"

- Approved a student transfer request from PCP East to West, based on previously established criteria and application.
- Approved membership in the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council.
- Approved a Prevailing Wage Resolution
- Approved membership in the IASB.
- Heard details of an international travel opportunity for PCHS students to Costa Rica next summer.
- Approved a handbook change for PCHS.

Personnel

Following executive session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1,) 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) and (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)2, the Board

- Appointed Darin Bazzell Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach beginning the 2018-19 school year.
- Appointed Tyler Webster Head HS Wrestling Coach beginning the 2018-19 school year.
- Appointed Emily Wenger PCHS Co-Fall Cheer Coach beginning the 2018-19 school year.
- Appointed Taylor Lind PCHS Co-Fall Cheer Coach for the 2018-19 school year.
- Appointed Taylor Lind PCHS Co-Winter Cheer Coach beginning the 2018-19 school year.
- Appointed Erin Ifft Co-Winter Cheer Coach for the 2018-19 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Dustin Underwood as PCHS ELA teacher effective the end of the 2017-18 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Heather Pierce as PCUE/PCJH Art teacher effective at the end of the 2017-18 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Ashley Stokes as District Bus Driver effective April 17, 2018.
- Accepted the resignation of Mark Payne as PCHS PE teacher effective at the end of the 2017-18 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Jenny Osborn as PCHS Science teacher effective at the end of the 2017-18 school year.
- Extended an employee leave-of-absence until August 1, 2018.
- Approved an employee request for unpaid leave-of absence from September 28, 2018 through December 21, 2018.

Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 10:40 pm