
PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
OPEN SESSION

JUNE 18, 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 JUNE 18, 2020 AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MARK SLAGEL AT 7:01 PM IN AN IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING HELD IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Angie Kratochvil, Kelly Honegger, Nicole Joiner, Caren Appel, Katie Ricketts, Taylor Langel, Matt Razo, Naddene Pilgrim, Sandy Ropp, Kay Shols, Casey McCullough

GUESTS PRESENT: Chris Wilder

PRESS PRESENT: Kent Casson, *The Blade*

PUBLIC COMMENT NONE

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE None

GENERAL ACTION

TO APPROVE MINUTES Moved by Schahrer and seconded by McGreal that we approve minutes of the May 21, 2020 regular meeting as presented.

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

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

Update on School Reopening: We were supposed to receive guidance on this by Monday, or early in the week, but have yet to see this. In an email received 6-18-20, the Illinois State Board of Education stated that guidance would be released "in the coming days to support safe transition back to in-person learning this fall". Senate Bill 1569 created a Blended Remote Learning Day option that gives additional flexibility in the delivery of instruction, and again allows 5 remote learning planning days. In meetings with both the McLean County and Livingston County Health Departments, masks as well as social distancing was emphasized. Social distancing will be extremely difficult in our schools, and enforcing the use of masks at all ages will be problematic. We will further await guidance before we begin our planning.

Funding Update: The governor has passed a budget which includes level funding for EBF as well as mandated categorical payments and early childhood programs, as well as an increase in special education reimbursement. This is great news. Unfortunately, we just learned that we are losing approximately \$90,000 in Title funds, because Prairie Central Primary West did not qualify for these funds for next year.

CARES: We are planning to spend this money on water bottle filling stations, disinfectant guns and chemicals, hand sanitizer, thermometers, face masks, remote learning software, hot spots, mental health services, headphones with microphones for teachers to help with remote learning, and technology to replace those machines that were lost or damaged during this year's remote learning. Total will be \$285,878

Project Updates: Bleachers have been removed and work continues. Some wires/fiber that were recently run by Popejoy for the project were inadvertently cut, so this was a bit of a setback. Roofs are progressing as well. Mike expressed some concern about wrinkles on all three roofs, and this will be addressed. This was also addressed by the Johns Manville inspector. Mike also noted occasional insulation under the rubber that was not properly fastened. Mr. Middleton will address these issues with the company. Rubber is complete on all three roofs, and all three still need flashing and metal work. The metal that the company began using was not correct. There was some galvanized used in Chenoa, but the company was made to remove it and install the correct .040" aluminum.

Athletic Booster Club Update: We have revised our concession stand workers proposal, and Mr. Wenger has taken it to the Booster Club. We will continue to meet on this until we have an agreed-upon plan to begin the 20-21 school year.

New State School Holiday: November 3rd has been declared a legal state holiday in Illinois, and we will not be allowed to be in session on that day. We cannot waiver out of this day. Furthermore, the legislation requires schools to be used as polling places if requested y the local election authority.

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

- The Board reviewed the amended FY20 budget presented in May. The budget was amended in the areas of Fire Prevention/Life Safety, Debt Services, and Operations and Maintenance.

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

- The Board was presented with a proposal for sports and music “Phase 1” return to conditioning/rehearsing plan. The plan included health precautions and outdoor-only practices.
- The 5Essentials Survey results were reviewed. The survey includes questions regarding effective leaders, collaborative teachers, involved families, ambitious instruction and supportive environment. Teacher, students grades 4-12 and parents had an opportunity to complete the survey. Prairie Central schools scored well on the survey. Results will be made public this fall.
- The board discussed the possibility of a finance committee to meet before each meeting to study monthly finance in detail.

ACTION – OLD BUSINESS

APPROVE BUDGET

Moved by Plenert and seconded by Schahrer that we approve the amended fiscal year 2020 budget as presented.

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

ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL PROPOSAL

Moved by Wilken and seconded by Plenert that we approve the sports and music “Phase 1” return to conditioning/rehearsal proposals.

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

AUTHORIZE BUDGET

Moved by Schahrer and seconded by McGreal that we authorize Superintendent Crane to prepare a tentative FY21 budget for consideration at the July 16, 2020 board meeting.

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

IASB MEMBERSHIP

Moved by Kafer and seconded by Bachtold that we approve the renewal of the IASB membership for the 2020-21 school year.

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

TO INTERNALLY TRANSFER:

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>	
KATIE URICK	SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER/PCE	2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR-	WILKEN	SCHAHRER	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

APPROVE SALARIES

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Wilken that we approve the management and administrative salaries as presented.

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

GENERAL ACTION

TO ADJOURN:

Moved by Plenert and seconded by Bachtold that we adjourn at 9:50 PM.

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

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

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

June 18, 2020

1. Name of unit of government

Prairie Central CUSD #8

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

6/18/2020

8:30 PM – 9:50 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, Brian Plenert, Tim McGreal

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. Collective Negotiating 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 resignations

3. Transfer of employee

4. 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.

President

Secretary