

January 24, 2008 Board Meeting Summary

At its regularly-scheduled meeting last evening, the Prairie Central board of education . . .

- (1) amended its agenda to make a presentation on competitive dance part of "New Business";
- (2) approved minutes of the December 20, 2007 special and regular meetings;
- (3) heard, under "Visitors Arranged in Advance," a presentation by a representative of the regional Girl Scouts of America about self-esteem and drug-free programs that could benefit the students of Prairie Central;
- (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 from the superintendent about
 - (a) recent legislative actions/considerations such as
 - (i) the passage of the BIMP bill, which releases monies promised by the FY08 state budget, and
 - (ii) debate over House Bill 4194, which would create funding for schools through gaming licenses, but also include several accountability elements),
 - (b) curriculum (specifically writing articulation, the February 15 institute, drug education considerations, student ambition, and teacher collaboration opportunities),
 - (c) technology (the new tech plan in development, and student laboratory needs), and
 - (d) security (proposals are forthcoming regarding the upgrade, installation, or implementation of surveillance cameras, buzz-in doors, motion sensors, and an automated notification system);
- (6) heard a proposal by PCHS staff member Lauren Little to start a competitive dance program (the board's reaction was positive and advised the superintendent to proceed with preparations for a potential program in 2008-09);
- (7) approved vendor contracts with PCHS cafe private vendors, Dairy Queen, Dave's Super Market, Marchelloni's, and Subway;
- (8) approved the May 2-3 Junior High music trip to St. Louis;
- (9) accepted the resignations of cafe workers, Luci Slagel and Amy Mekarski;
- (10) appointed Debbie Duncan as a cafe worker at the UE; and
- (11) adjourned at 9:50.