

June 18, 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, Lisa Bounds, Keri Jancek, and Tonya Dieken**; Prairie Central employees: **Angie Kratochvil, Nicole Joiner, Katie Ricketts, Caren Appel, Matt Razo, Taylor Langel, Kay Shols, Amber Edwards, Shannon Brown, Meg Briscoe, Susan Fehr, Charisse Price, Joni Besgrove, Kim Retter, Carrie Golden, Tammy Pollard, Jessica Lawent, Kelly Honegger, Cherlyn McBride, Tonya Chester, Casey McCullough, Karen Fehr, Jenny Quinn, Katie Taylor, Paula Bachtold, Dawn Steidinger, and Sarah Anderson** ; Press: **Kent Casson**.

Guests: **None**

Comments (Public): **None**

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

Minutes

The Board approved minutes of the June 18, 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.

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

- **IHSA Update:** For a short time, athletes were permitted to have contact and scrimmage. Upon further review, IHSA revised this guidance. At this time, there is no contact and no scrimmaging. Groups are still at 50, although more than one group of 50 can be outside at one time, as long as they are 30 yards apart. The maximum of 50 athletes inside the building still remains, and students can use the weight room as long as masks are worn. Coaches have also been required to wear masks, unless they are outside and can remain social distanced.
- **Project Updates:** The bleachers are proceeding on schedule, and look very good. Work will slow down a bit once the project nears its end, as the final work will be tedious. We are still experiencing some issues with our roofing projects, which are still in progress. Once the projects are finished, we will be able to report if there are leaks or any other concerns. The projects have been moving very slowly this past month.
- **5-Year Financial Projection:** There are three software options for us to consider: One is from the Illinois State Board of Education, one is Forecast 5 Analytics (this software will be explored on July 28th), and the other is our newly purchased financial software. Because training is still taking place on our new software, we do not yet know its full capability. More information will follow.
- **10-Year Life Safety Inspection:** We have received our 10-year life safety inspection from our architect. There was not time to compile the report before the board meeting, so this will be presented at the August meeting.

- Graduation Update: Graduation will take place as planned next Friday beginning at 5:00. Students have been divided into three groups in order to manage the “traffic” inside the building. Students will walk through the gym and receive their diploma. The ceremony will be recorded, and compiled into a virtual graduation video which will include all speeches and recognitions.

Old Business

New Business

- The board was presented with a budget proposal for FY21. The proposed budget reflects and prepares for a loss in revenue in County Sales Facility Tax (CSFT), levied taxes, Evidence Based Funding, the Preschool For All Grant, the Title I Grant, and various fees, etc. On the expenditure side, the budget assumes all programs will continue and cost roughly the same or a little more to run, and educational costs will increase as expected. The budget shows a deficit in the Operations and Maintenance fund, Transportation Fund, IMRF, CSFT, and Fire Prevention/Life Safety. Despite this, the overall budget still reflects positive fund balances in all areas. Action will not be taken on this proposed budget until the regularly scheduled September meeting.
- The board discussed the proposed “Return to Learn” plan at length. The plan is a general overview of what will take place, and focuses on the need for children to return to in-person learning. Teachers and administrators will now begin their effort of making the plan work safely in their building. Although some areas of the plan are not flexible (such as wearing a mask), there is flexibility in how each building will make the plan work. There are many unanswered questions at this time, many of which will be answered over the next couple of weeks, and some of which simply may not have an answer. The general plan will be released to the public soon, with details to follow. Parents are asked to consider the plan and what is best for their child. Once considered, the parent should fill out a survey for each student, indicating their preferences for their child’s education this fall. The survey link will be sent with the Return to Learn Plan. The board took action to approve this plan.
- The board approved a 403 (b) Plan Corporate Resolution to allow Prairie Central to continue to offer this to its employees.
- The board discussed its option to attend the III Conference (“School Board Conference”) this year, and decided it would not attend.

Personnel

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

- Accepted the resignation with intent to retire of Mark Runyon, PCHS custodian, effective September 4, 2020.
- Accepted the resignation of LeAnn Radke, PCHS business teacher, effective immediately.
- Appointed Amy Mekarski as PCJH and PCE secretary, effective the 2020-21 school year.

- Appointed Alan Dunahee Assistant Football Coach effective the 2020-21 school year.
- Appointed Jennifer Quinn K-6 Special Education Teacher Leader effective the 2020-21 school year.
- Appointed Hannah McDermaid Dean of Students at PCHS effective the 2020-21 school year.
- Appointed Lindsay Donovan Interventionist at PCP East effective the 2020-21 school year.
- Appointed Morgan Lamberes as café worker at PCP effective the 2020-21 school year.
- Appointed Shannon Wheeler as café worker at PCP East effective the 2020-21 school year.
- Extended a medical leave for an employee.

Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 10:16 pm.