
PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
OPEN SESSION

SEPTEMBER 20, 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 SEPTEMBER 20, 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: TED BACHTOLD, TIM MCGREAL, BRIAN PLENERT, MARK SLAGEL, COREY STEFFEN, ANN STEIDINGER, AND JOHN WILKEN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: PAULA CRANE, TONYA DIEKEN

CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: NONE

PCEA REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: MATT RAZO, CAREN APPEL

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: LISA BOUNDS

STUDENTS PRESENT: NONE

GUESTS PRESENT: ADAM DONTZ

PRESS PRESENT: KENT CASSON, *THE BLADE*

PUBLIC COMMENT NONE

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE ADAM DONTZ

GENERAL ACTION

TO APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by Wilken and seconded by McGreal that we approve minutes of the August 16, 2018 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 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, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED

To Enter Budget Hearing

Moved by Wilken and seconded by McGreal that we enter the budget hearing under 105 ILCS 5/17-1 at 7:27

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

To Exit Hearing

Moved by Bachtold and seconded by McGreal that we return to open session at 7:35 pm.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT CRANE REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

*Student Recognition: The Board recognized Tate Hetherington, a 2018 graduate, who competed in the National SKILLS USA competition this summer and was the National Champion in Internetworking.

*Assessment Results: The Board was presented with 2018 PARCC and SAT assessment results. Prairie Central again outscored other students in the state and nation overall on these tests.

*Program Recognition: The Board was made aware of the recent recognition of Prairie Central's Preschool For All program. The program earned "GOLD" status from the state, a difficult distinction to achieve.

*School Safety: The Board was briefed on work planned by the City of Fairbury to improve sidewalks on First Street south of Rt 24 leading to Prairie Central Elementary, and to add SCHOOL ZONE signs on 7th street around the High School.

*Enrollment: 6th Day enrollment figures were presented, showing another overall decrease in enrollment in the District. Losing another 70 students, Prairie Central is below its “pre-Chenoa” enrollment. Overall enrollment is at 1847.

*Chenoa-McLean County tax extension error: The County Clerk’s office will be sending a letter to all Chenoa-McLean County citizens explaining their bond extension error. We will publish more information on our website regarding this.

*Crossing Guard: Forrest is still seeking a Crossing Guard for Rt 47 in front of the Upper Elementary. In the meantime, to keep students safe, we have assigned paraprofessionals to fill in. This is a temporary fix, however.

*Elections: The Board was reminded that paperwork for school board elections will be available online and at the Livingston County offices in Pontiac.

*Job Description: The Board viewed a job description draft for Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology.

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

Bond Calendar: The Board was updated on the 2018 series working cash bonds.

Resource Officer: The Board discussed interest in hiring a school resource officer. More information will be sought.

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

Property Tax Abatement: Adam Dontz presented information on an abatement request for Selig in Forrest.

Trip Requests: The Board was presented with a trip request from the High School softball, and a trip request from FCCLA.

Title Plan: Mrs. Dieken presented information about our Title I, Title II, and Title IV plans as submitted and approved by the state.

ACTION – OLD BUSINESS

Budget: Moved by Steffen and Seconded by Wilken that we approve the fiscal year 2019 budget and forward it to the Illinois State Board of Education and Regional Office of Education as per 105 ILSC 5/17-1 (School Code), and to County Clerks under 35 ILSC 200/18-50 (Property Tax Code)

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

ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

Tax Abatement: Moved by Plenert and Seconded by Bachtold that we approve the Property Tax Abatement Incentive Proposal for Selig of Forrest as described.

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

Trip Request: Moved by McGreal and Seconded by Wilken that we approve the girls softball trip request to Robinson March 22nd through March 25th at no cost to the District.

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

Title Plan: Moved by Wilken and Seconded by Plenert that we approve the Title I, II, and IV plan as presented.

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

Trip Request: Moved by Steffen and Seconded by McGreal that we approve the FCCLA trip request to Springfield September 30th through October 1st at no cost to the District.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Enter Executive Session: Moved by Steffen and seconded by McGreal that we enter into executive session at 9:05 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, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Exit Executive Session: Moved by Bachtold and seconded by Wilken that we exit executive session at 10:08 PM.

ELIZABETH BURGER	BUS DRIVER	2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	MCGREAL	PLENERT	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
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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>	
KIRK BRANDENBURG	HS DRIVER Ed/PE TEACHER AND FOOTBALL COACH	DECEMBER 22, 2018	WILKEN	STEIDINGER	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

TO APPROVE
LEAVE OF
ABSENCE OF:

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>	
DANA CONVERY	PCHS ELA TEACHER	THROUGH DECEMBER 3, 2018	STEFFEN	SLAGEL	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

GENERAL ACTION

TO ADJOURN

MOVED BY PLENERT AND SECONDED BY WILKEN THAT WE ADJOURN AT 10:14 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
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EXECUTIVE SESSION (5 ILCS 120/2)

September 20, 2018

1. Name of unit of government

Prairie Central CUSD #8

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

09/20/2018

9:05 PM – 10:08 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, Ted Bachtold, Brian Plenert, 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 leaves of absence

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