

February 21, 2008 Board Meeting Summary

At its regular meeting last night, the Prairie Central board of education . . .

- (1) appointed Patricia Haberkorn as temporary secretary of the board in the absence of Dan Froelich;
- (2) approved minutes of the January 24, 2008 meeting;
- (3) altered its agenda to include the approval of a remediation plan for early childhood education transition and policy regarding network usage under "New Business";
- (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) heard the superintendent's report, which included
 - (a) a building tour by the board regarding the cooling of selected areas in the district (now scheduled before the regular meeting in April),
 - (b) an expression of doubt that the State of Illinois can produce the revenues to fulfill its school funding promises in FY08,
 - (c) a review of the discussions of subcommittees to the curriculum council on writing, portfolios, ambition, and the successful February 15 institute,
 - (d) technology (the upcoming tech committee meeting, progress on the renewal of the 3-5 year tech plan, and the current tech implementation schedule), and
 - (e) the official recognition by the Illinois State Board of Education of all four elementary schools for ISAT performance;
- (6) created a competitive pom/dance team at PCHS for the 2008-2009 school term, at a start-up cost not to exceed \$8,000;
- (7) approved a security plan which will include the installation/upgrade of surveillance cameras and motion sensors in all buildings through Zeller Innovations, and a rapid communication system through AlertNow;
- (8) restricted enrollment in ICE and LACC to PCHS seniors, beginning in 2009-2010;
- (9) authorized the seeking of bids for two 71-passenger buses and two activity buses;
- (10) changed meeting dates in May and June to the 19th and 26th, respectively (from the 15th and 19th);
- (11) approved policy regarding access to electronic networks;
- (12) approved a remediation plan for transition to early childhood education;
- (13) accepted, with regret, the resignation/expressed intent to retire of Michele Paternoster (Westview fourth grade teacher), Christy Loy (PCHS language arts teacher), and Shirley Fehr (PCHS head cook);
- (14) appointed Angie Noble (assistant girls track coach at PCHS), Jessica Embry (two hour/day cafe worker at PCHS), and Paul Meister (science teacher at PCHS for 2008-2009); and
- (15) adjourned at 10:35 PM.

Faithfully submitted, John Capasso, Superintendent.