

Prairie Central CUSD #8  
Board Meeting Summary  
April 20, 2009

At last night's meeting, the Board . . .

**(Meeting #1)**

- (1) approved minutes for the previous meeting;
- (2) appointed itself the Canvassing Board;
- (3) canvassed election results as presented by clerks in Ford, Livingston, and McLean Counties;
- (4) declared successful candidates to be Mark A. Slagel, Patricia Haberkorn, Jeffrey Austman, and Jason Dotterer;
- (5) recognized retiring Board members Roger Brown, Dan Froelich, and Brett Johnson; and
- (6) adjourned sine die.

**(Meeting #2)**

- (1) swore in and seated Board members Mark A. Slagel, Patricia Haberkorn, Jeffrey Austman, and Jason Dotterer;
- (2) elected Patricia Haberkorn as president, Joe Koehl as vice-president, and Ann Steidinger as secretary - all for one-year terms;
- (3) approved the meeting schedule for the coming year (third Thursdays, 7 PM);
- (4) approved the consent agenda (treasurer's, activity fund, petty cash, investment, financial, and cafeteria reports; financial summary; and both current and interim bills);
- (5) entered/exited executive session;
- (6) was introduced to, and witnessed the signing of contracts by, Brian Quam and Ryan McGuckin, HS and JH deans-of-students, respectively;
- (7) accepted the resignations of WV teacher Donna Smith (with intent to retire after the 11-12 school term) and HS teacher Alain Kubal (with intent to retire after the 08-09 school term), custodian Arsenio "Sam" Pica (with intent to retire on June 30, 2009), and HS freshman volleyball coach Brad Kilcullen (effective after the 08-09 school term);
- (8) appointed Elizabeth Gallinger, Paula Bachtold, and Shannon McDonald as sixth grade teachers at the Upper Elementary, and Josh Creek as a special education teacher and special education department chair at Prairie Central High School;
- (9) heard the superintendent's report on
  - (a) the Stimulus Package (monies will be available for Title I and IDEA - special education - over the next two fiscal years),
  - (b) curriculum (the curriculum council discussion focussed on gifted at Monday afternoon's meeting),
  - (c) technology (the Board gave tacit approval to an upgrade of the High School writing lab),
  - (d) transportation, and
  - (e) building/grounds (the Board learned that resurfacing the HS track will cost \$55,000);
- (10) discussed the proposed 6th grade competitive athletic program, but expressed that it had no interest in pursuing the program presently;
- (11) expressed an interest in changing the format of 8th grade promotion and asked that the JH administration and staff develop a proposal for a new format;
- (12) approved Official School Calendars for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010;

- (13) approved District fees and rates for 2009-2010;
- (14) approved membership in the IHSA and IESA for 2009-2010;
- (15) approved the transfer of agency funds from the Citizens Bank of Chatsworth to the First State Bank of Forrest, Fairbury branch; and
- (16) reviewed proposed changes in the student Acceptable Use Policy (technology); and
- (17) adjourned at 9:56 PM.

Faithfully submitted, John Capasso, Superintendent.