
PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
OPEN SESSION**

MARCH 19, 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 HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: none

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken

CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: None

PCEA REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: Nicole Joiner, Glenda Knauer

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Charisse Price, Lisa Bounds, Caren Appel, Linda Walter, Phyllis Bellot, Sarah Steffen, Tyler Webster

STUDENTS PRESENT: Logan Deacetis and Brandon Hoselton

GUESTS PRESENT: Dana Kafer, Lori Schahrer, Renee Hoselton, Bob Deacetis, Julie Deacetis

PRESS PRESENT: Kent Casson, The Blade

PUBLIC COMMENT NONE

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE

LOGAN DEACETIS AND BRANDON HOSELTON

*The Board recognized Logan and Brandon for their individual state championships in wrestling.

GENERAL ACTION

TO APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by Wilken and seconded by McGreal that we approve minutes of the February 21, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

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

TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Bachtold and seconded by Plenert 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, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

TO AMEND AGENDA

Moved by Plenert and seconded by Steffen that we amend the agenda for the regular meeting of the PC Board of Education on March 19, 2019 to include the discussion of the PCJH Student Council State Convention proposal under "New Business".

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, 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:

-Bill Brady has proposed a bill that will require schools to offer enough college credit coursework for students to graduate with their high school diploma as well as an associate degree. There are two problems with this for PC: First, the requirements for our teachers to be certified to teach these courses has increased. At this time, in order to be eligible to teach a "dual credit" course, a teacher must have a master's degree in the subject taught (such as a master's degree in math, science, etc). This is somewhat rare. Another issue is that the bill requires schools to pay for the college credit for students, with no addition money being appropriated by the state for this purpose.

-The "diversity bill" is back, which would require schools to teach about the role and contributions of gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual individuals in society.

-SB1694 would add an additional course requirement for graduation. A “workforce readiness” course would be a year-long course required of all freshmen. This could impact the ability for students to choose elective courses.

*Board Tour Date: The board discussed putting off their spring tour until new board members are seated, and after spring planting, with a tentative date of May 29th.

*Boys and Girls Club: There has been discussion of the possibility of the Boys and Girls Club of Livingston County taking over our “Kids Club” after-school programs at PCP East and West. The Club has received funding for a “Teen Reach” in Chatsworth, which will help fund the East after-school program as well. Funding for the West program will require further discussion.

*Bus Update: We are still on track for an April 1st delivery date, with April 2nd set as a training date for all drivers. We have received our official letter from the EPA informing us that we have been awarded \$200,000 in grant money to help with this purchase, in exchange for the “decommissioning” of 10 of our old buses.

*The board reviewed the most current maintenance list for all buildings, which will change greatly once the 10-year life-safety review is complete for the district.

*The district has still only received ONE categorical payment from the state at this time. We should receive four payments total, which looks highly unlikely at this time.

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

*The Board was presented with a proposed calendar for the 2019-20 school year.

*The Director of Transportation job description was discussed. The current job description will remain in place, with the board emphasizing the need for someone with skills in technology and knowledge of mechanical issues.

*The new visitor entrance at PCHS was discussed and continues to take shape.

*Prairie Central has still only received ONE categorical payment from the state out of four. It is unlikely that the district will receive all funds due this year.

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

*A board was presented with a new fee schedule proposal for the 2019-20 school year.

*Daytime accident insurance was reviewed to be offered to families during registration. Rates are unchanged from last school year.

*The IHSA renewal is due for PCHS to compete in post-season play for the 2019-20 school year.

*The district music department was in attendance to discuss a proposal for members of the staff to offer music to our Kindergarten and first grade students one time per week beginning next school year. The proposal would not require additional staff, and would also reconfigure how music is offered at PCUE, giving 5th and 6th grade students a full year of music instead of the half-year course they are offered currently. This proposal is made possible by manipulating the schedules of current staff. No additional funds would be needed from the district to make this happen.

*PCJH Student council has requested permission from the board to take 12 members of the Prairie Central Jr. High Student Council to the IAJHSC State Convention on April 12 and 13 that is being held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Springfield. The Council will pick up the expenses for meals and rooms,

and the students are paying their registration fee. The cost to the school district will be for substitutes for Mrs. Vogel and Mrs. McClure.

ACTION – OLD BUSINESS

Calendar:

Moved by McGreal and Seconded by Bachtold that we approve the official school calendar proposal for the 2019-20 school year.

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

ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

Fee Schedule:

Moved by Plenert and Seconded by Steffen that we approve the “PC Rates, Fees, and Costs” schedule for the 2019-20 school year.

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

Student Insurance:

Moved by Steffen and Seconded by Bachtold that we approve the “School Time Insurance” proposal as an option for purchase by Prairie Central families.

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

IHSA Membership:

Moved by Wilken and Seconded by McGreal that we approve the Illinois High School Association membership for Prairie Central High School.

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

Music Proposal:

Moved by Wilken and seconded by Plenert that we agree to allow music education in Kindergarten and 1st grade at no additional cost to the district. The program must use existing personnel and current materials.

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

IAJHSC Attendance:

Moved by McGreal and Seconded by Plenert that we approve the request from Prairie Central Junior High Student Council to attend

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>	
JOHN GERBER	PCE CUSTODIAN	MARCH 14, 2019	STEIDINGER	WILKEN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
JASON WHITFILL	PCJH ATHLETIC DIRECTOR	END OF 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	BACHTOLD	MCGREAL	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
ALLISON GRINER	PCJH CHEER COACH	END OF 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	STEFFEN	PLENERT	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
KIRSTEN SMITH	7 TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL COACH	END OF 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	SLAGEL	WILKEN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
JAMES DEMAY	PCJH PRINCIPAL	END OF 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	WILKEN	STEIDINGER	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
JOSHUA KRONE	PCHS DEAN OF STUDENTS	END OF 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	STEFFEN	BACHTOLD	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

MOU:

Moved by Wilken and seconded by Bachtold that we approve the "Memorandum of Understanding to Resolve the Grievance Dated 10/5/2018 Regarding Provisions of the Contract Regarding Extra Duties".

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

GENERAL ACTION

TO ADJOURN:

Moved by McGreal and seconded by Steffen that we adjourn at 10:35 PM.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, 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)

March 19, 2019

1. Name of unit of government

Prairie Central CUSD #8

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

3/19/2019

8:38 PM – 10:27 PM

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

Mark Slagel, Tim McGreal, Corey Steffen, Brian Plenert, John Wilken, Ted Bachtold, Ann Steidinger

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 resignation

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