

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

APPROVAL PENDING

October 18, 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 October 18, 2007 and was called to order by President Roger Brown at 7:00 PM in the Prairie Central High School media center.

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: Daniel Fulton

Press present: Doris Whitre

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. Asbestos has been removed from the building and demolition is imminent.
 - Lighting project. A grant of \$120,000 was awarded to Prairie Central CUSD #8 by the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation to off-set a portion of cost of the economy lighting project, recently completed by BLI Lighting. The total cost of the project was \$144,401.06.
- ◆ ISBE/LEGISLATIVE NEWS.
 - House Bill 471. The bill that would appropriate monies promised by the state budget has not been called by the House Speaker. The political wrangling continues in Springfield and the bill appears to be part of an elaborate *quid pro quo* being arranged among legislative factions. Representative Keith Sommer has assured Prairie Central that he will do everything he can to make sure schools receive the promised funding.
- ◆ CURRICULUM. Writing (in light of the restoration of writing on ISAT and PSAE), after-school tutoring (mentoring), the February institute, grade level expectations (parental awareness), mathematics (aligned standards and textbook selection), drug/alcohol education, the Shurley Method (for language arts instruction), portfolios, student ambition, and grade level/department meetings were all topics discussed by the council during its recent meeting. The board discussed topics related directly to action at this meeting: The mathematics textbook series and the Prairie Central Report Card.
- ◆ TECHNOLOGY. Technology coordinator Phil Tetley demonstrated the STI Home program, a means for parents to access student performance on-line. The target date for the program to be accessible to parents is October 26. Parents will be able to access grades, attendance, and discipline information. Letters with access codes will be sent out to all parents at the Upper Elementary, Junior High, and High School in the next week.

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 accept resignations

Moved by Koehl and seconded by Johnson that we accept the resignation of **Tim Dever** as a mathematics teacher, coach, and class sponsor at Prairie Central High School, effective October 10, 2007.

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

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Steidinger that we accept the resignation of **Sandy Ropp** as special education department chair at Prairie Central High School, effective October 15, 2007.

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

To appoint employees

Moved by Steidinger and seconded by Schlatter that we appoint **Katherine Wells** as secretary at Chatsworth Elementary 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.

Moved by Schlatter and seconded by Froelich that we appoint **Melissa Goembel** as a part-time paraprofessional at Westview Elementary 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, absent; Schlatter, yea; Steidinger, yea. Motion carried.

Moved by Froelich and seconded by Brown that we appoint **Tyler Webster** as an assistant (freshmen) wrestling 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.

Moved by Haberkorn and seconded by Koehl that we appoint **Luke Taylor** as an auxiliary (volunteer) wrestling coach at Prairie Central High School for the 2007-2008 season.

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

To grant maternity leave

Moved by Koehl and seconded by Johnson that we grant a maternity leave for **Kelly Honegger**, from April 18, 2008 to the end of the term.

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

To adjourn

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

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

President

Secretary