

May 16, 2019 Board Meeting

In Attendance

Board members: **Ted Bachtold, Dana Kafer, Tim McGreal (sworn in at 7:10 pm), Brian Plenert, Lori Schahrer, Mark Slagel, and John Wilken**; administrators: **Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken**; Prairie Central employees: **Lisa Bounds**; press **Kent Casson** (The Blade).

Guests: **None**

Comments (Public) **None**

Comments (Visitors Arranged in Advance) **None**

Minutes

The Board approved minutes of the April 25, 2019 regular meeting #1.

The Board approved minutes of the April 25, 2019 regular meeting #2.

The Board approved minutes of the May 3, 2019 special 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.

Board Candidate Interviews

The Board interviewed two (2) candidates to fill the current board vacancy.

Enter/Exit Executive Session

The Board entered/exited executive session to deliberate over board candidates.

Appoint Board Member

The Board appointed Tim McGreal to the Prairie Central CUSD #8 Board of Education for a term to end in 2021.

Superintendent's Report

The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

*Funding update: Prairie Central has received an additional "mandated categorical" payment, which is great news. One more payment is expected, which would leave the district only a little over \$200,000 short for the year.

*Legislative Update: Bills that could be impactful for Prairie Central:

-There are several bills still moving that have been discussed in prior meetings, including the threat assessment protocol mandate, the anger management class mandate, the minimum teacher salary, and the administration of cannabis infused products.

-Not yet discussed active legislation: SB 456, which requires a criminal background check on every school employee every 5 years (this would be costly for the district,

with around 275 employees. Hopefully, employee background checks could be staggered over the 5 years.) Also, SB 2124 would mandate expulsion for a period of NOT LESS THAN one year if a student brings to school a pneumatic gun, spring gun, paint ball gun, or BB gun, irrespective of the type or size of projectile that can be fired or the gun's muzzle velocity. A "No Tolerance" policy has been attempted in the past, without success because each individual circumstance is unique, such as a kindergarten student bringing a "toy".

*Board conference is November 22nd and 23rd, with much training offered on Friday and Saturday. New board members will have an opportunity to fulfill their mandated training obligation at the conference, if it is not completed before then.

*The end-of-year institute will be held on June 4th, beginning with a retirement reception in the gym lobby at 9:30 am followed by a brunch for all faculty and staff at 10:30. Poverty training will begin at 12:00. All board members are invited to all events.

*Graduation begins at 7:00 on Friday, May 24th. Board members will have reserved seating on the floor.

*We are still working on a plan for the south parking lot at the high school to improve drainage. (After discussion, it was decided to have it graded for proper drainage, and leave it graveled until next summer, when either asphalt or chip and oil will be applied).

*We have two buses that have been "processed" and hauled away to be salvaged. Rieger Motors will continue to work on the final eight (8).

Old Business

- The board appointed members to committees, including transportation/OBM, health insurance, school safety, curriculum council (advisory), music boosters and athletic boosters.
- The board approved a job description for "JH Activities Scheduler".

New Business

- The Board approved the "Status of Previously Cut Stipends" document after discussion. All previously cut stipends will remain status quo.
- The board approved a Prevailing Wage Resolution
- The board approved the district "Consolidated District Plan", which includes Title I, Title II, Title IV, and IDEA funds.

Personnel

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

- Accepted the resignation of Kristen Hinz, PCPE Interventionist, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Trevor Maloch, PCHS math teacher, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Austin Donoho, PCHS driver education/PE teacher effective the end of the 2018-19 school year .

- Accepted the resignation of Glenda Knauer, PCHS special ed teacher, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Appointed Tucker Hillier, PCHS auxiliary football coach, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Seth Welch, PCHS assistant football coach, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Taylor Lind, PCHS fall cheer coach, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Amanda Williams, PCHS ELA teacher, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Lauren Reckard, PCE special education teacher, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Jennifer Jones, fall play director, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Kellsie Sinnett, 4th grade teacher at PCE, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Isabella Guo, 3rd grade teacher at PCE, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Abbey Mattox, paraprofessional at PCE, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Tami Schaubach, paraprofessional at PCE, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed the following teacher leaders for a 3-year term, beginning the 2019-20 school year.

Tanya Bounds (K), Deana Wright (1st), Heidi Kiefer (2nd), Susan Fehr (3rd), Amy Bachtold (4th), Cherlyn McBride (5th), Becky Hansen (6th), Kathy Anderson (K-6 spec ed), Jason Whitfill (K-12 PE/Health), Casey McCullough (2-12 fine arts), Renee Wenger (7-12 ELA), Ben Klekamp (7-12 science), Andrew Quain (7-12 social studies), Monica Markley (7-12 spec ed)

Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 11:59 pm