

Prairie Central CUSD #8
Board Summary
May 14, 2009

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

- (1) approved minutes of its previous meeting;
- (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) heard the superintendent's report, which included
 - (a) ARRA (the "Stimulus Package", as it relates to monies designated for schools, is still being interpreted by the ISBE),
 - (b) curriculum (the latest council meeting's topics were gifted, spelling, writing, and field trips),
 - (c) technology (the District will have distributed 90 Smartboards by Fall, 2009),
 - (d) transportation (24,373 gallons of diesel fuel have been consumed to date, leaving the District on schedule to re-bid in December), and
 - (e) buildings (a tour of facilities by the Board is re-scheduled for May 29);
- (4) discussed the two TIF districts and progress made toward intergovernmental agreements;
- (5) discussed 8th grade promotion and heard that the Junior High staff will develop a proposal for replacing the formal ceremony with a recognition assembly;
- (6) approved the student "Acceptable Use Policy" (use of technology, District's network);
- (7) renewed its agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Prairie Central and reduced its annual contribution to \$2,000 (from \$2,500);
- (8) accepted bids from North Central Illinois Milk and Interstate Brands for District food services milk and bread, respectively;
- (9) authorized the superintendent to prepare the tentative FY10 budget for July's meeting;
- (10) approved a listing of dual credit courses for Prairie Central High School and the weighting of grades in those courses;
- (11) received the curriculum council's recommendation for a District-wide gifted program and will take action on the recommendation in June;
- (12) accepted the resignations of **Allison Kroesch** (as a 1st grade teacher at Westview), **Lesa Kline** (as musical pit orchestra conductor for PCHS), and **Alan Dunahee** (as musical set builder);
- (13) appointed **Laura Schinzel** (Meadowbrook special education teacher), **Kami Keeley** (Westview 1st grade teacher), **John Gerber** (Westview part-time custodian), **Katie Ricketts** (PCHS summer community-based teacher), **Josh Creek** (PCHS summer community-based teacher), **Rachel Strike** (PCHS summer community-based paraprofessional), **Jodi Kemp** (PCHS summer community-based paraprofessional), and **Karen Steindinger** (PCHS summer community-based paraprofessional);
- (14) authorized Martin Ricconi and Robert Fennema to conduct a study to determine whether or not it is feasible - organizationally and financially - for Prairie Central to operate its special education services independent of a co-operative, at a cost of \$1,400 per day, not to exceed \$7,000; and
- (15) adjourned at 10:40 PM.

Faithfully submitted, John Capasso, Superintendent of Schools.