

December 20, 2018 Board Meeting

In Attendance

Board members: **Tim McGreal, Mark Slagel, Corey Steffen, Ann Steidinger, Ted Bachtold, Brian Plenert, and John Wilken**; administrators: **Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken, Brad Allen**; Prairie Central employees: **Nicole Joiner, Meg Briscoe, Lisa Bounds, Normalynne Bashford, Charisse Price and Pam Weeks** ; press representative **Kent Casson, *The Blade***.

Guests: Prairie Central National FFA Competition Teams, including members of the championship agricultural sales team, farm business management team, poultry team, dairy products team, ag communications team, ag mechanics team and meats team.

Also guests: Dana Kafer, Brad Brown, Suzanne Slagel, Deanna Hanks

Comments (Public) None

Comments (Visitors Arranged in Advance) None

Minutes

The Board approved minutes of the November 13, 2018 regular meeting.

Consent

The Board approved the consent agenda, which included an activity fund report, bills (current/interim), a cafeteria report, financial reports, County Sales Facility Tax Report, investment schedule, and treasurer's report.

Superintendent's Report

The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

*School Safety: The Crosswalk signs at the UE have been moved, and the Village of Forrest is working on repainting the lines on the road. We are awaiting a quote for a flashing light to be mounted on top of the signs to draw the attention of drivers. *We will be establishing a district-wide school safety committee, which will meet this summer. We hope to include administrators, board members, teachers and members of our emergency responders such as fire, police, and EMT as well as others. *We are still awaiting a plan and quote to re-design the daytime visitor entrance at the high school. *Colin is checking on software to allow teachers and staff to have access to all security cameras in the event of an emergency. Hopefully we will have more information on this at the next meeting.

*FFA Signage: The City of Fairbury has submitted the application for a new sign honoring our National Agricultural Sales Championship team to be posted on Rt 24 on both sides of town.

*SIS: We believe we have narrowed down our search for a new student information system. We will have a recommendation in January.

*Calendar Changes: A new law requires us to have 176 student attendance days, instead of the 175 student attendance days we currently have. We do have an option of creating a “remote learning” day so that the Parent/Teacher Conference day without students (this year it was the day before Thanksgiving) will count as an attendance day. This would meet our contractual obligation of 180 work days for teachers. Although not yet created, next year’s calendar will most likely mirror this year.

*We have received NO categorical money from the state for this fiscal year to date. Most importantly, we have received no transportation money. This is a very substantial amount of money for our district.

New Business

- The Board abated funds from the Working Cash Fund to the following funds: Education Fund (\$700,000), Transportation Fund (\$2,500,000), Debt Services Fund (\$150,000), Operations/Maintenance Fund (\$700,000)

Old Business

The Board

- The Board approved the levy as presented
- The Board accepted a bid for 55,000 gallons of diesel fuel from Ken’s Oil in Forrest
- The Board approved a resolution providing for the issue of \$4,499,000 general obligation school bonds, series 2018, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds.
- The Board accepted a bid from Midstate Transit to purchase 10 new (2020) 77-passenger buses (5 with integrated car seats and 5 without) at a total cost of \$878,590 and one new (2020) wheelchair bus at a cost of \$94,384. Crash-mitigation technology may be added at an additional cost.

Personnel

Following executive session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1,) and (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)2, the Board

- Accepted the resignation of Pamela Weeks, Director of Transportation, with intent to retire at the end of the 2018-19 school year
- Accepted the resignation of Jeanette Zimmerman, Unit Office secretary, with the intent to retire on December 20, 2019
- Appointed Chris Kinate as high school boys’ basketball auxiliary coach
- Appointed Erica Mosier as part-time, temporary nurse at PCPW
- Appointed Rebecca Steffen as part-time, temporary nurse at PCPW

Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 11:00 pm