

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

June 21, 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 June 21, 2007 and was called to order by President Roger Brown at 7:04 PM in the Prairie Central CUSD #8 conference room.

Board members present: Roger Brown, Dan Froelich, Patricia Haberkorn, Brett Johnson, Barb Schlatter, and Ann Steidinger

Board members absent: Joe Koehl

Administrators present: Dr. John Capasso, Superintendent

Employees or PCEA members present: None

Guests present: None

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. Al Freehill, attorney for Prairie Central in the matter of the demolition and property sale in Chenoa, has scheduled a closing meeting for June 22, at which time the Sullivan Construction Co., Inc. will pay the balance of the purchase price on the properties, or \$76,500 (total of \$86,000). Sullivan will have until December '08 to demolish the old building, but will probably finish much earlier. The company will earn half the allotted amount, or \$124,000, for the demo when asbestos is cleared, and the other half when the job is done. Sullivan requested a dividing of the performance bond, but the board preferred the entire amount bonded.
- ◆ ISBE/LEGISLATIVE NEWS.
 - State budget. At meeting time, a state budget for fiscal year 2008 had not been approved. Universal health care, the gross receipts tax, and utility rate relief appear to be the roadblocks to completion. The House defeated a measure to expand casinos in this state, which will affect potential revenues. We concern ourselves with this budget for the reason that we cannot build a local budget until we know what the State of Illinois will provide in general state aid, categoricals, and other reimbursements.
 - HB 1347. The measure to solely limit third party contracts has passed both houses and lacks only the Governor's signature to become law. The new bill would mandate comparable benefits for contracted employees. So, the savings one now realizes from contracting may disappear with this legislation.
 - HR 25. This resolution calls for a review of the Illinois Constitution. Education advocates wish for such a review believing that state funding for education will be better defined.
- ◆ CURRICULUM COUNCIL. The opening day institutes will be devoted to writing, recently restored to ISAT/PSAE/ACT testing.

- ◆ TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE. The district learned that State Farm will donate 75 high-end computers to PC, probably in August some time. Another 50 Dell's have been ordered to complete the task of upgrading all staff computers. The 75 could replace three labs. We have ordered SmartBoards/projectors for the year, as per the tech implementation schedule, and we have moved to bring the STI Home program to the UE, the JH, and the HS (the three buildings that now have the Report Card program). The Home program allows parents to access student grades, homework assignments, attendance, and other information. If all goes well, we would like to expand both the report card as well as the Home program to all buildings. Work has also begun on the new 3-5 year Tech Plan.

Action

- To alter agenda
- Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Steidinger that we alter the agenda to include the following "New Business" items:
 (1) Resolution on IMRF authorized agent, and
 (2) Annual resolution on prevailing wage.
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- To approve minutes
- Moved by Johnson and seconded by Haberkorn that we approve the minutes of the May 14, 2007 regular meeting and the May 23, 2007 special meeting as presented.
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- To approve consent agenda
- Moved by Steidinger and seconded by Johnson that we approve the consent agenda, which includes the monthly treasurer's, activity fund, petty cash, investment, financial, and cafeteria reports; a financial summary; current and interim bills; and a budget review.
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Action - Old Business

- To approve "Acceptable Use Policy"
- Moved by Johnson and seconded by Froelich that we approve the "Acceptable Use Policy" for the use of technology by Prairie Central students and staff during the 2007-2008 school term.
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- To accept economy lighting bid
- Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Steidinger that we accept the bid of BLI Lighting Specialists, Burlington, Iowa, to economize lighting at Prairie Central High School, the Westview Annex (maintenance, transportation, food service offices and warehouses), Prairie Central Upper Elementary School, Meadowbrook Elementary School, Westview Elementary School, and Chatsworth Elementary School at a cost of \$144,401.06, but only with confirmation that Prairie Central will, in fact, receive an Illinois Clean Energy Foundation grant of \$120,000 to be used against the project's cost.
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- To accept bid for parking lot paving
- Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Steidinger that we accept the bid of Beniach Construction, Inc., Tuscola, Illinois, to pave the northeast and south parking lots of Prairie Central High School at a cost of \$42,790.
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Action - New Business

- To declare IMRF agent
- Moved by Froelich and seconded by Haberkorn that we declare Cheryl Hoffman to be Prairie Central's authorized agent in the administration of Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund benefits.

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

To authorize building

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Froelich that we authorize the construction of a utility building on the grounds of the Prairie Central Junior High School football/track facility in Forrest.

Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, nay; Koehl, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To approve prevailing wage resolution

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Steidinger that we approve the prevailing wage resolution as attached.

Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, nay; Koehl, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To amend training rules

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Steidinger that we amend training rule policy to include the phrase, "An event at which alcohol is illegal served."

Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, nay; Koehl, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To enter executive session

Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Froelich that we enter into executive session at 8:45 PM for purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel; and pending litigation.

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

To return to open session

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Haberkorn that we return to open session at 10:50 PM from having discussed the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel; and pending litigation in executive session.

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

To accept resignations

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Steidinger that we accept the resignation of **Shelly Harrell** as a bookkeeper for Prairie Central CUSD #8, effective May 29, 2007.

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

Moved by Steidinger and seconded by Johnson that we accept the resignation of **Clarice Ward** as bus driver for Prairie Central CUSD #8, effective June 30, 2007.

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

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Froelich that we accept the resignation of **Jeff Curl** as 8th grade boys basketball coach at Prairie Central Junior High School, effective June 30, 2007.

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

Moved by Froelich and seconded by Haberkorn that we accept the resignation of **Edward Stewart** as a custodian I at Prairie Central Upper Elementary School, effective June 30, 2007.

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

Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Schlatter that we accept the resignation of **Jason Whitfill** as assistant wrestling and track coach at

Prairie Central Junior High School, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school term.

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

Moved by Steidinger and seconded by Johnson that we accept the resignation of **Dan Butler** as head softball 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, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To appoint employees

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Steidinger that we appoint **Sandy Gonzales** as head cook 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, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Steidinger and seconded by Johnson that we appoint **Amy Mekarski** as a three-hour-per-day cafeteria worker 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, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Froelich that we appoint **Julie Vaslie** 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, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Froelich and seconded by Haberkorn that we appoint **Michael Wolf** as a physical education teacher at Prairie Central Upper 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, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Brown that we appoint **Scott McGuire** as freshmen 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, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Steidinger and seconded by Schlatter that we appoint **Brad Maley** as seventh grade boys basketball coach 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, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Froelich that we appoint **Jason Strough** as choral teacher at Prairie Central High School and general music teacher at Chatsworth 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, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Froelich and seconded by Haberkorn that we appoint **Brad Kilkullen** as freshmen volleyball 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, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Schlatter that we appoint **Elizabeth Gallinger** as a social studies, mathematics, and "I Can" 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, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Steidinger and seconded by Johnson that we appoint **Tonya Dieken** as administrative assistant at Prairie Central Junior High School for the 2007-2008 school term.

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

Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Brown that we appoint **Jason Whitfill** as seventh grade softball coach 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, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Steidinger that we appoint **Ryan Shiflett** as head softball 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, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To approve maternity
Leave

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Froelich that we approve maternity leaves for **Dana Convery** (October 29 – January 14), and **Cara Sweet** (October 29 – January 2), language arts teacher and foreign language teacher, respectively, at Prairie Central High School.

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

To increase time

Moved by Froelich and seconded by Haberkorn that we increase the appointment of **Colin Duncan**, computer technician, to full-time, effective at the beginning of the 2007-2008 school term.

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

To adjourn

Moved by Steidinger and seconded by Schlatter that we adjourn at 10:55 PM.

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

President

Secretary