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

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
OPEN SESSION**

OCTOBER 17, 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 OCTOBER 17, 2019 AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MARK SLAGEL AT 7:02 PM IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL UNIT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Bachtold, Dana Kafer, Lori Schahrer, Mark Slagel, John Wilken

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim McGreal, Brian Plenert

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken

CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: None

PCEA REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: Kay Shols, Amber Edwards

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

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

TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Bachtold and seconded by Wilken 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, ABSENT; PLENERT, ABSENT; SCHAHRER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

- The District continues to receive timely Evidence Based Funding payments. We have received our last mandated categorical payment from last year, but have not yet received any money for this year. This is progress!
- There is a second windmill project beginning around Chenoa, this one in Chenoa township. The District will benefit from 14 windmills, smaller than the ones currently being erected by EDP Renewables. The current windmills being erected are 3.6MW, whereas the Invenergy project windmills will be around 2.3MW. The windmills are assessed based on their power. Mr. Groce, Mrs. Crane, and Charisse Price have met with the project manager to discuss logistics. It doesn't appear it will disrupt our transportation a great deal, as these are mostly on the fringe of our district.
- A reminder that each school will receive a "designation" due to the current ESSA plan. The Junior High is still receiving school improvement money, and will for three years following an "Underperforming" designation. The designation comes due to ONE group of students not meeting the standards. Test scores at the Junior High have shown great growth, which is something to celebrate. Preliminary studies of data would indicate all other schools should receive at least a "Commendable" designation. Designations will be published in the School Report Card on October 30.
- A first look at IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) scores shows that Prairie Central again has outscored the state in nearly every area at nearly every grade level. The district spends less per pupil than the state average, but shows better test scores. This speaks to the competency of the teachers, administrators, and staff serving Prairie Central students.

### Building and Grounds Committee Update

- The building and grounds committee meeting was postponed.

Curriculum Council (Advisory) Committee Update

- A meeting was held October 7th. The discussion topic of the meeting was again the district mission and vision statements. The general consensus was that “Pride in Excellence” should be kept as a motto, whereas vision and mission statements should be newly written. The committee is considering adoption of the current (new) Junior High statement of “Working Together for Every Student, Every Mind, Every Day”.

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

\*No Old Business was discussed

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

\* The Board heard a presentation on the Annual Financial Report (AFR) and audit. The audit went extremely well and all finances are in order. AFR is on display at the Unit Office and on the Prairie Central Website.

ACTION – OLD BUSINESS

ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE AUDIT:

Move by Wilken and Seconded by Schahrer that we accept the FY19 Audit and Annual Financial Report as prepared by Floyd & Associates, Clinton, Illinois.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Enter Executive Session:

Moved by Bachtold and seconded by Kafer that we enter into executive session at 8:04 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, ABSENT; PLENERT, ABSENT; SCHAHNER, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Exit Executive Session:

Moved by Schahrer and seconded by Kafer that we exit executive session at 9:07 PM.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAHER, YEA; MCGREAL, ABSENT; 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>SECOND BY</u>	<u>BACHTOLD</u>	<u>KAFER</u>	<u>MCGREAL</u>	<u>PLENERT</u>	<u>SCHAHRRER</u>	<u>SLAGEL</u>	<u>WILKEN</u>	
SETH WELCH	ASSISTANT HS WRESTLING COACH	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	BACHTOLD	SLAGEL	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
CYNTHIA BARLOW	CO-WINTER CHEER COACH	2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR	SCHAHRRER	KAFER	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
CRYSTA STORK	HALF TIME PARAPRO/PCP WEST	OCTOBER 18, 2019	WILKEN	BACHTOLD	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	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>	
DONNA MAURER	BUS DRIVER	OCTOBER 7, 2019	SLAGEL	BACHTOLD	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
TORY FARNEY	JH TRACK COACH	IMMEDIATELY	WILKEN	KAFER	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
TORY FARNEY	JH HEAD WRESTLING COACH	IMMEDIATELY	BACHTOLD	WILKEN	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

GENERAL ACTION

TO ADJOURN:

Moved by Bachtold and seconded by Schahrer that we adjourn at 9:10 PM.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; KAFER, YEA; MCGREAL, ABSENT; PLENERT, ABSENT; 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)

October 17, 2019

1. Name of unit of government

Prairie Central CUSD #8

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

10/17/2019

8:05 PM – 9:07 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

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

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