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**PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8**

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
OPEN SESSION**

**DECEMBER 20, 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 NOVEMBER 19, 2019 AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MARK SLAGEL AT 7:00 PM IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL UNIT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Bachtold, Dana Kafer, Mark Slagel, John Wilken, Tim McGreal, Brian Plenert, Lori Schahrer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Paula Crane, Lisa Bounds, Kristal Deming

**CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES**

PRESENT: None

**PCEA REPRESENTATIVES**

PRESENT: Shelby Gresham, Michelle Harms, Matt Razo, Ruth Getchius, Nicole Joiner

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: None

STUDENTS PRESENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: None

PRESS PRESENT: Kent Casson, *The Blade*

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PUBLIC COMMENT NONE

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE                      None

GENERAL ACTION

TO APPROVE MINUTES                      Moved by McGreal and seconded by Kafer that we approve minutes of the November 19, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAfer, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, ABSTAIN; SCHAHRRER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA      Moved by Plenert and seconded by Bachtold 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, YEA; SCHAHRRER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

- The district’s threat assessment team and protocol was presented to the board. The threat assessment protocol is activated when an administrator is made aware of a threat (explicit or implied) of intent to harm students or staff.
- Large maintenance projects (POSSIBLE) (Timeline not yet determined for every project, and additional projects are being investigated):
  - Information has been collected on the purchase and installation of new bleachers at the football field/track. Lighting will be inspected on December 24<sup>th</sup>. The current estimate for home and visitor bleachers is approximately \$600,000. This does not include new lighting if needed, sidewalks for ADA accessibility, storage, or an improved entrance.
  - Two partial roofs are in need of work this summer, one at PCP West with an estimated cost of \$313,600 and one at PCHS/Unit Office with an estimated cost of \$404,600 (Total estimated cost of \$718,200). This must be done summer ’20.
  - A future project includes the addition of a gymnasium at PCE to provide physical activity for students throughout the day (currently there is an all-purpose room that is used for lunch as well). Preliminary numbers estimate a cost of \$3.6M.
  - The addition of a “vestibule” area with a pass-through window at PCP East in order to improve security will cost approximately \$25,000.
  - The High School gym floor is in disrepair and can no longer be sanded. Cost replacement, if the floor contains asbestos, could be around \$350,000.

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

\*The Board took a look at the proposed Levy and were reminded of the Chenoa Division Street Project.

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

- The Board was presented with the School Improvement Plan for PCJH by Principal Deming.
- A proposal was presented from the HS Boys Basketball team for an overnight stay in Lincoln for their Christmas tournament.
- A proposal was presented from the HS Wrestling team for an overnight stay in Springfield for their Christmas tournament.
- The secondary maintenance truck is in disrepair and would not be cost efficient to repair. K & S Ford has a used truck that would meet the needs of the maintenance department.
- Discussion was held on the possibility of a policy committee to ensure that all board policy is up to date with current law. IASB will be engaged to help with this process.
- Superintendent Crane would like to apply for a school maintenance grant, which could possibly result in a maximum of \$50,000 to help offset the cost of roof repairs needed to PCP West. Permission is needed to proceed, as it is a “matching” grant and funds would need to be set aside for this purpose. Work will be scheduled for summer 2020.
- President Slagel had some examples of board “self evaluation” tools to help board meetings run effectively and efficiently. Board member Kafer agreed to compile the various tools into one to propose for the next meeting.
- The board discussed the possibility of changing the March meeting date. TBA.

ACTION – OLD BUSINESS

**LEVY:**

Moved by Schahrer and Seconded by McGreal that we hereby certify under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$8,155,000 to be levied as a special tax for educational purposes.

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

Moved by Bachtold and Seconded by Kafer that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$1,300,000 to be levied as a special tax for operations and maintenance purposes.

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

Moved by Plenert and seconded by Schahrer that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$550,000 to be levied as a special tax for transportation purposes.

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

Moved by McGreal and seconded by Plenert that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$130,000 to be levied as a special tax for a working cash fund.

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

Moved by Plenert and seconded by Kafer that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$190,000 to be levied as a special tax for Illinois Municipal Retirement Purposes.

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

Moved by McGreal and seconded by Plenert that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$940,000 to be levied as a special tax for tort immunity purposes.

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

Moved by Plenert and seconded by Kafer that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$120,000 to be levied as a special tax fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security, and specific repair purposes..

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

Moved by Schahrer and seconded by Plenert that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$100,000 to be levied as a special tax for special education purposes.

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

Moved by Wilken and seconded by Bachtold that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$325,000 to be levied as a special tax for social security purposes.

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

Moved by Plenert and seconded by Kafer that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$125,000 to be levied as a special tax for leasing of educational facilities or computer technology or both, and temporary relocation expense purposes.

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

#### **EASEMENT**

Moved by McGreal and Seconded by Plenert that we approve a temporary construction easement along Division Street in Chenoa as discussed to the County of McLean for the urpose of sidewalk grading and other highway purposes.

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

Moved by Wilken and Seconded by Kafer that we approve a perpetual easement over the property along Division Street in Chenoa as discussed for the purpose of highway right of way.

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

#### **SIP**

Moved by Wilken and Seconded by Kafer that we approve the school improvement plan for Prairie Central Junior High as presented.

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

#### ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

##### **REQUESTS:**

Move by Schahrer and Seconded by McGreal that we approve the request from the Prairie Central High School boys basketball team for an overnight stay in Williamsville on December 26 and 27 in order to participate in a holiday tournament at no cost to the district.

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

Move by Plenert and Seconded by Bachtold that we approve the request from the Prairie Central High School wrestling team for an overnight stay in Springfield for the night of December 27 in order to participate in a holiday tournament at no cost to the district.

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



AMANDA WILLIAMS	PCHS Co-YEARBOOK SPONSOR	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	SLAGEL	BACHTOLD	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
ANDREW ELDER	PCJH TRACK COACH	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	KAFER	SCHAHRRER	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
SARAH ANDERSON	PCHS PARAPROFESSIONAL	JANUARY 6, 2020	PLENERT	MCGREAL	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	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>SCHAHRRER</u>	<u>SLAGEL</u>	<u>WILKEN</u>	

**CONTRACT RENEWAL:**

Moved by Wilken and Seconded by McGreal that we renew the contract of Paula Crane, Superintendent, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 per terms of the agreed upon employment contract.

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

GENERAL ACTION

TO ADJOURN:

Moved by Wilken and seconded by McGreal that we adjourn at 10:59 PM.

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

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE SESSION (5 ILCS 120/2)

December 20, 2019

1. Name of unit of government

Prairie Central CUSD #8

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

12/20/2019

9:03 PM – 9:52 PM

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

Ted Bachtold, Dana Kafer, Lori Schahrer, Mark Slagel, John Wilken, Tim McGreal, Brian Plenert

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

3. Discussion of non-renewal of contract

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.

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President

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Secretary