

August 20, 2020 Board Meeting

In Attendance

Board members: **Ted Bachtold, Dana Kafer, Lori Schahrer , Mark Slagel, Tim McGreal, Brian Plenert and John Wilken**; administrators: **Paula Crane and Tonya Dieken**; Prairie Central employees: **Caren Appel, Kay Shols, Jessica Lawent** ; Press: **Kent Casson**.

Guests: **None**

Comments (Public): **None**

Comments (Visitors Arranged in Advance) **None**

Minutes

The Board approved minutes of the July 16, 2020 regular meeting.

Consent

The Board approved the consent agenda, which included an activity fund report, bills (current/interim), a cafeteria report, financial reports, County Sales Facility Tax Report, investment schedule, and treasurer's report.

Building and Grounds Committee Update:

The board was informed of the work that has been completed over the summer by the maintenance department, as well as an update on our current roofing projects and bleachers project.

Superintendent's Report: The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

- **IHSA Update:** The most recent update has required golf athletes to wear masks, except when swinging, and cross country except when running. IHSA has appealed to IDPH to rethink this, given it is not consistent with the rules given to schools for general education. They are still waiting to hear back. They are also now requiring social distancing on buses going to contests. This will be a cost concern, where we will need to take many buses to contests. This is not only a fuel expense and labor expense, but is concerning because we do not have enough drivers and many times buses need to leave before the after school routes are finished. This rule could cause cancellation of some events.
- **Project Updates:** The bleachers are finished, and the sidewalk to the bleachers has recently been poured. We are still waiting for the roofing projects to be finished and inspected formally.
- **ISBE Return to Learn changes:** We do have a couple of updates that we will follow regarding students showing symptoms and regarding how long quarantine will last in various scenarios.
- **PC Return to Learn Update:** Building staff has worked hard to get the details accounted for. Lunches will be served starting Monday to in-person and remote learners. Our K-6th grades each have one remote learning teacher dedicated to those who have chosen remote learning. 7-12 teachers, because they are more specialized, will have to teach both in-person and remote students. Self-certifying (indicating that you do not have

symptoms of COVID-19 before you enter a building) will happen differently K-8 and 9-12. Our high school students will access a form on their phone to certify themselves, while our K-8th grade students will have a paper form that parents will have to complete and send to school with their child every day. Details on all of this information are on the website.

- Mrs. Dieken gave an update on our three days of institute, which focused on getting teachers ready for the possibility of remote teaching as well as offering social/emotional support for students (and self-care for teachers). Outside presenters as well as in-house teachers with expertise provided professional development.

Old Business

New Business

- The board was presented with the ten-year life safety plan for each school in the district. The report included code violations that must be taken care of within a year, and violations that will be taken care of over the next several years. Overall, the report did not include a large number of violations, indicating the care taken by the maintenance department to keep buildings running safely. The report was approved.
- The board approved handbook changes to address COVID-19 issues and concerns for each of our handbooks; elementary, Junior High, and High School.

Personnel

Following executive session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1,), the Board:

- Accepted the resignation of Phyllis Krippel, PCJH paraprofessional, effective immediately.
- Accepted the resignation of Kindergarten teacher Kelly Honegger, effective immediately.
- Appointed Ashleigh Miller as café worker at PCE effective the 2020-21 school year.
- Appointed Rhonda Lamberth as Head Custodian at PCP East effective the 2020-21 school year.
- Appointed Dan McMullin as PCHS business teacher effective the 2020-21 school year.
- Appointed Tracey Devine Interventionist at PCJH effective the 2020-21 school year.
- Appointed Nicole Fehr as paraprofessional at PCE effective the 2020-21 school year.
- Appointed Joseph Kaufman as PCHS custodian effective August 27th.
- Appointed Kim Parent as a district bus driver effective the 2020-21 school year.
- Appointed Michelle Curl as co-winter cheer coach effective the 2020-21 school year.
- Appointed Shawna Coffey as paraprofessional at PCJH effective the 2020-21 school year.

Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 9:42 pm.