
PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
OPEN SESSION**

APRIL 25, 2019 MEETING #2

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8, FORD, LIVINGSTON, AND MCLEAN COUNTIES, WAS HELD ON APRIL 25, 2019 AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MARK SLAGEL AT 7:18 PM IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Bachtold, Dana Kafer, Brian Plenert, Lori Schahrer, Mark Slagel, John Wilken

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Brad Brown

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken

CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: None

PCEA REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: Nicole Joiner, Meg Briscoe, Mindy Cavaness, Katie Travis

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Lisa Bounds

STUDENTS PRESENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: None

PRESS PRESENT: Kent Casson, The Blade

PUBLIC COMMENT NONE

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE NONE

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS New members Dana Kafer and Lori Schahrer were sworn in

ELECTION OF OFFICERS Mark Slagel was elected Board President, Lori Schahrer was elected Board Vice President, and John Wilken was elected Board Secretary by voice vote

GENERAL ACTION

TO AMEND AGENDA Moved by Wilken and seconded by Plenert that we amend the agenda for the regular meeting of the PC Board of Education on April 25, 2019 to include the approval of a trip request from the PCHS softball team.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; BROWN, ABSENT; KAfer, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHRRER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED

TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION Moved by Plenert and seconded by Bachtold that we accept a letter of resignation from Board Member Brad Brown effective immediately.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; BROWN, ABSENT; KAfer, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHRRER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED

TO APPROVE CALENDAR Moved by Bachtold and seconded by Schahrer that we approve the Board meeting calendar for the 2019-20 school year as presented.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; BROWN, ABSENT; KAfer, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHRRER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED

TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA Moved by Bachtold and seconded by Schahrer that we approve the consent agenda, which includes: Activity fund report, bills (current and interim), café report, County Sales Facility Tax report, financial report/summary, investment schedule, and treasurer's report.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; BROWN, ABSENT; KAfer, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHRRER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

*Legislative Update: Bills that could be impactful for Prairie Central:

- It looks like the \$40,000 minimum salary for teacher will probably pass. The impact on PC will not be great, as we have very few “cells” in our CBA that are not at or above this threshold.
- SB 1952 reverts back the end-of-career salary increase for certified staff to 6% instead of 3%. It also eliminates the basic skills test for new teacher candidates and allows schools to pay student teachers.
- SB 455 allows school nurses and administrators to administer medical cannabis-infused product to students with prescription.
- HB 1561 requires schools to create a threat assessment protocol and team, which all Prairie Central Schools will do this summer whether or not this passes. It also allows CSFT money to be used for purposes other than its current prescribed uses. This new use would include school safety and mental health.
- HB 2263 would require teachers to instruct students on work ethic, and offer anger management courses.

*Funding Update:

At this time, we are receiving our Evidence Based Funding on time or nearly on time, however we are still lacking in transportation (and other) payments. Hopefully the state will come through by the end of the fiscal year.

*The state is considering bringing back the “5 and 5” early retirement option. This would allow teachers who are within 5 years of retirement and at least 50 years old to “buy” up to 5 years of service and retire “early”. It is hoped that this would help with the pension crisis.

*Bright Stalk has begun construction on a wind farm near Chenoa in McLean County. We do not yet have firm numbers, however we may stand to benefit with nearly \$330,000 in tax money. This money would not flow until all turbines are online. Again, the actual tax benefit would not be calculated until the project is finished. Additionally, it will be difficult to predict what this benefit will look like in the near future, as new calculations will be done to determine our Evidence-Based Funding amounts. If the turbines are up and running before they do the calculations, we will see less benefit.

*The Board has set a tentative tour date of May 29th, but may take the tour earlier if our “farmer” board members have time away from the fields due to rain.

*We have one new bus that is still awaiting the installation of radio equipment, but all others are “on the road”. We have experienced some difficulty with the doors on several buses, but hope to have that resolved soon.

*Summer maintenance list will be ready by our May meeting.

*The Board will receive training from the Illinois Association of School Boards on June 11th.

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

- The board discussed the possibility of a school resource officer in the future.
- There was discussion about the Transportation Director job description, and if it might be necessary to contract someone to be a “Fleet Manager” as well. For now, we will continue with the current position as it is.
- The secure entrance project at the High School is moving along, and has hit a few bumps along the road. Additional asbestos abatement will be necessary before construction, but the architect is still hopeful that the project can be completed on time.
- The Board discussed supporting the Boys and Girls Club through granting the organization \$10,000 of Title I money per site for programs at PCP East and PCP West. The District currently funds these programs with this money.
- The Board was presented with an amended/final school calendar for the 2018-19 school year.

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

- The Board was presented handbook changes for the elementary schools, junior high, and high school.
- The Board was presented with an overnight trip request for designated FCCLA members who will be competing in Nationals June 19-May 3.
- The Board was presented with an overnight trip request for the PCHS softball team.
- The Board reviewed milk and bread bids for the 2019-20 school year.
- Summer mowing help will be sought to alleviate the time constraints for our maintenance department.
- McLean County is working on getting checks printed for those McLean County (mostly Cropsey) residents that were over-taxed. The checks could go out as soon as early next week.
- Board committee appointments were tabled until the May meeting, after a new board member is appointed.

ACTION – OLD BUSINESS

TO SUPPORT B/G CLUB

Moved by Schahrer and Seconded by Kafer that we support the Boys and Girls Club of Livingston County’s after school programs at PCP East and PCP West through granting the organization \$10,000 for each site to be taken from Title I grant money previously used for the Kids Club after school program at these sites.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; BROWN, ABSENT; KAfer, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHNER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED

TO APPROVE CALENDAR

Moved by Bachtold and Seconded by Plenert that we approve the amended official school calendar for the 2018-19 school year.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; BROWN, ABSENT; KAHER, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHNER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED

ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

PCHS HANDBOOK CHANGES:

Moved by Wilken and Seconded by Kafer that we approve changes in the PCHS Student Handbook as presented.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; BROWN, ABSENT; KAHER, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHNER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

PCJHS HANDBOOK CHANGES:

Moved by Schahner and Seconded by Bachtold that we approve changes in the PCJHS Student Handbook as presented.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; BROWN, ABSENT; KAHER, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHNER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

PC Elem HANDBOOK CHANGES:

Moved by Kafer and Seconded by Bachtold that we approve changes in the PC Elementary Schools' Student Handbook as presented.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; BROWN, ABSENT; KAHER, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHNER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Trip Request:

Moved by Plenert and Seconded by Schahner that we approve an overnight trip request for FCCLA to attend the National Conference at no expense to the District.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; BROWN, ABSENT; KAHER, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHNER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Trip Request:

Moved by Wilken and Seconded by Kafer that we approve an overnight trip request for PCHS Softball at no expense to the District.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; BROWN, ABSENT; KAHER, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHNER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Bread Bid:

Moved by Schahner and Seconded by Bachtold that we approve the bread bid from Aunt Millie's Bakery for the 2019-20 school year.

		YEAR										
RHONDA MCLELLAN*	PCUE SECRETARY	END OF 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	KAFER	PLENERT	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
MEGAN RIENTS	PCE 2 ND GRADE TEACHER	END OF 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	WILKEN	BACHTOLD	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
DANIELLE DONOVAN	PCPE/W PRE-K AND ECSE TEACHER	END OF 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	SLAGEL	KAFER	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
LISA LANGE	PCE 3 RD GRADE TEACHER	END OF 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	SCHAHRER	WILKEN	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

TO GRANT LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO:

VOTING

RESULT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/ SITE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>MOTION BY</u>	<u>SECOND BY</u>	<u>BACHTOLD</u>	<u>BROWN</u>	<u>KAFER</u>	<u>PLENERT</u>	<u>SCHAHRER</u>	<u>SLAGEL</u>	<u>WILKEN</u>	
SUANNE MEDINA	5 TH GRADE /PCUE	MAY 13-END OF 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	SLAGEL	KAFER	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

TO TRANSFER:

VOTING

RESULT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/ SITE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>MOTION BY</u>	<u>SECOND BY</u>	<u>BACHTOLD</u>	<u>BROWN</u>	<u>KAFER</u>	<u>PLENERT</u>	<u>SCHAHRER</u>	<u>SLAGEL</u>	<u>WILKEN</u>	
CYNTHIA WURMNEST	3 RD GRADE SPEC ED TO 2 ND GRADE CLASSROOM/PCE	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	SCHAHRER	WILKEN	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
EMILY JONES	1 ST GRADE PCPE TO 2 ND GRADE PCE	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	SCHAHRER	WILKEN	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
KATIE TRAVIS	SPEC ED PCPE TO SPEC ED PCE	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	BACHTOLD	SLAGEL	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

GENERAL ACTION

TO ADJOURN:

Moved by Bachtold and seconded by Plenert that we adjourn at 10:54 PM.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; BROWN, ABSENT; KAUFER, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAEHRER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
EXECUTIVE SESSION (5 ILCS 120/2)

April 25, 2019

1. Name of unit of government

Prairie Central CUSD #8

2. Date and time of closed meeting or closed portion of meeting

4/25/2019

9:56 PM – 10:33 PM

3. Names of all members of the public body present during the closed meeting or closed portion of meeting

Ted Bachtold, Dana Kafer, Brian Plenert, Lori Schahrer, Mark Slagel, John Wilken

4. Each specific exception cited for closing the meeting (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1, 10), (5ILCS 120/2(c)2)

a. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel

b. Discuss collective bargaining matters

5. For each of the exceptions cited, provide a general description of the subject matter discussed during the closed meeting or portion of a closed meeting

a. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel

1. Discussion of appointments

2. Discussion of resignations

3. Discuss leaves of absence

4. Discuss transfers of employees

b. Discuss collective bargaining matters

1. Discussion of grievance agreement

Certification

I certify that I understand Section II of the Illinois Open Meetings Act and that to the best of my knowledge and belief no other topic was discussed during the closed meeting, or closed portion of the meeting, in violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

President

Secretary