

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

\*\*PENDING APPROVAL\*\*

October 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 October 15, 2009 and was called to order by President Patricia Haberkorn at 7:05 PM in the Prairie Central Community Unit School No. 8 conference room.

Board members present: Jeffrey Austman (entered 7:07 PM), Jason Dotterer, Patricia Haberkorn, Joe Koehl, Mark Slagel, and Ann Steidinger

Board members absent: Barbara Schlatter

Administrators present: Dr. John Capasso, Superintendent

Employees or PCEA members present:

Guests present: Robert Fennema, Martin Ricconi

Press present: Doris White, The Blade

Public Comment

None

Visitors Arranged in Advance

None

General Action

To approve minutes

Moved by Dotterer and seconded by Koehl that we approve the minutes for the September 17, 2009 regular meeting as presented.

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

Executive Session

To enter executive session

Moved by Austman and seconded by Dotterer that we enter executive session at 7:09 PM for purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel; and to hear evidence or testimony.

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

To return to open session

Moved by Koehl and seconded by Slagel that we return to open session at 8:59 PM from having discussed appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel; and heard evidence or testimony.

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

Action on Personnel

To accept resignations

Moved by Dotterer and seconded by Koehl that we accept the resignation (with intent to retire) of **Gloria Drayer** as a fifth grade teacher at Prairie Central Upper Elementary School, effective at the close of the 2010-11 school term.

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

To appoint

Moved by Austman and seconded by Slagel that we appoint **Tom Ambrose** as assistant wrestling coach at Prairie Central Junior 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, absent; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Austman that we appoint **Jeff Curl** as an auxiliary boys basketball coach at Prairie Central High School for the 2009-2010 season.

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

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Dotterer that we appoint **Mike Wolf** as an auxiliary boys basketball coach at Prairie Central High School for the 2009-2010 season.

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

Moved by Austman and seconded by Koehl that we appoint **Seth Welch** as an auxiliary wrestling coach at Prairie Central Junior High School for the 2009-2010 season.

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

#### General Action

To approve consent agenda

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Austman 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, absent; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

#### Superintendent's Report

- ◆ ISBE/LEGISLATIVE NEWS. Prairie Central's declining enrollment and its inability to predict state funding continue to weigh on its financial future. A report summarizing \$500,000 and \$100,000 in budget reductions in education and transportation funds, respectively, for FY2011 is forthcoming.
- ◆ SCHOOL HEALTH. Prairie Central has made a number of preparations for H<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub> flu. The virus has entered Livingston and McLean Counties and is likely to be present at Prairie Central. A newsletter on the subject has been developed, distributed to parents and staff, and placed on the Prairie Central website.
- ◆ CURRICULUM. ISAT, PSAT, and ACT scores were shared with the Board, as well as the educational and career paths of last year's seniors. The administration has sampled and discussed programs for curriculum mapping and achievement enhancement. Knowing what is taught, when, and how well are questions that can be answered through mapping. This is important to the process of reaching adequate yearly progress.
- ◆ SECURITY. Buildings are currently being assessed for the possible installation of security devices on front doors.
- ◆ WAIVER OF MANDATES. The Board was informed that an application for a waiver of mandates can be written that would allow employees who live out-of-district to enroll their school-age children at Prairie Central tuition-free. The Board will weigh the advantages and disadvantages of such a waiver and take the matter up again in November.

#### Discussion (Old Business)

Discussion (New Business)

- ◆ 2009 AUDIT. The Board discussed the highlights of the past year’s audit and will consider its approval in November

Action - Old Business

Action – New Business

To approve Report Card

Moved by Koehl and seconded by Slagel that we approve the 2009 Illinois School Report Card as presented.

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

General Action

To adjourn

Moved by Dotterer and seconded by Koehl that we adjourn at 10:25 PM.

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

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President

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Secretary