
PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
OPEN SESSION**

AUGUST 15, 2019

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8, FORD, LIVINGSTON, AND MCLEAN COUNTIES, WAS HELD ON AUGUST 15, 2019 AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MARK SLAGEL AT 7:02 PM IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL UNIT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Bachtold, Tim McGreal, Dana Kafer, Mark Slagel

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Plenert, Lori Schahrer, John Wilken

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken

CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: None

PCEA REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: None

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: None

STUDENTS PRESENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: None

PRESS PRESENT: Kent Casson, The Blade

PUBLIC COMMENT NONE

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE None

GENERAL ACTION

TO APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by Bachtold and seconded by Kafer that we approve minutes of the July 18, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAFER, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, ABSENT; SCHAHRER, ABSENT; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Kafer and seconded by McGreal that we approve the consent agenda, which includes: Activity fund report, bills (current and interim), café report, County Sales Facility Tax report, financial report/summary, investment schedule, and treasurer's report.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAFER, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, ABSENT; SCHAHRER, ABSENT; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

*Evidence Based Funding: Prairie Central has remained a "Tier II" district, and will receive an additional \$80,000 in Evidence Based Funding this year. We are now, according to ISBE, at 76% adequacy (as opposed to 72% last year). Our total EBF will be \$6,153,187.

*Maintenance Projects: The office project is coming along, however it will go "down to the wire" in getting it ready for Wednesday. Main projects yet to complete are flooring and cabinetry in the main office. We will have an ROE inspection on Monday afternoon to be allowed occupancy, and will begin moving the office from the library as soon as possible.

*The new communication/intercom system installation is also progressing nicely, with the High School nearing completion. Additional training will be needed.

*Opening Institute: Monday's institute day will be spent in buildings, and the entire staff will receive training on Tuesday. Tuesday's lunch and poverty training will take place at the Walton Center in downtown Fairbury. Additional trainings will take place at the High School, including training on our new student information system, Infinite Campus, and collaboration time with Professional Learning Communities.

*Infinite Campus Registration: Despite late registration and after some tweaking in a few instances, registration continues. At this time, the data shows up that we have 1,597 students registered, 54 student registrations started and not completed, and 146 student registrations not yet started. Transitioning to a new student information system is extremely difficult, and our staff has been working diligently through the issues so we are ready for school to begin smoothly.

*Kindergarten: We have had more students register at PCP West than expected and need to open an additional section. We are working on a room and teacher at this time. This increases West to 5 sections of Kindergarten.

*Title 1003(a): We will again be receiving grant money from the state for a school that will be designated as "Underperforming". We are planning to use some of the funds for a mathematics instructional coach. More information will follow.

*Screening: We have recently purchased a visitor screening system which will help us identify visitors who have restrictions on entering our schools. Once the system is set up, all visitors will be asked to present a State ID or Driver's License, which will be scanned for screening. The screening will

identify sex offenders and those in our buildings with guardianship and/or custody issues as well as restraining orders. Title IV (Safe Schools) grant money was used to purchase the system.

BUILDING/GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

- The building and grounds committee reported on progress made this summer throughout the district, and on possible future projects.
- The district is still awaiting its 10-year life-safety inspection report, which will dictate some of the projects, along with a timeline for completion. Once this is received, a short and long-term CSFT plan will be developed.

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

*The Board reviewed the proposed FY20 Board goals.

*The Board was presented with a new mentoring program for Prairie Central certified employees.

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

* The board was presented with a proposal for a new position, "Student Support Specialist". The position would be created to fill a void where there is an extreme shortage of school social workers and school psychologists. This position would provide support for at-risk students through counseling and other social-emotional learning strategies, and for teachers who serve such students in their classrooms.

ACTION – OLD BUSINESS

BOARD GOALS: Move by Bachtold and Seconded by Kafer that we approve the Board Goals for Fiscal Year 2020.
VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAFER, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, ABSENT; SCHAHNER, ABSENT; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

MENTORING PROGRAM: Move by McGreal and Seconded by Kafer that we approve the Mentoring Program as presented.
VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAFER, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, ABSENT; SCHAHNER, ABSENT; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

STUDENT SUPPORT: Move by Slagel and Seconded by Bachtold that we approve the "Student Support Specialist" job description as presented.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAFER, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, ABSENT; SCHAHRRER, ABSENT; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Enter Executive Session: Moved by Bachtold and seconded by Kafer that we enter into executive session at 7:57 PM for purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel; as per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1, 10).

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAFER, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, ABSENT; SCHAHRRER, ABSENT; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Exit Executive Session: Moved by Bachtold and seconded by Kafer that we exit executive session at 8:26 PM.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAFER, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, ABSENT; SCHAHRRER, ABSENT; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION ON PERSONNEL

TO APPOINT:

VOTING

RESULT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/ SITE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>MOTION BY</u>	<u>SECOND BY</u>	<u>BACHTOLD</u>	<u>KAFER</u>	<u>MCGREAL</u>	<u>PLENERT</u>	<u>SCHAHRRER</u>	<u>SLAGEL</u>	<u>WILKEN</u>	
KAYLA SMOCK	JV VOLLEYBALL COACH	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	BACHTOLD	KAFER	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	ABSENT	YEA	ABSENT	CARRIED
ASHLEY MUELLER	KINDERGARTEN PCP EAST	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	MCGREAL	SLAGEL	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	ABSENT	YEA	ABSENT	CARRIED
CHERYL HOFFMAN	AUXILIARY VOLLEYBALL COACH PCHS	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	KAFER	SLAGEL	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	ABSENT	YEA	ABSENT	CARRIED
ASHLEY BENTON	ART TEACHER/ UE AND JH	DECEMBER 16, 2019	BACHTOLD	MCGREAL	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	ABSENT	YEA	ABSENT	CARRIED
SOMAR PREUSSNER	KINDERGARTEN/ PCP EAST	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	SLAGEL	BACHTOLD	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	ABSENT	YEA	ABSENT	CARRIED
KYANN HENRY	BUS DRIVER	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	MCGREAL	KAFER	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	ABSENT	YEA	ABSENT	CARRIED
JENNY JOHNSON	STUDENT SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	KAFER	BACHTOLD	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	ABSENT	YEA	ABSENT	CARRIED

To ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM:

VOTING

RESULT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/ SITE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>MOTION BY</u>	<u>SECOND BY</u>	<u>BACHTOLD</u>	<u>KAFER</u>	<u>MCGREAL</u>	<u>PLENERT</u>	<u>SCHAHRER</u>	<u>SLAGEL</u>	<u>WILKEN</u>	
SETH WELCH	ASS'T FOOTBALL AND ASS'T WRESTLING COACH	IMMEDIATELY	MCGREAL	BACHTOLD	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	ABSENT	YEA	ABSENT	CARRIED
PATRICIA MARTINEZ	KINDERGARTEN/ PCP EAST	IMMEDIATELY	SLAGEL	KAFER	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	ABSENT	YEA	ABSENT	CARRIED
KACEY HARRISON	KINDERGARTEN/ PCP EAST	IMMEDIATELY	MCGREAL	SLAGEL	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	ABSENT	YEA	ABSENT	CARRIED

GENERAL ACTION

TO ADJOURN:

Moved by Kafer and seconded by Bachtold that we adjourn at 8:40 PM.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAFER, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, ABSENT; SCHAHRER, ABSENT; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

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EXECUTIVE SESSION (5 ILCS 120/2)

August 15, 2019

1. Name of unit of government

Prairie Central CUSD #8

2. Date and time of closed meeting or closed portion of meeting

8/15/2019

7:57 PM – 8:26 PM

3. Names of all members of the public body present during the closed meeting or closed portion of meeting

Ted Bachtold, Dana Kafer, Tim McGreal, Mark Slagel

4. Each specific exception cited for closing the meeting (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1, 10)

a. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel

5. For each of the exceptions cited, provide a general description of the subject matter discussed during the closed meeting or portion of a closed meeting

a. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel

1. Discussion of appointments

2. Discussion of resignation

Certification

I certify that I understand Section II of the Illinois Open Meetings Act and that to the best of my knowledge and belief no other topic was discussed during the closed meeting, or closed portion of the meeting, in violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

President

Secretary