

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

July 19, 2007

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 July 19, 2007 and was called to order by President Roger Brown at 7:00 PM in the Prairie Central CUSD #8 conference room.

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

Board members absent: Brett Johnson

Administrators present: Dr. John Capasso, Superintendent

Employees or PCEA members present: None

Guests present: None

Press present: Doris White, *The Blade*

Public Comment

None

Visitors Arranged in Advance

None

Discussion

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

◆ BUILDINGS/OPERATIONS.

- Vandalism and storm damage. The Westview Elementary front letters were removed by vandals sometime during the night of July 16-17. Chatsworth and Westview Elementaries were damaged by the recent storms, specifically network radios, phones, fire alarm systems, and kitchen appliances.
- Old Chenoa Grade School. Prairie Central CUSD #8 and Sullivan Construction closed on the transaction regarding the sale of school-controlled property in Chenoa and the demolition of old Chenoa Grade School on June 27, 2007 in the offices of Caughey, Legner and Freehill, Chenoa. The said properties and the facility are not controlled by Sullivan, with the understanding that the facility must be demolished by December, 2008.
- Lighting project. BLI Lighting will begin an economy lighting project (replacing fixtures and bulbs for greater efficiency) in six Prairie Central buildings on July 20. The project should take two weeks.
- Parking lot paving. Beniach Construction will begin paving two parking areas at Prairie Central High School on July 23, 2007. The project should take no longer than four days, weather permitting.
- Youth football facility. The Youth Football League has temporarily shelved its plans to build a multi-purpose facility at Forrest. Cost estimates have exceeded expectations.

◆ ISBE/LEGISLATIVE NEWS.

- Budget. With the state budget still undecided, local school districts are finding it difficult to assemble budgets. General state aid and categorical reimbursements, outgrowths of a state-level budget, are key to local districts' revenue estimates.



- To return to open session  
 Moved by Froelich and seconded by Haberkorn that we return to open session at 10:05 PM from having discussed the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel; and pending litigation in executive session.  
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, absent; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- To accept resignations  
 Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Froelich that we accept the resignation of **Brad Turner** as a science teacher, track coach, CAPTAINS advisor, and boys golf coach at Prairie Central High School; and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach at Prairie Central Junior High School effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school term.  
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, absent; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- Moved by Froelich and seconded by Brown that we accept the resignation of **Kelly Bower** as a mathematics teacher and math team sponsor at Prairie Central High School effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school term.  
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, absent; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Steidinger that we accept the resignation of **Jason Chaplin** as physical education teacher, 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade softball coach at Prairie Central Junior High School effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school term.  
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, absent; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- Moved by Koehl and seconded by Haberkorn that we accept the resignation of **Carol Johnson** as a special education paraprofessional at Westview Elementary School effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school term.  
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, absent; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- To appoint employees  
 Moved by Froelich and seconded by Brown that we appoint **Michael Wolf** as assistant wrestling coach at Prairie Central Junior High School for the 2007-2008 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.  
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, absent; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- Moved by Koehl and seconded by Haberkorn that we appoint **Scott McGuire** as a track coach at Prairie Central Junior High School for the 2007-2008 school term, in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.  
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, absent; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- To adjourn  
 Moved by Froelich and seconded by Brown that we adjourn at 10:15 PM.  
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, absent; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

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 President

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 Secretary