

March 20, 2008 Board Summary

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

- (1) added items to the agenda (IHSA membership renewal under "New Business" and an additional personnel appointment);
- (2) approved minutes from February 21;
- (3) approved the consent agenda (treasurer's, activity fund, petty cash, investment, financial, and cafeteria reports; financial summary; and both current and interim bills);
- (4) decided on an April 18 tour of all facilities, with special attention paid to rooms designated for air-conditioning;
- (5) reviewed legislative activity, including
 - (a) the proposed change of the selection process for the Illinois State Board of Education, and
 - (b) SB 4232, which would elevate the state's income tax and taper property taxes, creating better funding for schools;
- (6) reviewed a recent curriculum council meeting and subcommittee meetings, the topics of which included the February 15 institute, the writing curriculum, and student ambition;
- (7) reviewed a recent technology committee meeting, the topics of which included the 3-5 year tech plan, the implementation schedule, and an inventory of student computers in the district;
- (8) accepted bids for two, 2009 71-passenger Thomas/Frieghtliner buses from Midwest Bus Sales and one 2008 GM/Collins multi-functional activity bus from Midwest Transit at a total cost (with trade) of \$181,261;
- (9) approved Official School Calendars for 2007-2008 (end of year) and 2008-2009;
- (10) renewed the membership of Prairie Central High School in the Illinois High School Association;
- (11) accepted the resignations of Megan Beasley (High School special ed teacher), Beth Thoennes (Westview kindergarten teacher), and John "Bud" Gerber (Junior High wrestling coach);
- (12) appointed Miranda Miller (High School language arts teacher), Kathryn Wiebers (High School special education teacher), Lauren Little (High School pom/dance coach), Nicole Joiner (Westview fourth grade teacher), and Phyllis Welborn (High School head cook);
- (13) approved a maternity leave for Tracy Harms, Chenoa kindergarten teacher, for first semester, 2008-2009; and
- (14) adjourned at 10:26 PM.

Faithfully submitted, John Capasso, Superintendent.