

August 23, 2007 Board Meeting Summary

At last night's meeting, the Prairie Central board of education

- (1) was called to order at 7 PM in the PCHS media center;
- (2) answered roll call, with all members present;
- (3) altered the agenda to include the LAVC intergovernmental agreement under "New Business";
- (4) approved minutes of the July 19 meeting;
- (5) heard, under "Visitors to the Board (arranged in advance)," a report by Ken Kurtenbach regarding Oliver's Crossing, a prospective lake development near Chatsworth and a tax increment financing (TIF) district candidate;
- (6) approved the consent agenda (treasurer's, activity fund, petty cash, investment, financial, and cafeteria reports; financial summary; and both current and interim bills);
- (7) read a letter from the Meadowbrook PTO asking that the board reconsider the acceptance of a donation from the Forrest Village Council for MB smartboard purchases (the board agreed to allow the PTO to re-approach the Council);
- (8) heard the superintendent's report on
 - (a) Chenoa Grade School (progress is being made toward demolition),
 - (b) the lighting project (BLI has completed the principal work on economy lighting in six district buildings),
 - (c) parking lot paving (the PCHS lots are complete, but there are flaws to be corrected),
 - (d) PCHS scoreboards (the scoreboards are now installed and have been financed entirely through private funds),
 - (e) the state budget (the Governor signed into law the new state budget, with a number of positive changes in school funding),
 - (f) curriculum (a review of opening day institutes - with writing as a theme - was shared, as was a review of ISAT and PSAT test scores and the announcement that all buildings made adequate yearly progress in 2007), and
 - (g) technology (a number of things were accomplished in the summer, among which was the installation of STI Home, a program by which parents can monitor academic progress);
- (9) approved a project, funded entirely by the athletic boosters and private sources, to extend the football concession stand, creating a breezeway;
- (10) approved a permanent easement, giving IDOT access to a small piece of property near the Junior High in order to correct water problems relative to Rt. 47;
- (11) approved an updated intergovernmental agreement with the Livingston Area Vocational Center;
- (12) entered/exited executive session;
- (13) accepted the resignation of Carol Wessels, a district bus driver;
- (14) appointed Marcy Knauer (bus driver), Steven Curl (bus driver), Sandra Schuler (bus driver), Julie Hutchins (bus monitor), Elizabeth Gallinger (Junior math team sponsor), Matt Curl (8th grade boys basketball coach), Jarod Jarhous (High School science teacher), Deborah Vaughan (High School math teacher and math team coach), Scott Willi (High School boys golf coach), Andrew Quain (High School C.A.P.T.A.I.N.S. sponsor), Aaron Grant (High School interact sponsor), and George Odum (Junior High auxiliary basketball coach);
- (15) adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Faithfully submitted, John Capasso, Superintendent.