

Prairie Central CUSD #8  
Board Meeting Summary  
January 19, 2012

At its regular meeting last night, the Prairie Central CUSD #8 Board of Education

- (1) approved the minutes of its previous regular and special meetings;
- (2) *was visited by Tom Bennett, a candidate for the 106th district;*
- (3) approved the consent agenda - treasurer's, activity fund, petty cash, investment, financial, and cafeteria reports; financial summary; both current and interim bills; and booster proposals;
- (4) heard the superintendent's report regarding
  - (a) tax break legislation and how it may affect schools,
  - (b) educational reform legislation and Prairie Central's efforts to participate in committee work on RIF and administrator/teacher evaluation,
  - (c) the search for psychologists and social workers for 2012-13,
  - (d) the continuing investigation of IEP software,
  - (e) a proposed change in the agenda for curriculum council,
  - (f) Prairie Central's financial profile for FY11 (PC achieved "Recognition" status - the highest designation), and
  - (g) the amended 2011-12 school calendar (accounting for the January 2 non-attendance day);
- (5) approved amendments to Board Policy Manual Chapter 4, Articles 452, 465 - 465-AP3, 465-AP5, and deletions 455 - 460.02);
- (6) approved "Guidelines for Prairie Central CUSD #8 Booster and PTO Organizations" as part of an on-going policy review;
- (7) conducted a hearing on drivers education fees as per PA 97-145;
- (8) approved a resolution on the drivers education fee as per PA 97-145, giving the Board authority to raise the fee to \$250 (it will decide the actual fee for 2012-13 at a later time);
- (9) was formally informed that PCHS will bring the Hawk Classic basketball tournament to a close and enter basketball teams in the State Farm Classic;
- (10) conducted first reading of Board Policy Manual, Chapter 4, Articles 465.02 - 485-AP2;
- (11) entered/exited executive session;
- (12) accepted the resignations of Danielle Bedeker (as PCHS freshmen volleyball coach), Beth Laakman-Schaumburg (with intent to retire as a kindergarten teacher at Chenoa Elementary in 2015-16), and Bonnie Sechrest (as a two-hour custodian at Chenoa Elementary);
- (13) appointed Kristine Steidinger and Deborah Slagel (as District RNs), and Margaret Trost (as a 3 3/4 hour cafe worker at PCJHS);
- (14) agreed to pay premiums for \$50,000 life insurance policies for the administrative staff; and
- (15) adjourned at 10:46 PM.

Faithfully submitted, Dr. John Capasso, Superintendent of Schools