

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

March 15, 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 March 15, 2007 and was called to order by President Jay Nussbaum at 7:00 PM at Prairie Central High School.

Board members present: Roger Brown, Dan Froelich, Patricia Haberkorn, Brett Johnson, Joe Koehl, Jay Nussbaum, Tom Schlatter

Board members absent: None

Administrators present: Dr. John Capasso, Superintendent

Employees or PCEA members present: Katie Cavanagh, Heidi Dotterer

Guests present: Ann Steidinger

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.

- Chenoa stage. Training on light and sound boards is now complete and the stage awaits the Evening of Jazz performance (March 16-17) and the Spring musical (May 4-6).
- "Old" Chenoa Grade School. Following the last meeting, attorney Al Freehill completed minor revisions in the bid documents and issued packets to 35 firms. May 7 is the deadline for bids and the board expects to award on May 14.

◆ ISBE/LEGISLATIVE NEWS.

- ISBE recommended 2008 budget. Governor Blagojevich has fully endorsed the ISBE proposed budget, which would bring nearly \$750,000 in new revenue to Prairie Central (elevated state aid foundation, fully-funded categoricals, and a considerable increase in special ed personnel reimbursement). The budget now rests squarely on the shoulders of the General Assembly.
- Drivers education bill. SB 172 would require students to hold an instruction permit for nine months (now, it is three); impose a curfew on permit drivers; limit the number of passengers that can accompany drivers under 20 years of age; and no longer allow a proficiency exam to substitute for any portion of the 6 required hours of behind-the-wheel training.
- HPV vaccine. SB 10 would require – in 2011 – all girls entering the sixth grade to receive the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. HPV can lead to cancer of the cervix. Parents may sign a letter opting out of the requirement, however.
- Limitation on third-party contracts. HB 1347 would make forming third-party contracts – non-instructional, such as transportation, custodial, food services - considerably more difficult by (1) requiring a 90-day notice of lay-offs; (2) guaranteeing contracted employees the same benefits as regular employees; (3) requiring two public hearings to be held prior to entering a contract; (4)

requiring a school district to show proof of cost savings; and (5) disallowing the formation of a contract until a current collective bargaining agreement has expired.

◆ CURRICULUM COUNCIL.

- Institute. Reaction to the institute suggested some follow-up be held on the Hannel Questioning sessions. Material struck attendees as important and helpful, but was covered quickly and without much practical application.
- After-school tutoring. Rev. Powers of the Forrest Methodist Church will take the council's plan for an elementary mentoring program and share it with his colleagues in Chenoa, Chatsworth, and Fairbury.
- Grade-level expectations. The grade-level expectations are complete and nearly ready for distribution by way of the district web site and a pamphlet. Help links and suggestions – to assist parents in working with their children - will accompany the materials.

- ◆ TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE. The committee discussed a need to replace labs. PC now has 500 lab units, the newest of which are four years old. The committee also discussed the next tech plan (due in 2008), the need to replace/add servers, the fiber run to the Illinois Century Network for expanded bandwidth, and the re-formatting of the district web page.

Action

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| To approve minutes | Moved by Brown and seconded by Froelich that we approve the minutes of the February 15, 2007 regular meeting as presented. Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried. |
| To approve consent agenda | Moved by Koehl and seconded by Johnson that we approve the consent agenda (activity fund report, petty cash report, investment report, current bills, interim payments, and cafeteria report) as presented. Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried. |
| To approve Illinois District Report Card | Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Haberkorn that we approve the Illinois District Report Card for 2006 and authorize its distribution to parents and citizens (see attached). Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried. |
| To enter executive session | Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Koehl that we enter into executive session at 8:20 PM for purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel in executive session. Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried. |
| To return to open session | Moved by Johnson and seconded by Froelich that we return to open session at 9:53 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; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried. |
| To accept resignations | Moved by Johnson and seconded by Haberkorn that we accept the resignation of Marcia Knauer as a sixth grade teacher at Prairie Central Upper Elementary School, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school term. Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried. |

Moved by Koehl and seconded by Froelich that we accept the resignation of **Susan Whitver** as a language arts teacher at Prairie Central High School, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school term.
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Brown that we accept the resignation of **Gene Riha** as an art teacher at Prairie Central Upper Elementary and Junior High Schools, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school term.
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Brown and seconded by Johnson that we accept the resignation of **Candace Lhotka** as a special education teacher at Prairie Central Upper Elementary School, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school term.
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Koehl that we accept the resignation of **Jennifer Ebker** as speech coach at Prairie Central High School, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school term.
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Koehl and seconded by Haberkorn that we accept the resignation of **Kay Shols** as Winter cheerleading sponsor at Prairie Central High School, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school term.
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Nussbaum that we accept the resignation of **Jennifer Steidinger** as a second grade teacher at Westview Elementary School, effective at the close of the 2006-2007 school term.
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

To honorably dismiss
(reduction-in-force)

Moved by Froelich and seconded by Schlatter that we approve a Resolution (attached) for the honorable dismissal of **Teresa Jones** as a paraprofessional at Prairie Central High School, effective at the conclusion of the 2006-2007 school term.
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Brown that we approve a Resolution (attached) for the honorable dismissal of **Lynn Bryant** as a custodian II at Westview Elementary School, effective August 17, 2007.
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Brown and seconded by Johnson that we approve a Resolution (attached) for the honorable dismissal of **Carl Tull** as a custodian I at Westview Elementary School, effective August 17, 2007.
Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Nussbaum, yea; Schlatter, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Koehl that we approve a Resolution (attached) for the honorable dismissal of **Mike Brown** as a custodian II at Prairie Central Junior High School, effective August 17, 2007.

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

Moved by Koehl and seconded by Haberkorn that we approve a Resolution (attached) for the honorable dismissal of **Randy Cribbett** as a seasonal educational support (ESP) employee (Summer painter), effective June 30, 2007.

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

Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Froelich that we approve a Resolution (attached) for the honorable dismissal of **Kathy Thyne** as a seasonal educational support (ESP) employee (Summer custodian), effective immediately.

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

Moved by Froelich and seconded by Schlatter that we approve a Resolution (attached) for the honorable dismissal of **Gary Cooper** as a seasonal educational support (ESP) employee (groundskeeper), effective August 17, 2007.

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

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Brown that we approve a Resolution (attached) for the honorable dismissal of **Dean Waters** as a seasonal educational support (ESP) employee (groundskeeper), effective August 17, 2007.

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

Moved by Brown and seconded by Johnson that we approve a Resolution (attached) for the honorable dismissal of **Ed Kapper** as an educational support (ESP) employee (maintenance), effective August 17, 2007.

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

To create fall play stipends

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Koehl that we approve the addition of a stipend for fall play director (3%) and fall play set builder (1%) for Prairie Central High School, beginning with the 2007-2008 school term.

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

To adjourn

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

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

President

Secretary