

PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES, MEETING #1
OPEN SESSION

PENDING APPROVAL

April 20, 2009

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 20, 2009 and was called to order by President Roger Brown at 7:00 PM in the Prairie Central Community Unit School No. 8 conference room.

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

Board members absent: None

Administrators present: Dr. John Capasso, Superintendent; Paula Crane, PCUE Principal

Employees or PCEA members present: Matt Razo

Guests present: Jeffrey Austman, Mark Slagel, Jason Dotterer, Jay Nussbaum

Press present: Doris White, The Blade

Public Comment

None

Visitors Arranged in Advance

None

Action

- To approve minutes Moved by Froelich and seconded by Schlatter that we approve the minutes of the March 17, 2009 regular meeting as presented.
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- To appoint canvassing board Moved by Johnson and seconded by Koehl that we appoint the Prairie Central CUSD #8 Board of Education the official Canvassing Board for the April 7, 2009 Board of Education election.
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- To confirm election results Moved by Johnson and seconded by Brown that we are in agreement with the vote totals of April 7, 2009 for the Prairie Central CUSD #8 Board of Education, as reported by the clerks of Ford, Livingston, and McLean Counties.
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To declare successful candidates

Moved by Froelich and seconded by Johnson that we, the Canvassing Board, declare the following as successful candidates for four-year terms as members of the Prairie Central CUSD #8 Board of Education, based on the results of the April 7, 2009 consolidated election:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Total</u>
Mark A. Slagel	1,725
Patricia Haberkorn	1,582
Jeffrey Austman	1,384
Jason Dotterer	1,311

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

To appoint president pro tem

Moved by Froelich and seconded by Steidinger that we appoint Joe Koehl as president pro tem of the Prairie Central CUSD #8 Board of Education for the succeeding meeting, and only until a permanent president can be elected by members.

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

To adjourn

Moved by Brown and seconded by Johnson that we adjourn sine die at 7:14 PM.

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

Special Presentation

The Board recognized retiring members Roger Brown, Dan Froelich, and Brett Johnson for their contributions to the Board and the District. Each was presented with a plaque commemorating years of service.

President

Secretary

PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES, MEETING #2
OPEN SESSION

PENDING APPROVAL

April 20, 2009

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 20, 2009 and was called to order by President Pro Tem Joe Koehl at 7:16 PM in the Prairie Central Community Unit School No. 8 conference room.

Board members present: Jeffrey Austman, Jason Dotterer, Patricia Haberkorn, Joe Koehl, Barbara Schlatter, Mark Slagel, and Ann Steidinger

Board members absent: None

Administrators present: Dr. John Capasso, Superintendent; Paula Crane, PCUE Principal

Employees or PCEA members present: Matt Razo

Guests present: Ryan McGuckin, Brian Quam, Paula Crane, Shannon McDonald, Paula Bachtold, and Mark Bachtold

Press present: Doris White, The Blade

Public Comment

None

Visitors Arranged in Advance

None

Seating of New Members

Jeffrey Austman, Jason Dotterer, Patricia Haberkorn, and Mark Slagel were sworn in and seated as members of the Board of Education.

Change in Agenda

To add item

Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Steidinger that we add the item "Student Acceptable Use Policy" to "New Business."

Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Board Reorganization

To elect officers

By nomination and voice vote, the Board elected Patricia Haberkorn as president, Joe Koehl as vice-president, and Ann Steidinger as secretary of the Board of Education for one-year terms.

To establish meeting schedule

Moved by Dotterer and seconded by Schlatter that we approve the Board meeting schedule for 2009-2010 as presented (attached).

Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Executive Session

- To enter executive session Moved by Austman and seconded by Slagel that we enter into executive session at 7:45 PM for purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel; and pending negotiations.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- To return to open session Moved by Koehl and seconded by Austman that we return to open session at 8:19 PM from having discussed the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel; and pending negotiations in executive session.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Action as a Result of Executive Session

- To accept resignations Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Austman that we accept the resignation (with intent to retire under Article 9.11 of the Collective Bargaining Unit) of **Donna Smith** as a first grade teacher at Westview Elementary School, effective at the close of the 2011-2012 school term.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- Moved by Slagel and seconded by Steidinger that we accept the resignation (with intent to retire under Article 9.11 of the Collective Bargaining Unit) of **Alain Kubal** as a language arts teacher at Prairie Central High School, effective at the close of the 2011-2012 school term.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- Moved by Dotterer and seconded by Austman that we accept the resignation (with intent to retire) of **Arsenio “Sam” Pica** as a custodian at Prairie Central High School, effective June 30, 2009.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Koehl that we accept the resignation of **Brad Kilcullen** as freshman volleyball coach at Prairie Central High School, effective at the close of the 2008-2009 school term.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- To appoint Moved by Austman and seconded by Slagel that we transfer **Elizabeth Gallinger** to the post of sixth grade teacher at Prairie Central Upper Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- Moved by Koehl and seconded by Austman that we appoint **Shannon McDonald** as a sixth grade teacher at Prairie Central Upper Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To appoint (cont.)

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Dotterer that we appoint **Paula Bachtold** as a sixth grade teacher at Prairie Central Upper Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Slagel that we appoint **Josh Creek** as a special education teacher and special education department chair at Prairie Central High School for the 2009-2010 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

◆ ISBE/LEGISLATIVE NEWS.

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Governor has requested the Illinois allotment from the Package and intends to apply \$800-\$900 Million of it to the backlog of categorical reimbursements for schools. Final calculations have been made for IDEA flow-through monies, as well, confirming that Prairie Central stands to receive \$478,941. This can be applied to co-op costs, out-of-district tuition, salaries/benefits, equipment, or "other" related directly to special education. Prairie Central still expects an increase of \$135,000 in Title I. The question remains about exactly when and how the money can be accessed by a school district, and accountability. The Act makes money available this fiscal year and next, but likely not beyond that.

◆ CURRICULUM.

- ISAT/PSAE. High schoolers will take the ACT/PSAE April 22-23.
- Curriculum council. At its most recent meeting, the council discussed a draft gifted education program proposal, a second grade field trip to Spence Farm, the new writing program, and fourth grade spelling.

- ◆ TECHNOLOGY. The implementation plan occupied much of the conversation on April 6th. It seems the tendency in the next five years will be toward one-on-one computing. Along the way, the committee hopes to refurbish permanent labs, provide mobile (laptop) labs where space and flexibility are issues, and complement an already impressive collection of smartboards. The district will also make it possible for employees to access e-mails from home before the Summer begins, and will continue to discuss the ways and means for teachers to gain remote access to STI (student management system). The Board lent tacit approval to the upgrading of the PCHS writing lab yet this year.

- ◆ TRANSPORTATION. The Board examined a record of fuel consumption from the new tank. As of April 3, 30,549 gallons of diesel fuel had been consumed by District vehicles, nearly half of the purchased 65,000 gallons. It was suggested that bids be let before Memorial Day for enough fuel to reach mid-winter, when the annual bid can be let.

- ◆ BUILDINGS. Damage from the December ice storm amounted to \$62,238, with all but \$5,990 absorbed by Prairie Central's commercial insurance carrier. One of the roof systems at Westview is still in dispute as to whether the storm or just wear and tear caused its condition. Repairing this system would more-than-likely double the cost of the storm. The Board also learned that the PCHS track is in need of refurbishment. The cost is \$55,000. The District will seek assistance from the athletic boosters in this endeavor.

Discussion (Old Business)

- ◆ TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS. The Board still anticipates a meeting between Board members, Town Council members, and the new TIF manager to determine reimbursable expenses from the Chatsworth TIF. A meeting on the Chenoa TIF is scheduled for April 28.

- ◆ JUNIOR HIGH PROMOTION. A roughly 30% return of surveys reflected a virtual tie between those who simply prefer to keep and not keep the 8th grade promotion exercise. The vote was 89-89. 18 other respondents favored a compromise, i.e. recognizing 8th graders in some way, but short of a formal ceremony. The Board asked that the Junior High staff form a recommendation for this recognition and submit it to the Board.
- ◆ 6TH GRADE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS. At the previous meeting, a proposal was brought by Junior High athletic director Tim McGuire and Upper Elementary principal Paula Crane to create a formal, structured 6th grade athletic program. The matter was discussed at length by the Board, but no action was taken. The Board reiterated on April 20th that it is not interested in creating such a program at this time.

Discussion (New Business)

- ◆ STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY. The AUP, with proposed language added for 2009-2010 from the "Children's Internet Protection Act," was presented to the Board, with approval anticipated in May.

Action

To approve consent agenda

Moved by Koehl and seconded by Schlatter that we approve the consent agenda, which includes the monthly treasurer's, activity fund, petty cash, investment, financial, and cafeteria reports; and current and interim bills.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Action - Old Business

To approve calendars

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Koehl that we approve the 2008-2009 Official School Calendar as presented (attached).
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Austman that we approve the 2009-2010 Official School Calendar as presented (attached).
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Action - New Business

To approve fees, rates for 2009-2010

Moved by Dotterer and seconded by Schlatter that we approve fees and rates for the 2009-2010 school term as presented (attached).
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To renew interscholastic membership

Moved by Austman and seconded by Slagel that we renew Prairie Central High School's membership in the Illinois High School Association for the 2009-2010 school term.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Steidinger that we renew Prairie Central Junior High School's membership in the Illinois Elementary School Association for the 2009-2010 school term.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To transfer agency fund

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Koehl that we transfer the Prairie Central CUSD #8 agency fund from the Citizens Bank of Chatsworth to the First State Bank of Forrest, the Fairbury branch, effective July 1, 2009.
Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To adjourn

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Steidinger that we adjourn at 9:56 PM.

Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

President

Secretary