
PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
OPEN SESSION**

FEBRUARY 21, 2019

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 DECEMBER 20, 2018 AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MARK SLAGEL AT 7:00 PM IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL CUSD #8 UNIT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Slagel, Corey Steffen, Brian Plenert, Ted Bachtold, John Wilken, and Tim McGreal

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ann Steidinger

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken

**CENTRAL OFFICE
EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** None

**PCEA REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT:** Nicole Joiner, Angie Kratochvil

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Jennifer Steidinger

STUDENTS PRESENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: Dana Kafer, Brad Brown, Lori Schahrer, Brad Steidinger

PRESS PRESENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT NONE

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE MATT CURL, FAIRBURY AMERICAN LEGION SPEEDWAY

GENERAL ACTION

TO APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by Wilken and seconded by Plenert that we approve minutes of the January 17, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, ABSENT; MCGREAL, ABSTAIN; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, ABSENT; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Steffen and seconded by Bachtold 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; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, ABSENT; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

*Legislative Update: There is a great deal of legislation that could be impactful on district finances. The most potentially impactful are the minimum wage increase, teacher minimum salary, property tax freeze and/or limitation of our ability to levy.

*School day legislation: This legislation restores the 5-clock hour student attendance day, which could potentially eliminate all of our school improvement days. Along with this, one student attendance day has been added to the calendar, which could eliminate one institute day. We will await further negotiations on the bill, and create a school calendar accordingly.

*The federal shutdown had threatened our school lunch program money, however all payments in arrears are to be made whole by the end of the year.

*Mrs. Dieken recapped our institute day, with input from Mrs. Kratochvil and Ms. Joiner. We believe the day was incredibly productive, with survey information so far showing positive reactions from teachers.

*The research on an intercom/communication system continues. We are awaiting an additional cost estimate from a second company that did a detailed walk-through of the entire district. Once these numbers are received, we hope to formulate a short-term plan on system replacement throughout the district.

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

- The superintendent evaluation is complete and data has been compiled. It will be reviewed in closed session.
- The negotiations are completed with Infinite Campus, which will be recommended as our new student information system.

- The new visitor entrance/modification project is moving along. There could be issues with adding a small ADA compliant bathroom, although more research is needed to verify this. No estimates have been received, as Middleton and Associates are continuing to gather information.

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

- The Board was presented with the Title 1003A School Improvement Plan for PC Junior High. The plan was completed in response to the “underperforming” designation received through the new ESSA accountability model this year.
- The Board was informed of a possible partnership with the Boys and Girls Club to run the after school “Kids Club” programs at PCP East and PCP West. More discussion will take place to come to an agreement on the terms of this partnership.

ACTION – OLD BUSINESS

SIS: Moved by Bachtold and seconded by Wilken that we approve Infinite Campus as our Student Information System beginning the 2019-20 school year.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, ABSENT; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

VISITOR ENTRANCE: Moved by Steffen and seconded by Plenert that we authorize Middleton and Associates to open bids on behalf of Prairie Central CUSD #8 for a new visitor entrance at PCHS and the remodeling of the main office.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, ABSENT; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

TITLE 1003A: Moved by Wilken and seconded by Bachtold that we approve the Title 1003A School Improvement Plan for Prairie Central Junior High as presented.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, ABSENT; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Enter Executive Session: Moved by Plenert and seconded by Steffen that we enter into executive session at 9:17 PM for purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel; as per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1, 10)

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, ABSENT; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Exit Executive Session: Moved by Steffen and seconded by Wilken that we exit executive session at 11:00 PM.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, ABSENT; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION ON PERSONNEL

TO APPOINT:

VOTING

RESULT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/ SITE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>MOTION BY</u>	<u>SECOND BY</u>	<u>BACHTOLD</u>	<u>MCGREAL</u>	<u>PLENERT</u>	<u>SLAGEL</u>	<u>STEFFEN</u>	<u>STEIDINGER</u>	<u>WILKEN</u>	
KYLIE CREWS	DISTRICT SPEECH/LANG UAGE PATHOLOGIST	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	STEFFEN	SLAGEL	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	CARRIED

TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM:

VOTING

RESULT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/ SITE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>MOTION BY</u>	<u>SECOND BY</u>	<u>BACHTOLD</u>	<u>MCGREAL</u>	<u>PLENERT</u>	<u>SLAGEL</u>	<u>STEFFEN</u>	<u>STEIDINGER</u>	<u>WILKEN</u>	
ELIZABETH BURGER	DISTRICT BUS DRIVER	IMMEDIATELY	PLENERT	WILKEN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	CARRIED
GAIL MONAHAN WITH INTENT TO RETIRE	PCJH SECRETARY	END OF 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	BACHTOLD	SLAGEL	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	CARRIED
ALEXANDRIA APPLEN	PCUE SPECIAL ED TEACER	END OF 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	STEFFEN	MCGREAL	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	CARRIED
LUCAS KRIPPEL	HS SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER	END OF 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	MCGREAL	BACHTOLD	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	CARRIED

TO APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR:

VOTING

RESULT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/ SITE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>MOTION BY</u>	<u>SECOND BY</u>	<u>BACHTOLD</u>	<u>MCGREAL</u>	<u>PLENERT</u>	<u>SLAGEL</u>	<u>STEFFEN</u>	<u>STEIDINGER</u>	<u>WILKEN</u>	
KATHRYN TRAVIS	PCPE SPECIAL ED TEACHER	MAY 9, 2019- END OF SCHOOL YEAR	WILKEN	PLENERT	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	CARRIED

WE INTERNALLY
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>MCGREAL</u>	<u>PLENERT</u>	<u>SLAGEL</u>	<u>STEFFEN</u>	<u>STEIDINGER</u>	<u>WILKEN</u>	
KRISTEN HINZ	PCPE INTERVENTIONIST TO PCE 4 TH GRADE	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	MCGREAL	SLAGEL	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	CARRIED

GENERAL ACTION

TO ADJOURN:

Moved by Steffen and seconded by Wilken that we adjourn at 11:10 PM.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, ABSENT; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

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February 21, 2019

1. Name of unit of government
Prairie Central CUSD #8
2. Date and time of closed meeting or closed portion of meeting
2/21/2019
9:17 PM – 11:00 PM
3. Names of all members of the public body present during the closed meeting or closed portion of meeting
Mark Slagel, Corey Steffen, Brian Plenert, John Wilken, Ted Bachtold, Tim McGreal
4. Each specific exception cited for closing the meeting (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1, 10)
 - a. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel
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 resignation
 3. Discussion of leaves of absence
 4. Discussion of internal transfer

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