
PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
OPEN SESSION**

OCTOBER 18, 2018

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 OCTOBER 18, 2018 AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MARK SLAGEL AT 7:00 PM IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL UNIT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: TIM MCGREAL, MARK SLAGEL, COREY STEFFEN, ANN STEIDINGER, AND JOHN WILKEN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: TED BACHTOLD, BRIAN PLENERT

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: PAULA CRANE, TONYA DIEKEN

CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: NONE

PCEA REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: KATIE TRAVIS, EMILY JONES

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: LISA BOUNDS

STUDENTS PRESENT: NONE

GUESTS PRESENT: NONE

PRESS PRESENT: KENT CASSON, *THE BLADE*

PUBLIC COMMENT NONE

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE NONE

GENERAL ACTION

TO APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by Steffen and seconded by Wilken that we approve minutes of the September 20, 2018 regular meeting as presented.

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

TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

*ESSA/School Report Card: The state school report cards have been put on hold. School "designations" were not correct on the initial data sent by the state. Once this has been resolved, the correct designations and data will be sent to superintendents for review before the October 31st release to the public.

*Funding Report: Evidence Based Funding has been arriving regularly and on time! This is great news. Categoricals have been vouchered, but checks have not yet been sent. We will await payment, which the comptroller has promised to treat with priority.

*Evaluation update: The administrative team has completed several activities to help calibrate evaluation rating. All evaluators have trained together by watching videos and rating, then discussing evidence and comparing ratings. Evaluators are also doing "exchange" observations, where two evaluators pair up and complete an observation together in each of their schools. This will also help evaluators raise awareness of teaching methods and strategies used in different buildings, and at different grade levels.

*School safety: The Board was given more information about the cost of a school resource officer, which would most likely be between \$70,000 and \$80,000. The Board would like more information and input from the community on such an investment. A survey will be developed for this purpose.

*Teacher Shortage: The Board was given statistics about teacher certification tests, demonstrating the near crisis-level teacher shortage.

*McLean County Bond update: A letter to our Chenoa-McLean residents has been posted on our website to help try to explain the bond errors made by the McLean County Clerk's office. Because this error will not be evident to Chenoa citizens until next year, we will keep the letter up, or re-run the letter close to that time.

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

Fuel: Diesel fuel is at a 4-year high. Our current price would be \$2.843. This is not a good time to open bids.

Job Description: The Board revisited the job description for Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology with revisions made at last month's meeting.

Bus Purchase: The Board discussed options for bus purchase and reviewed a list of specs for regular buses and a special needs bus.

Resource officer: The cost of a resource officer was discussed, as well as other school safety options for the District. The Board requested that information be gathered from parents and community members regarding this, as the cost would be significant.

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

FY18 Audit: Superintendent Crane presented the FY18 audit and Annual Financial Report prepared by Floyd and Associates.

STS Training Agreement: The Regional Office of Education has offered to train those interested in a "Short Term Substitute" certificate. This certificate can be issued to individuals with 60 graduate credit hours, or an Associate's Degree from an accredited college to allow them to be substitute teachers.

ACTION – OLD BUSINESS

Job Description: Moved by Wilken and Seconded by McGreal that we approve the job description for "Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology"

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

Bus Bids: Moved by Slagel and Seconded by McGreal that we let bids for 8 (8) new 77 passenger buses and one (1) new 47-passenger wheelchair bus (3 chairs) with the intent to trade 8 old buses.

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

MARIE WEISER	PCE CAFÉ WORKER	2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	SLAGEL	WILKEN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
KIRSTEN SMITH	7 TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL COACH (TRANSFER)	2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	STEFFEN	STEIDINGER	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION (WITH INTENT TO RETIRE) FROM: VOTING RESULT

NAME	POSITION/ SITE	EFFECTIVE	MOTION BY	SECOND BY	BACHTOLD	MCGREAL	PLENERT	SLAGEL	STEFFEN	STEIDINGER	WILKEN	RESULT
LISA SCHMIDGALL	6 TH GRADE TEACHER	END OF 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	WILKEN	MCGREAL	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

TO TERMINATE: VOTING RESULT

NAME	POSITION/ SITE	EFFECTIVE	MOTION BY	SECOND BY	BACHTOLD	MCGREAL	PLENERT	SLAGEL	STEFFEN	STEIDINGER	WILKEN	RESULT
TERESA PALEN	BUS DRIVER	2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	MCGREAL	SLAGEL	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

GENERAL ACTION

TO ADJOURN:

Moved by Wilken and seconded by Steffen that we adjourn at 10:13 PM.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, ABSENT; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, ABSENT; 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)

October 18, 2018

1. Name of unit of government

Prairie Central CUSD #8

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

10/18/2018

8:41 PM – 10:09 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, Ann Steidinger, 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 termination of employee

2. Discussion of appointments

3. Discussion of resignation

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