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

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
OPEN SESSION**

**FEBRUARY 20, 2020**

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 FEBRUARY 20, 2020 AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MARK SLAGEL AT 7:00 PM IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL UNIT OFFICE.

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken, Lisa Bounds

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Cheryl Hoffman, Angie Kratochvil, Kelly Honegger

**PRESS PRESENT:** None

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**PUBLIC COMMENT** NONE

**VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE** None

**GENERAL ACTION**

**TO APPROVE MINUTES** Moved by Bachtold and seconded by McGreal that we approve minutes of the January 16, 2020 regular meeting as presented.

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

Moved by Plenert and seconded by Schahrer that we approve minutes of the February 3, 2020 special meeting as presented.

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

TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA Moved by Wilken and seconded by Schahrer 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; KAUFER, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHRER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

- Maintenance projects update:
  - The Junior High gym floor boards have had some "movement" and the dark paint is cracking in spots. The painted areas can be lightly sanded and re-painted this summer, however there is no guarantee that it will not happen again.
  - An email has been sent to the Fairbury Fair to see if they are in need of bleachers, as parts of the high school used bleachers can be salvaged and re-used.
  - An additional contact has been made to gather more information about the repair of the south parking lot at the high school. Because of drainage issues, water (ice) sits on the surface, causing a safety hazard. The hope is to get it fixed this summer.
- District Website: The board was introduced to "Apptegy", a company we will contract with to develop a new website and mobile-app for the district. The app will be free to anyone wanting to use it, and will provide updated information about the district and schools within it. The app and website can be managed by administrators and teachers through computers or mobile phones. The app is also capable of sending out alerts through text, voice, and email. It is hoped that this will allow more relevant and timely information to be distributed to families and community members in a more efficient manner.
- The board discussed the possibility of allowing the use of a fundraising website (such as Donor's Choose) to schools within the district. The board does not wish to have an abundance of fundraising in the district, so the use would be limited to projects that would benefit an entire school, the entire district, or an entire academic program.
- A new hiring bonus legal document was reviewed. A hiring bonus is available to offer when the district cannot fill a vacancy for an extended period of time. The legal document is a contract between the Board of Education, the Prairie Central Education Association, and the newly hired teacher.
- Mrs. Dieken updated the board on the recent teacher's institute and the professional development offered throughout the day.
- Mrs. Dieken provided an update on the reading pilot taking place in our 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms, and the expansion of the pilot for next year. She also discussed the math coaching that is currently taking place, benefiting classroom and mathematics teachers of students in grades 5 through 12. The math coach is made possible through a grant received by Prairie Central Junior High.
- The board was shown an estimation of revenues in the sales tax fund (capital), life safety fund, and building fund, as well as estimations of expenditures for anticipated projects

### DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

- The board discussed the bids received for new high school football bleachers. Vissering Construction was the only bid received, although they received sub-bids from three bleacher companies.
- The fuel bids were presented. FS and Ken's Oil both submitted bids.
- A reminder of the March meeting change was discussed.

### DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

- The board viewed pictures of the four roofs in need of replacement this summer (PCP West and PCHS).
- Three models of a 2020-21 school calendar were presented to the board for discussion.
- A field trip request from the FFA Dairy Judging Team was presented.

### ACTION – OLD BUSINESS

#### TO APPROVE BIDS

Moved by Plenert and seconded by Schahrer that we award the football seating bid to Vissering Construction Company. The work shall include all base bid work for home bleachers in the amount of \$541,600, extended sidewalk work to the ticket booth as described in "Alternate Bid No. 2" at a cost of \$25,300, and powder coated riser faces on the base bid grandstand as described in "Alternate Bid No. 3" at a cost of \$3,200.

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

Moved by Wilken and seconded by McGreal that we award a bid for 40,000 gallons of bio-diesel to Ken's Oil Service, Inc. at a price of \$2.308 per gallon of 2% bio-diesel and \$2.315 per gallon of 5% bio-diesel.

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

#### TO CHANGE DATE

Moved by Bachtold and seconded by Schahrer that we change the March regular board meeting date from March 19, 2020 to March 17, 2020.

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

ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

TO AUTHORIZE BIDDING

Moved by Plenert and seconded by Schahrer that we authorize the bidding for replacement of four roofs, two at PCHS and two at PCP West as specified by Middleton and Associates.

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

TO APPROVE CALENDAR

Moved by Plenert and seconded by Wilken that we approve the proposed 2020-21 school calendar as presented.

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

TO APPROVE TRIP

Moved by Schahrer and seconded by Kafer that we approve the field trip request from the FFA national dairy team to represent the United States at the Royal Highland International Dairy Judging Contest in Scotland, and the Charleville show in Ireland during the summer of 2020.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Enter Executive Session:

Moved by Bachtold and seconded by McGreal that we enter into executive session at 8:49 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; KAHER, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHNER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Exit Executive Session:

Moved by Schahrer and seconded by Plenert that we exit executive session at 10:27 PM.

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



TOM ELLIS	BUS DRIVER	JANUARY 28, 2020	SLAGEL	WILKEN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
CHRIS HARPER	ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/ PCHS	END OF 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	MCGREAL	SCHAHNER	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
SCOTT PETERSON	CROSS COUNTRY COACH/ PCHS	END OF 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	PLENERT	BACHTOLD	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

TO APPROVE LEAVE FOR:											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>SCHAHNER</u>	<u>SLAGEL</u>	<u>WILKEN</u>	

**GENERAL ACTION**

TO ADJOURN:

Moved by McGreal and seconded by Bachtold that we adjourn at 10:35 PM.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAUFER, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SCHAHNER, 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  
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EXECUTIVE SESSION (5 ILCS 120/2)

February 20, 2020

1. Name of unit of government

Prairie Central CUSD #8

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

2/20/2020

8:47 PM – 10:27 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 resignations

3. Discussion of performance

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