

Prairie Central CUSD #8
Board Summary
June 18, 2009

At its regular meeting last night, the Prairie Central Board of Education . . .

- (1) approved minutes of previous meetings;
- (2) approved the consent agenda (treasurer's, activity fund, petty cash, investment, financial, and cafeteria reports; financial summary; and both current and interim bills);
- (3) entered and exited executive session;
- (4) accepted the resignations of James Dooley (district bus driver), Nicole Abby (WV special education teacher), and Mike Wolf (assistant JH wrestling coach);
- (5) appointed Melanie Teubel (WV special education teacher), Megan Hartman (PCUE special education teacher), Jessica Evans (PCJHS math/social studies teacher and math team coach), Jason Whitfill (PCJHS track coach), Todd Bryant (PCHS lead custodian), and Danielle Rathbun (PCHS freshmen volleyball coach);
- (6) heard the superintendent's report, which included
 - (a) a rough draft of Board goals for 2009-2010,
 - (b) information on ARRA (principally, IDEA and Title I dollars, available for one year, and the wisdom of committing such "soft" monies to technology),
 - (c) information on the state budget (the possibility that the block grants, the ECE grant, and monies generated for vocational education will be cut for next year; and deliberations in the General Assembly about an increase in the state income tax to close the gap on an \$11.5 Billion state deficit),
 - (d) projections of the district's end budget balances (less 75% of categorical reimbursement),
 - (e) a schedule of bonds and the potential for a future referendum to retain and redistribute some or all of the tax rate upon retirement of said bonds,
 - (f) the need to resurface the PCHS track, and
 - (g) and the acquisition of an EPA grant to install emissions devices on 25 buses;
- (7) discussed the future of 8th grade promotion, but tabled the discussion to July when all members will be present;
- (8) discussed the implementation of a differentiation and enrichment program (formerly known as "gifted"), but suspended a decision until more can be learned about the personnel needed to operate the program;
- (9) authorized the transfer of working cash funds to transportation if necessary (due to a significant shortage in state-generated categorical reimbursement);
- (10) adopted proposed changes to the PCJHS and PCHS student handbooks as presented;
- (11) approved a prevailing wage resolution for the coming year; and
- (12) adjourned at 10:44.

Faithfully submitted, Dr. John Capasso, Superintendent of Schools.