

October 17, 2019 Board Meeting

In Attendance

Board members: **Ted Bachtold, Dana Kafer, Lori Schahrer, Mark Slagel, and John Wilken;**  
administrators: **Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken;** Prairie Central employees: **Kay Shols, Amber Edwards;** Press: **Kent Casson (The Blade)**

Guests: **None**

Comments (Public) **None**

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

Minutes

The Board approved minutes of the September 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 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.

Buildings and Grounds Committee Update

- The buildings and grounds committee meeting was postponed until after the District receives the official 10-year life safety inspection reports.

### Curriculum Counsel (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”.

### Old Business

- No old business was discussed.

### 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. The board approved the AFR and audit.

### Personnel

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

- Accepted the resignation of Donna Maurer, bus driver, effective October 7, 2019.
- Accepted the resignation of Tory Farney, head JH wrestling coach, effective immediately.
- Accepted the resignation of Tory Farney, JH track coach, effective immediately.
- Appointed Seth Welch, Assistant HS wrestling coach effective the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Cynthia Barlow, co-winter cheer coach effective the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Crysta Stork, half-time paraprofessional at PCP West, effective October 18, 2019.

### Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 9:10 pm.