

January 16, 2020 Board Meeting

#### In Attendance

Board members: **Ted Bachtold (arrived 7:03), Tim McGreal, Dana Kafer, Lori Schahrer (arrived 7:42), Mark Slagel, Brian Plenert and John Wilken**; administrators: **Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken, and Brad Allen**; Central Office Employee: **Cheryl Hoffman**; Prairie Central employees: **Nicole Joiner, Linda Walter, Jodee Ritter, Kyle Miller, Becky Freed, Kole Stadt, Caren Appel, Tanya Rothert, David Rothert, Mindy Cavaness, Angie Kratochvil, Jamie Penney, Becky Hansen, ;** Press: **Kent Casson (The Blade)**

Guests: **Prairie Central FFA National Teams, Phil Kratochvil, Abby Eisenmann, Lily Eisenmann, Kade Hill**

**\*\*The Prairie Central FFA National Teams were recognized for their achievements at this year's national competition.**

Comments (Public) **None**

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

#### Minutes

The Board approved minutes of the December 20, 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:

- Maintenance projects update:
  - Bleachers: Our architect is still working on specs, as we had to change a couple of things to meet code. We will expect to be ready to approve the bidding process on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and have scheduled a tentative meeting for that date.
  - Gym floor: There is good news in that Ideal Environmental has tested the current floor and found no asbestos. This cuts the cost of this project by well over \$100,000. We are still exploring options for replacement, including keeping the understructure, which is solid. This project could possibly be scheduled for next year.
  - Football field lighting: Upon professional inspection, two of the poles are showing deterioration. This will require further action.
- Tuition-based preschool: This is currently being researched, and would only run with enough participation. The current proposal is for 3-year-old preschool two mornings per week, and 4-year-old preschool three mornings per week. This program is different than our current federally-funded "Preschool for All", which is only for at-risk students.
- Superintendent evaluation process: Mrs. Crane will complete the self-evaluation and submit it to the board. Each board member will complete the superintendent evaluation form and submit it to the board president, who will have the information compiled. A final evaluation meeting will be held after the February regularly scheduled board meeting.

### Transportation Committee Report

- The transportation committee met and discussed the health of the current fleet. The new buses are saving us a great deal of repair cost over previous years. There are several vehicles that are in great need of replacement, including one wheel-chair bus and a couple of service vehicles. An additional spare bus is also needed, as transportation is becoming a big issue without enough buses and a large number of away after school activities.

### Old Business

- The board reviewed and revised a proposed self-evaluation instrument.

### New Business

- Bids for bleachers was tabled until a February special meeting

### Personnel

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

- Appointed Jill Rieger at PCUE secretary effective the 2020-21 school year.
- Appointed JaNae Steidinger PCHS secretary effective the 2020-21 school year.
- Appointed Amy Lewallen PCJH secretary effective the 2020-21 school year.
- Appointed Andres Quain PCHS guidance counselor effective the 2020-21 school year.
- Approved a transfer request for Carrie Rafferty from PCP West secretary to PCHS secretary effective the 2020-21 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Matthew French, PCP East custodian, effective January 7, 2020.
- Accepted the resignation of Andrew Quain, PCHS social studies teacher, effective the end of the 2019-20 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Andrew Quain, 7-12 social studies teacher leader, effective the end of the 2019-20 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Scott Hannagan, PCJH science teacher, effective the end of the 2019-20 school year.

### Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 10:13 pm.