

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

PENDING APPROVAL

December 18, 2008

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 December 18, 2008 and was called to order by President Roger Brown at 5:30 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

Employees or PCEA members present: None

Guests present: Jason Dotterer, Mark Slagel

Press present: Doris White, Blade

Public Comment

None

Visitors Arranged in Advance

None

Executive Session

To enter executive session Moved by Johnson and seconded by Steidinger that we enter into executive session at 5:42 PM for purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel.
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To return to open session Moved by Steidinger and seconded by Froelich that we return to open session at 6:30 PM from having discussed the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel in executive session.
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Action as a Result of Executive Session

To appoint Moved by Koehl and seconded by Steidinger that we appoint **Daniel Casillas** as principal at Prairie Central High School, effective July 1, 2009, as per the attached contract.
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Haberkorn that we appoint **Tonya Dieken** as principal at Prairie Central Junior High School, effective July 1, 2009, as per the attached contract.

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

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Steidinger that we appoint **Patricia Boyd** as principal at Westview Elementary School, effective July 1, 2009, as per the attached contract.

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

Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Froelich that we appoint **Pam Kilgus** as a three-hour-per-day licensed practical nurse, effective immediately, under the auspices of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

To approve leave

Moved by Froelich and seconded by Steidinger that we approve a Maternity leave for **Amy Dunn**, beginning approximately February 23, 2009 and ending approximately April 17, 2009.

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

Discussion

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

- ◆ ISBE/LEGISLATIVE NEWS.
 - Meeting with local representatives. A recent IASA Cornbelt meeting with Representatives Keith Sommer and Dan Brady left the superintendents in attendance with many doubts about the State's ability to meet its financial obligations this year with respect to elementary and secondary schools, specifically categorical reimbursement.
- ◆ CURRICULUM. The following topics were discussed at the November curriculum council meeting:
 - February institute. Cognition Works, a Champaign-based enterprise whose mission it is to teach people-intensive organizations how to communicate, will occupy the key-note spot. Its speakers will suggest ways for PC educators and support staff to communicate with the various student populations, particularly low-income. We will also hold grade-level and department meetings, and conduct some safety training.
 - Rtl. The Rtl district-wide plan was approved by the council.
 - Textbook rotation. The council updated the District's textbook rotation schedule. The schedule summarizes the replacement of materials over seven years, and in sync with the Illinois Textbook Loan Program (off-setting grades K-6 and grades 7-12).
- ◆ TECHNOLOGY. The tech committee reviewed the implementation schedule and discussed the need to improve the internet signal to Chenoa and Chatsworth, to replace older computers, particularly the labs at Prairie Central High School, and to enhance the STI Home program to K-4.
- ◆ SECURITY. The superintendent discussed the new Alert Now (mass calling system). The system, although popular among parents, has a number of front-end glitches that need to be worked out.

DISCUSSION (Old Business)

- ◆ TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS. Steve Weeks, attorney for the Village of Chatsworth, informed Superintendent Capasso that a response to PC's intergovernmental agreement proposal was in review and would soon be delivered.

Action

To approve minutes
 Moved by Johnson and seconded by Steidinger that we approve the minutes of the November 17, 2008 regular meeting as presented.
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To approve consent agenda
 Moved by Haberkorn 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: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Action - Old Business

To approve levy
 Moved by Froelich and seconded by Koehl that we certify a levy of **\$8,752,540** for 2008 (attached).
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To approve policy amendment
 Moved by Johnson and seconded by Haberkorn that we approve an amendment to the District's philosophy statement (attached).
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Action - New Business

To approve Rtl plan
 Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Steidinger that we approve the District-wide Rtl plan and authorize its submission to the Illinois State Board of Education before January 1, 2009.
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, abstain; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To approve 403(b) resolution
 Moved by Steidinger and seconded by Koehl that we approve a resolution for the District's self-administration of a 403(b) plan.
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To approve text schedule
 Moved by Koehl and seconded by Haberkorn that we approve the attached textbook rotation schedule.
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To approve tentative amended budget
 Moved by Johnson and seconded by Froelich that we approve the attached amended budget for FY09, place it on display in the unit offices, and schedule a budget hearing at 7 PM on January 15, 2009 prior to action on the permanent budget.
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

To adjourn

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Steidinger that we adjourn at 7:22 PM.

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

President

Secretary