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**PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8**

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
OPEN SESSION**

**JUNE 20, 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 JUNE 20, 2019 AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MARK SLAGEL AT 7:02 PM IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL UNIT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Bachtold, Tim McGreal, Brian Plenert, Lori Schahrer, Mark Slagel, John Wilken

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Dana Kafer

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken

**CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES**

PRESENT: None

**PCEA REPRESENTATIVES**

PRESENT: None

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Charisse Price

STUDENTS PRESENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: Chandler Ifft, Mark Ifft

PRESS PRESENT: Kent Casson, The Blade

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PUBLIC COMMENT NONE

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE

Chandler Ifft was recognized by the Board for his accomplishment as the IHSA Class 2A Pole Vault Champion.

GENERAL ACTION

TO APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by McGreal and seconded by Plenert that we approve minutes of the May 16, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAUFER, ABSENT; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHRER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Schahrer 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; KAUFER, ABSENT; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHRER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

\*Legislative Update: There is good news in that both houses have passed a bill which contains an increase of at least \$375 million for education. Also of interest are the continued efforts to combat the teacher shortage through changes in licensure requirements, and the possibility of funding for a capital project (intercom system) in the district.

\*The end-of-year institute was held June 4<sup>th</sup>, and included professional development offered to certified and non-certified staff. The poverty training was well received, and there have been requests to repeat the training this coming school year. Throughout the year, Prairie Central (thanks to Director of C & I Tonya Dieken), has offered over 150 CPDU's (continuing professional development units) for staff. This is more than the Regional Office of Education offered! Nearly all offerings were free to staff, and all were offered within the district.

\*The HS office project is underway, with asbestos removal completed and Vissering beginning with a full crew on Friday. Other current maintenance projects include additional electrical and plumbing work on a new special education room at the High School, the completion of two classrooms prepared for the teacher who was displaced due to the new High School office plan (which required additional electrical wiring, new flooring, some construction work, and painting), concrete work at PCE entrance, landscape clean up throughout the district, and carpet installation at PCUE, PCE, and tile at PCJH beginning July 8<sup>th</sup>.

\*Bus disposal for those buses included in the EPA grant is ongoing. Eight out of 10 buses have been disposed of at this time. At the completion of this process, documentation will be sent to the EPA for reimbursement.

\*Infinite Campus (new student information software) training has been going very well, with several groups trained at this time. The program looks promising and much more efficient and effective than our past program. A great deal of work has been put into cleaning and entering data to get the program ready for operation. Online registration will possibly not begin until August 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*Our mascot, Huey, may be in need of a bit of updating. The board supported the idea of forming a committee to explore such an update, which does NOT include changing the mascot, simply updating him.

\*The Board was walked through the district's 5Essentials survey results in detail. The survey is taken by students (grades 4-12), teachers, and parents. It gives the district information about school climate in the opinion of these groups. Results were very positive for the district.

\*The Board was presented with a budget review for FY19, which ends June 30.

\*A discussion was held about the possibility of contracting with a company or individual to manage our fleet of buses and vehicles. This person would be in charge of all aspects of assigning maintenance, repair, and inspections for all vehicles, as well as assisting in creating and maintaining a short and long-term plan for the fleet. Additional discussion is needed.

#### DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

\*The Board reviewed the FY19 Board goals, which will be further discussed and updated at the July regular board meeting.

#### DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

\*A proposal was presented to the board regarding board committee work and the scheduling of those meetings.

\*Action will be needed to allow Superintendent Crane to prepare a tentative FY20 budget for the July board meeting.

\*In order to correct an error in deposit, \$7,488.50 will have to be moved from bonds and interest to working cash.

\*Mrs. Dieken presented a new STEAM course proposal from PCJHS. The course will be an additional elective for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

\*The board's membership in the Illinois Association of School Boards will expire soon. Discussion was held on its renewal.

\*The board heard an explanation of a resolution for IMRF employees regarding the inclusion of HSA compensation in IMRF earnings. This is a current practice, only needing formal action to continue.

\*The board discussed the possibility of buying a used bus from Midwest Transit to replace a bus that recently had engine failure. The cost to replace the engine in the aged bus was estimated at approximately \$22,000. The cost of the used 71-passenger bus, with 49,000 miles and a 3 year warranty would be \$29,705.

ACTION – OLD BUSINESS

ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

AUTHORIZATION FOR BUDGET: Moved by Bachtold and Seconded by Schahrer that we authorize the Superintendent to prepare a tentative FY20 budget for consideration at the July 19, 2019 board meeting.  
VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAHER, ABSENT; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHRRER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Moved by Wilken and Seconded by McGreal that we approve the transfer of \$7,488.50 from Bond/Interest to Working Cash.  
VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAHER, ABSENT; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHRRER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

COURSE APPROVAL: Moved by Bachtold and Seconded by Schahrer that we approve the PCJH STEAM course as proposed.  
VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAHER, ABSENT; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHRRER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

IASB MEMBERSHIP: Moved by Plenert and Seconded by Wilken that we approve the IASB membership renewal.  
VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAHER, ABSENT; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHRRER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

IMRF RESOLUTION: Moved by Schahrer and Seconded by Plenert that we approve the Resolution to Include Compensation Directed into a Retirement Health Savings Plan as IMRF earnings.  
VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAHER, ABSENT; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHRRER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

BUS PURCHASE: Moved by Plenert and Seconded by McGreal that we approve the purchase of a used 2012 IC/CE 71-passenger bus from Midwest Transit at a cost of \$29,705.  
VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAHER, ABSENT; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHRRER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.







GENERAL ACTION

TO ADJOURN:

Moved by Bachtold and seconded by Plenert that we adjourn at  
12:25 AM June 21, 2019.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAUFER, ABSENT; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA;  
SCHAHRRER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY



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

June 20, 2019

1. Name of unit of government

Prairie Central CUSD #8

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

6/20/2019

10:51 PM – 12:13 AM (June 21, 2019)

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

Ted Bachtold, Tim McGreal, Brian Plenert, Lori Schahrer, Mark Slagel, John Wilken

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 resignations

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.

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President

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Secretary

