

November 13, 2018 Board Meeting

In Attendance

Board members: **Tim McGreal, Mark Slagel, Corey Steffen, Ted Bachtold, Brian Plenert, and John Wilken**; administrators: **Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken**; Prairie Central employees: **Ashley Richard**; press representative **Kent Casson, *The Blade***.

Guests: Cathleen Weber, ISBE

Dr. Weber discussed the school report card and the recent school designations received by the district. All schools were designated “Commendable” with the exception of Prairie Central Junior High, which was commendable with the exception of one group of students (students with disabilities/IEPs) which dropped them to the “Underperforming” designation. Dr. Weber described the process and timeline the Junior High would have to follow to meet the requirements of the state.

Comments (Public) None

Comments (Visitors Arranged in Advance) None

Minutes

The Board approved minutes of the October 18, 2018 regular meeting.

Agenda Amended

The Board approved an amendment to the agenda to include diesel fuel bid discussion.

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:

\*FFA National Competition success: The recent National success of our FFA was reiterated to the Board. Prairie Central had the most teams of any school in competition in the nation, and all teams but one placed in the top 5 in their category. Our Ag Sales team won a national championship, our Farm Business Management team was Reserve National Champion, Poultry finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dairy finished 4<sup>th</sup>, Agriculture Communications finished 5<sup>th</sup>, Ag Mechanics finished 5<sup>th</sup>, and Meats finished 18<sup>th</sup>. The Board will formally recognize the championship team at a future meeting.

\*ESSA/School Report Card: The online school report cards were demonstrated to the Board. The report cards share information about the district as well as each building. The report cards are found at [www.illinoisreportcard.com](http://www.illinoisreportcard.com).

\*SIS: The district is currently looking for a new student information system, as our current system, STI, will no longer be supported. If a suitable replacement is found in a timely manner, we will purchase for implementation next school year.

\*Veteran's Day: Each school has celebrated Veteran's Day in a different way, ranging from speakers to student written work.

### Old Business

#### The Board

- The Board was updated on bus bid timelines. Bus bid materials have been distributed, and bids will be opened December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00.

### New Business

- The Board approved "Option #2" of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield health insurance quote. The plan is the same as last year. The Board will pay an additional \$23 per employee, bringing the Board's share to \$551 per employee per month (total of \$6,612). The employee share is \$47 per month, which is a \$1 increase over last year. Other options are again offered.
- The Board was presented with a tentative levy, which will be considered for approval next month.
- The Board discussed a shortage of manpower in the maintenance department. Mr. Scott is working hard to keep all heating systems running, but these old systems are demanding a great deal of his time. Another position will be opened.
- The price of fuel has dropped nicely, and bids will be opened ASAP for 55,000 gallons of diesel.

### Personnel

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

- Accepted the resignation of Kim Hasty, JV volleyball coach
- Accepted the resignation of Kristen Hinz, varsity volleyball coach
- Appointed Jason Whitfill as head baseball coach
- Appointed Austin Donoho as high school driver ed/PE teacher beginning January, 2019
- Appointed Mike Fogarty as high school boys basketball auxiliary coach

### Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 10:13 pm