
PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
OPEN SESSION**

NOVEMBER 19, 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 7:03 PM IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL UNIT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Bachtold (arrived 8:44), Dana Kafer, Lori Schahrer, Mark Slagel, John Wilken, Tim McGreal (arrived 7:22)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Plenert

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken, Lisa Bounds

CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: None

PCEA REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: Angie Kratochvil

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: None

STUDENTS PRESENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: William Casner

PRESS PRESENT: Kent Casson, *The Blade*

PUBLIC COMMENT NONE

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE

Rebecca Young addressed the Board regarding student attendance at the Livingston Area Career Center. She is interested in more students having the opportunity to attend, and a wider array of class offerings.

GENERAL ACTION

TO APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by Schahrer and seconded by Kafer that we approve minutes of the October 17, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

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

TO AMMEND AGENDA

Moved by Wilken and seconded by Kafer that we amend the November 19, 2019 meeting agenda to include "Course Approvals" in the "New Business" section.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

- Our FFA teams have again achieved overwhelming success at the national level. All Prairie Central national teams will be honored at the December board meeting, including our national champion Ag Sales team, our second place Dairy Products, Dairy Cattle, and Ag Mechanics teams, our 4th place Vet Sciences team, our 9th place Ag Management team, and our 20th place Meats team. Congratulations to student and sponsors on this amazing feat!
- Legislation impacting PC:
 - SB 1784: A reaction to the Janus Supreme Court decision, which ruled that no one must be part of any union, and they do not have to pay "fair share" dues to a union. Any employee can choose to not join the union, or to unenroll without paying dues or fees. This legislation, in reaction, mandates districts to provide the union with the cell phone and home phone numbers of all employees every month (whether or not they are a union member). It also limits the timeframe of when employees can un-enroll to a 10-day window, determined by the union. Finally, it requires that all questions about the union be referred to union representatives.

- SB 10: This reinstates the requirement for paraprofessionals to pass a competency test to receive an educator endorsement (paraprofessional license). This reverts back to same rules as last year. A person must either have 60 college credit hours or pass this exam to become licensed as a paraprofessional. This allows a much broader range of people to achieve this.
- HB 3897: Requires districts to continue to provide special ed services to students past their 22nd birthday if it falls within the school year. Current law reads that students are provided this service UNTIL their 22nd birthday.
- SB 460: Requires the district to forward all written materials to parents of students with disabilities within 3 days of an eligibility meeting. The effective date of this has been changed to July 1, 2020, however we will continue this practice as it has been started.
- SB 1864: Bans the use of e-cigarettes and vapes in public areas.
- ESSA/School Report Card: Our schools have received their official designations. PCUE has been named an “Exemplary” school, PCJH has been named an “Underperforming” school, and all others have been named “Commendable”. PCJH test scores showed incredible improvement, however it is still one small group of students who are not achieving success at a rate to meet currently set standards. The staff continues to work hard, especially in the area of mathematics instruction, to improve these scores. The required school improvement plan will be presented to the board at the December meeting.
- Raptor update: The Raptor screening program has been in use for several weeks now in every Prairie Central school. The program screens school visitors for current orders of protection, guardianship issues, and against the sex offender list.
- Veteran’s Day programs: Each school honored our veterans with a special activity or program last week. Programs varied by school and age group. A brief explanation of each program is attached.
- LACC update: A meeting was held with all Prairie Central CTE teachers, Tera Graves (LACC director), Mr. Allen, and Mrs. Crane. The group explored the current practices and protocol for allowing students to attend LACC. Not all programs are available to PC students due to scheduling issues, lack of offerings at LACC due to teacher shortages, and overlap of programs. The group believes that PC offers very strong CTE programs, and that students are more well-served right here on campus. There are programs offered at LACC that we do not offer, however, such as the CNA course. High school personnel will have further discussion on how to ensure these opportunities are available to students, including communicating with LACC on student interest in programs so that schedules can be altered to fit our needs. During the process of investigating our practices it was discovered that students have not been assessed the proper board-approved fee for attending these courses. This will necessitate additional board discussion on fees for next year.

Curriculum Council (Advisory) Committee Update

- A meeting was held Monday, November 19th. Council members heard several new course proposals from Prairie Central High School Staff:
 - Restaurant Management
 - Geometry in Construction
 - Jazz Band
 - Success Education
 - Dual Credit Science (Bio 104 and Bio 141)

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

*No Old Business was discussed

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

- The Board was presented with the proposal for health insurance for next calendar year. The committee proposes to stay with the current insurance, which will increase premium costs by 3%. This is much better than past premium increases.
- The Board took a first look at the 2019 levy. Approval of the levy will be voted on at the December board meeting.
- A road construction and drainage project will be taking place on Division Street in Chenoa. The road in front of PCP West will be “torn up” beginning (estimated) in April or May and ending by September 1st at the earliest.
- The board reviewed all courses recommended by the Advisory Council (as listed above).

ACTION – OLD BUSINESS

ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE INSURANCE:

Move by Schahrer and Seconded by McGreal that we approve the health insurance proposal for the 2020 calendar year.

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

APPROVE COURSES:

Move by Bachtold and Seconded by Kafer that we approve the “Success Education” course for PCHS as recommended by the Prairie Central Advisory Council.

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

Move by Wilken and Seconded by Bachtold that we approve the dual credit science courses (Bio 104 and Bio 141) for PCHS as recommended by the Prairie Central Advisory Council.

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

Move by Schahrer and Seconded by Kafer that we approve the “Restaurant Management” course for PCHS as recommended by the Prairie Central Advisory Council.

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

Move by Kafer and Seconded by Schahrer that we approve the “Jazz Band” course for PCHS as recommended by the Prairie Central Advisory Council.

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

Move by Wilken and Seconded by Schahner that we approve the “Geometry in Construction” course for PCHS as recommended by the Prairie Central Advisory Council.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Enter Executive Session: Moved by Schahner and seconded by McGreal that we enter into executive session at 8:53 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, ABSENT; SCHAHNER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Exit Executive Session: Moved by Schahner and seconded by Bachtold that we exit executive session at 11:20 PM.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAHER, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, ABSENT; SCHAHNER, 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>SECONDBY</u>	<u>BACHTOLD</u>	<u>KAHER</u>	<u>MCGREAL</u>	<u>PLENERT</u>	<u>SCHAHNER</u>	<u>SLAGEL</u>	<u>WILKEN</u>	
WILLIAM CASNER	JH HEAD WRESTLING COACH	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	WILKEN	BACHTOLD	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
AARON GRANT	CO-SCHOLASTIC BOWL COACH/ PCJH	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	SCHAHNER	KAHER	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
CRYSTAL GREENWELL	CUSTODIAN (DISTRICT)	IMMEDIATELY	MCGREAL	SLAGEL	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
MATTHEW FRENCH	CUSTODIAN (PCP EAST)	IMMEDIATELY	WILKEN	BACHTOLD	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
SHANNON BROWN	8 TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL COACH	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	KAHER	SCHAHNER	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

ALLISON WILSON	7 TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL COACH	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	SLAGEL	MCGREAL	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
WENDI ZIMMERMAN	UNIT OFFICE SECRETARY	IMMEDIATELY	KAFER	WILKEN	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>	<u>CARRIED</u>
SHARON MCGUIRE	PARAPROFESSIONAL/ PCHS	NOVEMBER 27, 2019	SCHAHRRER	SLAGEL	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

To APPROVE NON-RENEWAL OF: 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>	<u>CARRIED</u>
DEB CHAPMAN	CAFÉ WORKER/ PCJH	IMMEDIATELY	MCGREAL	SHAHRRER	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

GENERAL ACTION

To ADJOURN:

Moved by McGreal and seconded by Kafer that we adjourn at 11:25 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

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

November 19, 2019

1. Name of unit of government

Prairie Central CUSD #8

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

11/19/2019

8:53 PM – 11:20 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

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.

President

Secretary