

March 19, 2019 Board Meeting

In Attendance

Board members: **Mark Slagel, Corey Steffen, Tim McGreal, Ted Bachtold, Brian Plenert, Ann Steidinger, and John Wilken**; administrators: **Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken**; Prairie Central employees: **Tyler Webster, Lisa Bounds, Caren Appel, Linda Walter, Phyllis Bellot, Sarah Steffen, Charisse Price, Glenda Knauer, Nicole Joiner**; press **Kent Casson** (The Blade).

Guests: **Dana Kafer, Lori Schahrer, Julie Deacetis, Bob Deacetis, Logan Deacetis, Brandon Hoselton, Renee Hoselton,**

Comments (Public) **None**

Comments (Visitors Arranged in Advance)

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

Minutes

The Board approved minutes of the February 21, 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.

Amend Agenda

The Board approved an amendment to the agenda to include a request from PCJH Student Council.

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 additional 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 29<sup>th</sup>.

\*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 1<sup>st</sup> delivery date, with April 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### Old Business

- The board approved the calendar for the 2019-20 school year.
- The Director of Transportation position will open tomorrow. Although the current job description will remain in place, the successful candidate will have knowledge of technology and mechanical issues if possible.
- The new visitor entrance modification project at PCHS is continuing to take shape. Mrs. Crane and Mr. Scott will meet with Middleton and Associates, Architects, on Thursday to review the project in more detail. Plans are beginning to be made on relocation of the office for summer construction.

#### New Business

- The Board approved a new “PC Rates, Fees, and Costs” schedule for the 2019-20 school year.
- The Board approved the “School Time Insurance” proposal as an opportunity for purchase during registration by Prairie Central families.
- The Board approved membership in the Illinois High School Association for PCHS.
- After discussion, the board agreed to allow current music staff to offer music instruction to all Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students one time per week at no additional cost to the district.
- The Board approved the request from Prairie Central Junior High Student Council to attend the IAJHSC State Convention on April 12 and 13 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Springfield.

### Personnel

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

- Accepted the resignation of John Gerber, PCE part-time night custodian effective immediately.
- Accepted the resignation of Jason Whitfill as PCJH athletic director effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Allison Griner as PCJH Cheer coach effective the end of the 2018-19 school year .
- Accepted the resignation of Kirsten Smith as PCJH 7<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball coach effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of James DeMay as PCJH principal effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Joshua Krone as PCHS dean of students effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Appointed Carly Hendricks as PCUE 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Taylor Langel as PCUE special education teacher beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Kayla Smock as PCHS mathematics teacher beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Lisa Bounds as District Director of Special Education beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Kristal Deming as PCJH principal beginning the 2019-20 school year.

### MOU

The Board approved the “Memorandum of Understanding to Resolve the Grievance Dated 10/5/2018 Regarding Provisions of the Contract Regarding Extra Duties” .

### Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 10:35 pm