
PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
OPEN SESSION**

JULY 18, 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 JULY 18, 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, Tim McGreal, Dana Kafer, Lori Schahrer, Mark Slagel, John Wilken

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Plenert

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken, Lisa Bounds

CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: None

PCEA REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: None

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Charisse Price, Joni Besgrove

STUDENTS PRESENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: None

PRESS PRESENT: None

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 June 20, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

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

TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Wilken and seconded by Schahner 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; KAHER, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, ABSENT; SCHAHNER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

ANNUAL REPORTS: The Board was presented with the annual reports for the transportation and food services departments. Joni Besgrove presented the food services annual report, and Charisse Price presented the transportation report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

*Legislative Update: We have not yet learned how much Evidence Based Funding money we will receive for FY20. There has, however, been additional money allocated to help pay the mandated categoricals, including transportation, which impacts Prairie Central significantly.

*Federal Grants: We will receive \$295,935 in Title I money (down from \$314,093 originally allocated for FY19), \$53,233 in Title II money (same as last year), \$19,879 in Title IV money (a little more than the \$15,833 last year), and \$230,270 in Preschool For All money (same as last year). Title I money is generally used for "at risk" students who struggle in reading and/or math. Title II funds are allocated for use in improvement of instruction, including professional development for teachers. Title IV money is "safe schools" money, but is used also for college and career counseling as well as safe and healthy students. Preschool For All money is used to fund a large portion of our preschool program.

*Progress continues on the High School secure office project, with new doors cut, windows and studs installed and drywall beginning soon.

*Maintenance projects have been progressing well, including work on a new high school special education space (which includes electrical and plumbing work). Air conditioning has been installed in the Junior High band room in order to protect instruments, and the Junior High special education room work (including removing the old Family and Consumer Sciences appliances, electrical and plumbing shut off work, and painting) is approximately 75% complete. The buried tank at the old Meadowbrook property has been sealed off temporarily for safety purposes until the tank can be properly removed. Bushes have been trimmed throughout the district, and weed removal/spraying has begun. Several buildings

are receiving new flooring in designated rooms and progress continues on this. The UE flooring is complete, whereas the PCE flooring is approximately 75% complete and the Junior High flooring should be completed by 7-19. There has also been significant progress on gym floors: the High School and UE are complete and are in the drying/curing process, and the Junior High floor has been sanded to the wood and is awaiting paint and sealant. Chatsworth and Chenoa have not yet been started.

*Bus disposal for those buses included in the EPA grant is finished, and documentation will be sent to EPA to receive reimbursement.

*Our mascot, Huey, may be in need of a bit of updating. A committee meeting was held Wednesday night with 21 people present to gather information about how Huey could be updated. Generally, the consensus was that Huey is well liked, and should not be changed to an unrecognizable state. A few minor updates are desired, however, with the addition of adopting a district “logo” and perhaps a smaller part of Huey (such as just his head or talons, etc) as an option for t-shirts, etc as well. The goal is to achieve a district “branding”, and to have our actual mascot better utilized.

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

*The Board reviewed the proposed FY20 Board goals.

*Superintendent Crane presented a tentative budget for first review. The budget will be on display in the Unit Office, and will be presented to the Board for approval at its regular meeting in September.

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

* The board was presented with a new mentoring program for teachers.

ACTION – OLD BUSINESS

TRANSPORTATION REPORT: Move by Schahrer and Seconded by McGreal that we approve the FY19 Transportation Report as submitted by Charisse Price, Director of Transportation.

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

FOOD SERVICES REPORT: Move by Bachtold and Seconded by Kafer that we approve the FY19 Food Services Report as submitted by Joni Besgrove, Food Services Director.

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

ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Enter Executive Session: Moved by McGreal and seconded by Schahrer that we enter into executive session at 9:56 PM for purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel; as per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1, 10) and Collective Negotiating Matters (5ILCS 120/2(c)2).

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

Exit Executive Session: Moved by Schahrer and seconded by McGreal that we exit executive session at 11:05 PM.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAFER, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, ABSENT; SCHAHRRER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. 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>	
SCOTT HANNAGAN	SCIENCE TEACHER/ PCJH	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	WILKEN	SCHAHRRER	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
KIM RETTER	TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	BACHTOLD	MCGREAL	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	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>	
BRENDA MINGEE	SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER/PCHS	END OF 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	SCHAHRRER	KAFER	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
SCOTT SAFFER	SCIENCE TEACHER/PCJH	END OF 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	SLAGEL	BACHTOLD	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
SONIA GRADBERG	7 TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL/ PCJH	END OF 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	MCGREAL	WILKEN	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
SANDY ROPP	7 TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL/ PCJH	END OF 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	KAFER	SLAGEL	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

TO APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR:

VOTING

RESULT

NAME POSITION/ SITE EFFECTIVE MOTION BY SECOND BY BACHTOLD KAFER MCGREAL PLENERT SCHAHRER SLAGEL WILKEN

GENERAL ACTION

TO ADJOURN:

Moved by Bachtold and seconded by Kafer that we adjourn at 11:14 PM.

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

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

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EXECUTIVE SESSION (5 ILCS 120/2)

July 18, 2019

1. Name of unit of government

Prairie Central CUSD #8

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

7/18/2019

9:56 PM – 11:05 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, Lori Schahrer, Mark Slagel, John Wilken

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

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

b. Discuss collective bargaining matters

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

b. Discuss collective bargaining matters

1. Discussion of PCEA survey/evaluation

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

