

September 20, 2018 Board Meeting

In Attendance

Board members: **Ted Bachtold, Tim McGreal, Brian Plenert, Mark Slagel, Corey Steffen, and Ann Steidinger, John Wilken**; administrators: **Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken**; Prairie Central employees: **Lisa Bounds, Matt Razo, Caren Apel**; press representative **Kent Casson, *The Blade***.

Guests: **Adam Dontz**, GLCEDC

Comments (Public) None

Comments (Visitors Arranged in Advance) None

Minutes

The Board approved minutes of the August 16, 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:

\*Student recognition: The Board was informed about the success of 2018 graduate Tate Hetherington at the National Skills USA Competition. Tate was the national champion of internetworking.

\*Assessment results: A presentation was given which showed 2018 PARCC and SAT test scores for grades 3-8 and 11. Overall, Prairie Central did very well, exceeding state scores in nearly all areas and grade levels. Scores were also compared to prior years' scores.

\*pre-K Status: The Board was informed that our pre-K program has received a GOLD status from Illinois State Board of Education. This was the first year Prairie Central received this high honor, due to the hard work of Mrs. McGuckin and the entire pre-K team.

\*School safety: The city of Fairbury is applying for a grant to help make sidewalks safer on the walk to Prairie Central Elementary. They will work with PCE in collecting data to submit for the grant. Light-up "School Zone" signs are also being considered for 7<sup>th</sup> Street in front of the High School.

\*Enrollment: Our enrollment continues to decline, with a "6<sup>th</sup> day enrollment" of 1847 (down from 1917 last year). Our percentage of low-income students remains steady.

\*McLean County Bond update: The county will be sending our Chenoa-McLean citizens a letter explaining that they made an administrative error in assessing the Prairie Central working cash bonds over the past several years. These citizens will be billed next year for those taxes in arrears.

\*Crossing Guard at UE: The Village of Forrest is still looking for a crossing guard for Hwy 47 in front of the UE. We are hoping they will hire a suitable candidate soon.

\*Elections: We have 3 board members up for re-election this April. More information can be found on the IASB website and Livingston County's website.

\*Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology job description: A draft was presented to the Board for approval next month.

### Old Business

#### The Board

- Approved FY19 District budget.
- Discussed a timeline for approval of additional working cash bonds for operational purposes.
- Discussed feasibility of a school resource officer. More information is needed.

### New Business

- Approved a property tax abatement proposal presented by Adam Dontz of GLCEDC.
- Approved a softball trip request.
- Approved an FCCLA trip request.
- Approved the FY19 Title I plan as presented by Tonya Dieken.

### Personnel

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

- Accepted a retirement request for Kirk Brandenburg, PCHS PE and Driver Ed
- Appointed Martha Moser, PCPW Paraprofessional
- Appointed Breanna Berg, Bus monitor
- Appointed Christina Boles, Bus monitor
- Appointed Nicole Short, PCPW Café Worker
- Appointed Sarah Morris, PCHS Sophomore Class Sponsor
- Appointed Mike Wolf, PCHS Freshman Class Sponsor
- Appointed Josh Creek, PCHS Freshman Class Sponsor
- Appointed Allison Griner, PCJH Cheer Coach
- Appointed Bethany Meiss, PCE Paraprofessional
- Appointed Scott McGuire, PCJH Track Coach
- Extended a leave-of-absence for an employee
- Appointed Tanya Rhoads, Bus monitor
- Appointed Elizabeth Burger, Bus Driver

### Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 10:14pm