

December 19, 2019 Board Meeting

In Attendance

Board members: **Ted Bachtold, Tim McGreal, Dana Kafer, Lori Schahrer, Mark Slagel, Brian Plenert and John Wilken**; administrators: **Paula Crane, Kristal Deming, and Lisa Bounds**; Prairie Central employees: **Nicole Joiner, Michelle Harms, Matt Razo, Shelby Gresham, Ruth Getchius**; Press: **Kent Casson (The Blade)**

Guests: **None**

Comments (Public) **None**

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

Minutes

The Board approved minutes of the November 19, 2019 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.

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

- The district's threat assessment team and protocol was presented to the board. The threat assessment protocol is activated when an administrator is made aware of a threat (explicit or implied) of intent to harm students or staff.
- Large maintenance projects (Timeline not yet determined for every project, and additional projects are being investigated):
 - Information has been collected on the purchase and installation of new bleachers at the football field/track. Lighting will be inspected on December 24th. The current estimate for home and visitor bleachers is approximately \$600,000. This does not include new lighting if needed, sidewalks for ADA accessibility, storage, or an improved entrance.
 - Two partial roofs are in need of work this summer, one at PCP West with an estimated cost of \$313,600 and one at PCHS/Unit Office with an estimated cost of \$404,600 (Total estimated cost of \$718,200). This must be done summer '20.
 - A future project includes the addition of a gymnasium at PCE to provide physical activity for students throughout the day (currently there is an all-purpose room that is used for lunch as well). Preliminary numbers estimate a cost of \$3.6M.
 - The addition of a "vestibule" area with a pass-through window at PCP East in order to improve security will cost approximately \$25,000.
 - The High School gym floor is in disrepair and can no longer be sanded. Cost replacement, if the floor contains asbestos, could be around \$350,000.

Old Business

- The board approved the 2019 Tax Levy
- The board approved a temporary construction easement for McLean County for work on Division Street in Chenoa.

- The board approved a perpetual easement over property along Division Street in Chenoa for the purpose of highway right-of-way.

New Business

- The Board was presented and approved the Prairie Central Junior High school improvement plan.
- The Board approved an overnight stay for the PCHS boys basketball team during their Lincoln holiday tournament.
- The Board approved an overnight stay for PCHS wrestling during their Springfield holiday meet.
- The Board approved the purchase of a used maintenance truck from K&S Ford in Fairbury.
- The Board discussed adding a policy committee in order to work with IASB to ensure all board policies are up to date. Board members Ted Bachtold and John Wilken will be on this committee.
- The Board approved the request from Superintendent Crane to apply for an ISBE School Maintenance Project Grant in the amount of \$50,000.
- The Board discussed options for board self-evaluation to ensure efficiency and effectiveness of future board meetings. Dana Kafer will compile an instrument from presented examples by the next meeting.

Personnel

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

- Appointed Cinda Fehr as PCJH café worker effective December 20, 2019.
- Appointed Dakota Cabbage as PCHS Assistant Track Coach effective the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Scott Ziller as PCJH Assistant Wrestling Coach effective the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Sarah Anderson as paraprofessional at PCHS effective January 6, 2020.
- Appointed Andrew Elder as PCJH Track Coach effective the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Amanda Williams as HS co-yearbook sponsor effective the 2019-20 school year.
- Renewed the contract of Superintendent Paula Crane through the 2022-23 school year.

Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 10:59 pm.