

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

\*\*\*PENDING APPROVAL\*\*\*

September 17, 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 September 17, 2009 and was called to order by President Patricia Haberkorn at 7:07 PM in the Prairie Central Community Unit School No. 8 conference room.

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

Board members absent: None

Administrators present: Dr. John Capasso, Superintendent

Employees or PCEA members present: Joe Moore

Guests present: Robert Sanders

Press present: Doris White, The Blade

Public Comment

None

Visitors Arranged in Advance

None

General Action

To approve minutes Moved by Austman and seconded by Dotterer that we approve the minutes for the August 20, 2009 regular meeting and the August 25, 2009 special meeting as presented.

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

To approve consent agenda

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Dotterer 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.

Superintendent's Report

◆ ISBE/LEGISLATIVE NEWS.

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("Stimulus Package"). Prairie Central still awaits word on the \$450,000 grant for technology, early intervention software, and other RtI materials. LCSSU is the manager of this grant.
- State budget. The Board learned of State Superintendent Christopher Koch's deep concerns about the post-"Stimulus" budget.

◆ BUILDINGS/GROUNDS.

- Lightning strikes. Separate lightning strikes did extensive damage to PCHS and PCJHS facilities – internet radios, phones, intercom systems, bell systems, and computers. The insurance claim may ultimately total to more than \$40,000.
- Bleachers. The maintenance department repaired several benches at the PCHS football stadium following the Central Catholic game. Some of the wood had deteriorated over the Winter.
- Track. The maintenance department now has the materials and will patch the PCHS track later this Fall.
- Ball diamond. The infield has been re-sodded and should be ready for Spring play.
- Wind energy. Angel Wind Energy will evaluate our various sites for potential turbines. PC's energy costs from the past year have been shared with the company so that it may make an apt comparison of current to turbine-generated energy costs.

- ◆ **SCHOOL HEALTH**. Prairie Central is bracing for H<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub> flu. A list of procedures was shared with the Board.

#### Hearing Action

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| To enter hearing          | Moved by Dotterer and seconded by Koehl that we enter the FY10 budget hearing at 8:46 PM.<br>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 Dotterer and seconded by Slagel that we return to open session at 9:31 PM.<br>Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.       |

#### Hearing Discussion

Superintendent Capasso explained and answered questions about the budget with the use of power point.

#### Discussion (Old Business)

#### Discussion (New Business)

#### Action - Old Business

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| To approve budget   | Moved by Austman and seconded by Dotterer that we approve and affix our signatures to the fiscal year 2010 budget as presented and authorize its submittal to appropriate county clerks and the Illinois State Board of Education as the Property Tax Code and the School Code of Illinois (attached).<br>Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried. |
| To install scanners | Moved by Koehl and seconded by Dotterer that we approve the installation of scanners at Chatsworth, Meadowbrook, and Upper Elementary Schools; and Prairie Central Junior High School at a cost of \$700 per unit (\$2,800 total).<br>Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.   |

#### Action - New Business

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| To accept 6 <sup>th</sup> day enrollment report | Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Slagel that we approve the 6 <sup>th</sup> day enrollment report as presented.<br>Voting: Austman, yea; Dotterer, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Slagel, yea; and Steidinger, yea. Motion carried. |
| To approve Applications for Recognition         | Moved by Austman and seconded by Dotterer that we approve the 2009-2010 Application for Recognition of Schools for all District attendance centers.   |

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 Koehl and seconded by Schlatter that we enter executive session at 7:09 PM for purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel; and the purchase or lease of real property.

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 Schlatter and seconded by Dotterer that we return to open session at 8:04 PM from having discussed appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel; and the purchase or lease of real property.

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

#### Action on Personnel

To accept resignations

Moved by Slagel and seconded by Schlatter that we accept the resignations (with intent to retire) of the following teachers:

##### 2010

**Linda Ambrose  
Mary Baker  
Peggy Beyer  
Denise Brown  
Don Gibb  
Peggy Howard  
Cathy Johnson  
Carol Joiner  
Connie Reiners  
Marge Roach  
Teresa Trainor**

##### 2011

**Deb Bacigalupo  
Joe Cliffe  
Randy Cribbett  
Loretta Kearney  
Glenna Klepp  
Tim McGuire  
Dennis Oakland  
Jackie Walter**

##### 2012

**Randy Lane  
Marcia Wahls**

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 Steidinger that we appoint **Judy Ballance** as a special education paraprofessional at Meadowbrook 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 Slagel and seconded by Dotterer that we upgrade **Sheryl Wade's** status as a special education paraprofessional at Westview Elementary School to full-time 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 Slagel and seconded by Austman that we appoint **Andrew Quain** as musical master set building 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.

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Steidinger that we appoint **Sarah Steffen** as a two-hour-per-day café worker 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.

Moved by Koehl and seconded by Slagel that we appoint **Melissa Bowen** as a bus driver for Prairie Central CUSD #8 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 Austman and seconded by Schlatter that we appoint **Lisa Mayr** as a bus monitor for Prairie Central CUSD #8 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.

General Action

To adjourn

Moved by Austman and seconded by Koehl that we adjourn at 9:50 PM.

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

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President

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Secretary