

PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
OPEN SESSION

April 19, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Prairie Central Community Unit School District No. 8, Ford, Livingston, and McLean Counties, was held on April 19, 2007 and was called to order by President Jay Nussbaum at 7:12 PM at Prairie Central High School.

Board members present: Roger Brown, Dan Froelich, Patricia Haberkorn, Brett Johnson, Joe Koehl, Jay Nussbaum, Tom Schlatter

Board members absent: None

Administrators present: Dr. John Capasso, Superintendent; Daniel Schmitt, Prairie Central High School Principal; Christopher Neidigh, Prairie Central High School Vice-Principal

Employees or PCEA members present: Don Gibb

Guests present: Ann Steidinger, Barb Schlatter, Parent, Student, Parent, Student

Press present: Doris White, *The Blade*

Public Comment

None

Visitors Arranged in Advance

None

Discussion

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Capasso updated the board on . . .

◆ BUILDINGS/OPERATIONS.

- Chenoa stage. The renovated stage has withstood the tests of two jazz performances and now awaits its first Spring musical in its new era.
- "Old" Chenoa Grade School. Four prospective contractors have toured the facility. Predictably, asbestos is a major roadblock for bidders. It appears, though, that some legitimate bids will appear on May 7 for demolition of the facility and/or purchase of the available properties.
- PCHS north and south parking lots. These lots are currently gravel and, given the sheer volume of traffic and the call for constant grating, need to be surfaced in some way. Blacktop and concrete are cost prohibitive. A tar and chip surface appears to be preferable. Bid specs will be drawn up to do both areas in the coming Summer. A tar and chip surface for both areas is estimated at \$88,000.

◆ ISBE/LEGISLATIVE NEWS.

- Governor Blagojevich's educational reform package vs. House Bill 750. The Governor has made a number of proposals, most with hefty price tags. He also has suggested a considerable increase in general state aid – a raise in the foundation level that could mean \$1 Million in additional revenues for Prairie Central. He has proposed to fund the programs with a controversial retail tax. House Bill 750 has been sent from committee to the House floor. It, too, has called for sweeping reforms, but plans to fund through property tax abatement and an income tax increase.

◆ CURRICULUM COUNCIL.

- o After-school program. Churches in the four main communities – three Methodist and one Presbyterian – have expressed interest in the mentoring program. The Boys and Girls Club would also like to be involved in some capacity. The program offers, for selected elementary children, homework help, recreation, and a one-on-one mentoring opportunity with a caring adult.
- o Grade-level expectations. The grade-level expectations are complete, endorsed by the curriculum council, and nearly ready for distribution by way of the district web site and a pamphlet. Help links and suggestions – to assist parents in working with their children - will accompany the materials.
 - Math scope and sequence. Essentially, the document represents a charting of our mathematics curriculum, K-8. It more effectively mirrors state standards and, thus, the testing program. It will also drive a forthcoming textbook series purchase.
- ◆ TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE. The committee will move to install the STI *Home+* program, which is the next item on the board-approved Technology Implementation Schedule. *Home+* is a way for parents to use the Internet to access their child's grades and other helpful information. The hope is that the program will be up and running by the beginning of school next Fall.
- ◆ OTHER. On May 14, the board will hold two meetings – one to canvass the recent election, declare winners, and adjourn sine die; the other to seat new board members, elect officers, introduce the board meeting schedule for the coming year, and conduct the month's business.

Action

To alter agenda	Moved by Brown and seconded by Schlatter that we alter the agenda to include an executive session for purposes of discussing a student discipline matter. Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.
To enter executive session	Moved by Johnson and seconded by Haberkorn that we enter into executive session at 7:15 PM for purposes of discussing a student discipline matter. Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.
To return to open session	Moved by Johnson and seconded by Brown that we return to open session at 8:42 PM from having discussed a student discipline matter in executive session. Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.
To approve minutes	Moved by Brown and seconded by Haberkorn that we approve the minutes of the March 15, 2007 regular meeting as presented. Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.
To approve consent agenda	Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Froelich that we approve the consent agenda (activity fund report, petty cash report, investment report, current bills, interim payments, and cafeteria report) as presented. Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.
To approve Policy Manual Sections	Moved by Johnson and seconded by Haberkorn that we approve amendments to Board Policy Manual Sections 100 and 200 as presented (see attached).

Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

- To approve Calendars
- Moved by Brown and seconded by Schlatter that we approve the 2006-2007 Official School Calendar as presented (see attached).
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.
- Moved by Johnson and seconded by Koehl that we approve the 2007-2008 Official School Calendar as presented (see attached).
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.
- To approve dedication
- Moved by Brown and seconded by Koehl that we approve the Resolution dedicating a portion of 7th Street in Fairbury, Illinois, to the City of Fairbury (see attached).
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.
- To approve expectations
- Moved by Froelich and seconded by Haberkorn that we approve grade level expectations in the form of pamphlets as presented (see attached).
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.
- To approve math scope and sequence
- Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Froelich that we approve the mathematics scope and sequence document as submitted by the curriculum council (see attached).
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.
- To approve fees
- Moved by Johnson and seconded by Haberkorn that we approve miscellaneous fees, charges, and rates for 2007-2008 as presented (see attached).
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.
- To renew IHSA membership
- Moved by Johnson and seconded by Schlatter that we approve membership in the Illinois High School Association for Prairie Central High School for the 2007-2008 school term.
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.
- To renew IESA membership
- Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Schlatter that we approve membership in the Illinois Elementary School Association for Prairie Central Junior High School for the 2007-2008 school term.
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.
- To enter executive session
- Moved by Johnson and seconded by Brown that we enter into executive session at 9:40 PM for purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel; and reviewing past executive session minutes in executive session.
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.
- To return to open session
- Moved by Froelich and seconded by Haberkorn that we return to open session at 10:30 PM from having discussed the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel; and reviewed past executive session minutes in executive session.

Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

To accept resignations

Moved by Brown and seconded by Schlatter that we accept the resignation of **Alan Dunahee** as head boys basketball coach at Prairie Central High School, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school term. Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Froelich that we accept the resignation of **Melissa Oakland** as co-sponsor of the yearbook at Prairie Central High School, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school term. Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Froelich and seconded by Nussbaum that we accept the resignation of **Rachel Baughman** as a first grade teacher at Chenoa Elementary School, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school term. Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Koehl that we accept the resignation of **Joe Moore** as sophomore girls basketball coach at Prairie Central High School, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school term. Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

To appoint employees

Moved by Koehl and seconded by Johnson that we appoint **Beth Marshall** as a third grade teacher at Westview Elementary School for the 2007-2008 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Brown that we appoint **Allison Oakland** as a second grade teacher at Westview Elementary School for the 2007-2008 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Brown and seconded by Schlatter that we appoint **Lauren Little** as a language arts teacher and Winter cheerleading co-sponsor at Prairie Central High School for the 2007-2008 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Froelich that we appoint **Jennifer Ebker** as Fall play director at Prairie Central High School for the 2007-2008 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Froelich and seconded by Nussbaum that we appoint **Andrew Quain** as Fall play set designer at Prairie Central High School for the 2007-2008 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Koehl that we appoint **Casey McCullough** as 3/4th-time art teacher at Prairie Central Junior High School for the 2007-2008 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Koehl and seconded by Johnson that we appoint **Tim McGuire** as head boys basketball coach at Prairie Central High School for the 2007-2008 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Brown that we appoint **Vanessa Strenge** as Winter cheerleading co-sponsor at Prairie Central High School for the 2007-2008 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Brown and seconded by Schlatter that we appoint **Melissa Clark** as a special education teacher at Meadowbrook Elementary School for the 2007-2008 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

To adjourn

Moved by Nussbaum and seconded by Schlatter that we adjourn at 10:35 PM.

Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

President

Secretary