

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

PENDING APPROVAL

November 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 November 15, 2007 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

Employees or PCEA members present: None

Guests present:

Press present: Doris White

Public Comment

None

Visitors Arranged in Advance

None

Discussion

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

◆ BUILDINGS/OPERATIONS.

- Old Chenoa Grade School. Demolition is well under way. Only the 1911 structure still stands. Plans are to have the site cleared before Winter sets in.
- Air conditioning proposal. A proposal was discussed that would cool employee workrooms and computer labs in all buildings, thus bringing relief to staff and students for at least a portion of a hot day. Using window units, the cost would be around \$42,900. Using rooftop units, the cost would more-than-likely double. The board expressed the desire to tour buildings and see, first hand, the rooms in question before making a final decision.
- Junior High north property. The board viewed a contract for the lease of six acres north of the Junior High building for farming purposes. No profit will be derived from the property. The board seeks relief from mowing. A final disposition will be decided as Spring approaches.

◆ ISBE/LEGISLATIVE NEWS.

- BIMP. The bill that would appropriate monies promised by the state budget has been approved by the General Assembly and lacks only the Governor's signature. The bill would mean a \$400 increase in the general state aid formula, fully funded categorical reimbursement (principally, special education and transportation) and an increase in the rates of reimbursement for special education personnel.

- ◆ CURRICULUM. The council heard reports on a restructuring of mathematics courses at Prairie Central High School, the February institute (at which writing will be the focus of attention), and RtI ("Response to Intervention", mandated for public schools starting in 2009).

- To enter executive session

Moved by Koehl and seconded by Haberkorn that we enter into executive session at 8:00 PM for purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel; and pending litigation.
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- To return to open session

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Steidinger that we return to open session at 8:45 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, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.
- To appoint employees

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Froelich that we appoint **Daniel Schrader** as mathematics teacher and head boys track coach at Prairie Central High School for the 2007-2008 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.
- To adjourn

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Schlatter that we adjourn at 8:38 PM.
 Voting: Brown, yea; Froelich, yea; Haberkorn, yea; Johnson, yea; Koehl, yea; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

President

Secretary