

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

PENDING APPROVAL

January 22, 2009
(Re-Scheduled from January 15, 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 January 22, 2009 (re-scheduled from January 15, 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; Tonya Dieken, Junior High Administrative Assistant; Daniel Casillas, High School Assistant Principal

Employees or PCEA members present: Kyle Miller

Guests present: Jason Dotterer, Patricia Boyd, Ashton Lanz, Micah Zehr, Aaron Schaffer, Dustin Steidinger, Kelsey Allonge, Jenna Dotterer, Tess Zehr, and Mark Allonge

Press present: None

Public Comment
None

Visitors Arranged in Advance
None

Special Presentation
FFA judging participants Ashton Lanz, Micah Zehr, Aaron Schaffer, Dustin Steidinger, Kelsey Allonge, Jenna Dotterer, Tess Zehr, Mark Allonge, and their sponsor, Kyle Miller, made a presentation to the Board about the impressive showing of the judging teams in recent National competition. The participants and sponsor were presented with a resolution recognizing their achievements. The dairy judging team was named National Champion at the October National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

Executive Session
To enter executive session Moved by Koehl and seconded by Steidinger that we enter into executive session at 7:30 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 Johnson and seconded by Haberkorn that we return to open session at 9:10 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 Johnson and seconded by Froelich that we appoint **Jennifer Osborn** as a science teacher at Prairie Central High School for the 2009-2010 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Koehl that we appoint **Michael Scott** as chief of maintenance for Prairie Central CUSD #8, effective July 1, 2009, contract pending.
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Budget Hearing

To enter budget hearing Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Koehl that we enter into the budget hearing at 9:30 PM under 105 ILCS 5/17-1.
 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 Haberkorn that we return to open session at 9:55 PM from the budget hearing.
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried. Discussion

Superintendent's Report

- ◆ ISBE/LEGISLATIVE NEWS.
 - Categorical reimbursement and the economy. Concerns over delays in State categorical reimbursement and an economic climate that may affect the timeliness of property tax payments will prompt the presentation of an amended budget reflecting a revenue shortfall.
- ◆ CURRICULUM.
 - February 13 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 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, approved by the Board on December 18, 2008, was submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education prior to the deadline.
- ◆ TECHNOLOGY. Tech coordinator Phil Tetley is setting up a session for principals to see how homework can be added to the STI Home program and how report cards and other information can be provided for elementary parents. The staff has been hesitant in agreeing to place homework in the system because assignments change frequently, requiring constant on-line adjustments. On the elementary side, since much of the feedback is anecdotal, it is also difficult to find an efficient and effective way to provide information through this program. However, some options will be examined.

