

Prairie Central CUSD #8  
Board Summary  
February 26, 2009

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

- (1) approved minutes for January 22;
- (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 on
  - (a) the stimulus package (it may mean \$148,000 extra in Title I, \$485,000 in IDEA, \$7,000 in technology, and \$200,000 maintenance);
  - (b) PTELL (legislation is being discussed in committee that would simplify the process of placing tax caps on a county-wide ballot);
  - (c) curriculum (the February institute in retrospect, a consideration of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, and the on-going study of a uniform gifted program);
  - (d) technology (the upgrade of three labs at PCHS - to Pentium 4s with 1 GB of memory and WinXP); and
  - (e) music (a plan was shared that would finance the replacement of the district's pianos over a five-year period);
- (4) discussed progress toward an intergovernmental agreement with the Chatsworth TIF district;
- (5) discussed and took no action to change the date of Junior High promotion, or the schedule to release 8th graders this year, but expressed an interest in phasing out PC's current approach to 8th grade promotion (community opinions will be solicited in this endeavor);
- (6) discussed an upcoming proposal from the Junior High and Upper Elementary to add a 6th grade program to Prairie Central athletics;
- (7) changed the March meeting date to the 17th at 7 PM;
- (8) accepted the resignations of custodian I **Marilyn Hammond** (effective 8/1/09), bus driver **Beth Buckley** (effective immediately), bus monitor **Linda Dooley** (effective immediately), cafe worker **Barb Cooper** (effective after the 2009-10 school term), and UE teacher **Heather Lueschen** (effective at the close of the 2008-2009 school term);
- (9) appointed **Carol Rathbun** as a special education bus driver, **Rebecca Drayer** as head custodian at Meadowbrook beginning July 1, **Carolyn Roberts** as a temporary paraprofessional at the Junior High, **Ashley Nissen** as a temporary paraprofessional at Chatsworth Elementary, **Kyle Daniels** as freshman baseball coach at PCHS for 2009, and **Travis Johnson** as auxiliary baseball coach at PCHS for 2009; and
- (10) approved a contract for new chief of maintenance, **Michael Scott**; and
- (11) adjourned at 9:58 PM.

Faithfully submitted, Dr. John Capasso, Superintendent.