

February 21, 2019 Board Meeting

In Attendance

Board members: **Mark Slagel, Corey Steffen, Tim McGreal, Ted Bachtold, Brian Plenert, and John Wilken**; administrators: **Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken**; Prairie Central employees: **Nicole Joiner, Angie Kratochvil, Jenn Steidinger**.

Guests: **Brad Brown, Dana Kafer, Brad Steidinger, Lori Schahrer**

Comments (Public) **None**

Comments (Visitors Arranged in Advance) **Matt Curl**

*Mr. Curl addressed the board about recent changes with the Fairbury American Legion Speedway and his desire to continue the working relationship with the district. Matt gave his vision for FALS and how Prairie Central fits into this.

Minutes

The Board approved minutes of the January 17, 2019 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:

*Legislative Update: There is a great deal of legislation that could be impactful on district finances. The most potentially impactful are the minimum wage increase, teacher minimum salary, property tax freeze and/or limitation of our ability to levy.

*School day legislation: This legislation restores the 5-clock hour student attendance day, which could potentially eliminate all of our school improvement days. Along with this, one student attendance day has been added to the calendar, which could eliminate one institute day. We will await further negotiations on the bill, and create a school calendar accordingly.

*The federal shutdown had threatened our school lunch program money, however all payments in arrears are to be made whole by the end of the year.

*Mrs. Dieken recapped our institute day, with input from Mrs. Kratochvil and Ms. Joiner. We believe the day was incredibly productive, with survey information so far showing positive reactions from teachers.

*The research on an intercom/communication system continues. We are awaiting an additional cost estimate from a second company that did a detailed walk-through of the entire district. Once these numbers are received, we hope to formulate a short-term plan on system replacement throughout the district.

Old Business

- The superintendent evaluation results have been compiled and will be discussed in closed session.
- The Board approved Infinite Campus as the new Student Information System for the district beginning the 2019-20 school year.

New Business

- The Board approved the Title 1003A School Improvement Plan for PC Junior High. The plan was completed in response to the “underperforming” designation received through the new ESSA accountability model this year.
- The Board was informed of a possible partnership with the Boys and Girls Club to run the after school “Kids Club” programs at PCP East and PCP West. More discussion will take place to come to an agreement on the terms of this partnership.

Personnel

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

- Accepted the resignation of Elizabeth Burger, bus driver.
- Accepted the resignation of Gail Monahan with intent to retire at the end of the 2019-20 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Alexandria Applen, PCUE special education teacher.
- Appointed Andrew Quain, head football coach beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Hannah Miller, 5th grade teacher at PCUE beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Austin Donoho, JV Baseball Coach beginning immediately.
- Approved medical leave-of-absence for one Prairie Central employee.
- Approved a voluntary transfer for Kristen Hinz from PCP East Interventionist to PCE 4th Grade

Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 11:10 pm