

PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
OPEN SESSION

AUGUST 18, 2016

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8, FORD, LIVINGSTON, AND MCLEAN COUNTIES, WAS HELD ON AUGUST 18, 2016 AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT PATRICIA HABERKORN AT 7:00 PM IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL CUSD #8 UNIT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: JEFFREY AUSTMAN, JASON DOTTERER, PATRICIA HABERKORN, TIMOTHY MCGREAL, MARK SLAGEL, COREY STEFFEN, AND ANN STEIDINGER

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: DR. JOHN CAPASSO, SUPERINTENDENT

CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES
PRESENT: CHERYL HOFFMAN

COORDINATORS PRESENT: PAMELA WEEKS, TRANSPORTATION

EMPLOYEES OR PCEA
REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: NONE

STUDENTS PRESENT: NONE

GUESTS PRESENT: NONE

PRESS PRESENT: KENT CASSON, *THE BLADE*

PUBLIC COMMENT
NONE

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE
NONE

GENERAL ACTION
TO APPROVE MINUTES

MOVED BY DOTTERER AND SECONDED BY AUSTMAN THAT WE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE JULY 21, 2016 REGULAR MEETING AS PRESENTED.
VOTING: AUSTMAN, YEA; DOTTERER, YEA; HABERKORN, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; AND STEIDINGER, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY MCGREAL THAT WE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 8, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING AS PRESENTED.
VOTING: AUSTMAN, YEA; DOTTERER, YEA; HABERKORN, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; AND STEIDINGER, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA MOVED BY SLAGEL AND SECONDED BY AUSTMAN THAT WE APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH INCLUDES: ACTIVITY FUND REPORT, BILLS (CURRENT AND INTERIM), BOOSTER PROPOSALS (\$5,000 ALLOTMENT FOR SOFTBALL PRESSBOX), CAFÉ REPORT, FINANCIAL REPORT/SUMMARY, INVESTMENT SCHEDULE, SALES TAX (CSFT) REPORT, AND TREASURER'S REPORT.
VOTING: AUSTMAN, YEA; DOTTERER, YEA; HABERKORN, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; AND STEIDINGER, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT CAPASSO REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

ISBE LEGISLATION/COMMENTARY

SECURITY, FUNDING REFORM. ACCORDING TO SEVERAL PUBLICATIONS, THE PRINCIPAL TOPICS OF DISCUSSION AT THE POLICY LEVEL ARE SECURITY AND FUNDING REFORM, WITH COMMITTEES FORMED FOR EACH. IT IS HOPED A REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SCHOOL LEADERS WILL EMERGE FROM THE FORMER AND THAT A FUNDING REFORM PROPOSAL MAKES THE GOVERNOR'S DESK OUT BEFORE YEAR'S END.

FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL

INSTITUTES. THE INSTITUTE DAYS, AUGUST 15-16, WERE USED FOR CIVIL RIGHTS TRAINING, A PERA MEETING TO COMPLETE THE EVALUATION PLAN (INCLUDING STUDENT GROWTH), DISCUSSIONS ON VARIOUS TOPICS FOR PARAPROFESSIONALS, ALICE TRAINING FOR THE PCJHS STAFF, AND THE INITIAL ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT MEETINGS IN THE "TEACHER LEADER" ERA.

ASSESSMENT

PARCC, 2016. RESULTS IN MATHEMATICS AND ELA WERE SHARED WITH THE BOARD. OVERALL, THE DISTRICT'S STUDENTS SHOWED IMPROVEMENT IN BOTH DISCIPLINES OVER 2015, COMPARED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS REACHING "MEETS/EXCEEDS" MARKS (+5.5% IN MATH; +8.4% IN ELA). AT MEETING TIME, STATE STATISTICS WERE NOT AVAILABLE.

UPDATES

SUMMER MAINTENANCE.

HS TRACK/FOOTBALL FIELD. THE SEALS WE REQUESTED HAVE BEEN APPLIED TO THE TRACK, AND ONLY THE STRIPING REMAINS. SOME VANDALISM WAS PERPETRATED ON THE FOOTBALL GAME FIELD GRASS LAST SPRING. THE AREA IN QUESTION WAS CUT AND RE-SODDED, AND WAS READY FOR THE HOME OPENER.

PRIM-E ROOF. THE ROOF IS ESSENTIALLY DONE. A CHANGE ORDER WAS APPROVED TO REPLACE SOME DECKING; AND, A RECENT HARD RAIN REVEALED THE NEED FOR TUCK-POINTING AROUND THE CHIMNEY.

PRIM-E CONDENSATE PIPE. THIS IS ALSO ESSENTIALLY DONE AND, WHEN THE DIRT SETTLES, THE DIG AREA CAN BE SEEDED.

PCE SECURITY DOORS. WE ARE STILL HOPEFUL TO MOVE ON THIS IN A FEW WEEKS.

PCHS GYM FANS. THE NEW FAN ASSEMBLIES ARE INSTALLED AND WORKING.

TECHNOLOGY. THE TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT EITHER UPGRADED OR INSTALLED 38 SMARTBOARDS, AND ~150 STUDENT CHROMEBOOKS. THE ADMINISTRATION AWAITS WORD ON A TITLE I ALLOTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL STUDENT COMPUTERS.

REORGANIZATION.

ORIENTATION. MEET-THE-TEACHER SESSIONS WERE HELD AT PRIMARY EAST, PRIMARY WEST, PRAIRIE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY, PRAIRIE CENTRAL UPPER ELEMENTARY, AND PRAIRIE CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH ON AUGUST 15-16. IT WAS REPORTED THAT SEVERAL HUNDRED STUDENTS HAD NOT YET REGISTERED AT MEETING TIME.

BUS PICK-UP/DROP TIMES. DUE TO DELAYS IN REGISTRATION, THE DISTANCE INVOLVED, AND A SHORTAGE OF VEHICLES AND DRIVERS, SOME CHILDREN ARE EXPERIENCING CONSIDERABLE DOWNTIME BETWEEN PICK-UP AND THE START OF SCHOOL. SCHOOL BREAKFAST IS ALSO A COMPLICATING

TO APPOINT:

VOTING

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/ SITE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>MOTION BY</u>	<u>SECOND BY</u>	<u>AUSTMAN</u>	<u>DOTTERER</u>	<u>HABERKORN</u>	<u>MCGREAL</u>	<u>SLAGEL</u>	<u>STEFFEN</u>	<u>STEIDINGER</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
JESSICA BIGGER	KINDER-GARTEN TEACHER/ PRIM-EAST	2016-17 TERM	MCGREAL	SLAGEL	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
JOSH MCWILLIAMS	ASSIST FOOTBALL COACH/ PCHS	2016-17 TERM	STEFFEN	AUSTMAN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
HEIDI KIEFER	PARA/ PRIM-WEST	2016-17 TERM	AUSTMAN	DOTTERER	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
LILAH STOTLER	CAFÉ WORKER/ PCHS (5 ¼ HOURS/DAY)	2016-17 TERM	SLAGEL	AUSTMAN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

TO AUTHORIZE LEAVES

MOVED BY MCGREAL AND SECONDED BY SLAGEL THAT WE AUTHORIZE A MEDICAL LEAVE FOR MELISSA GRANT, SPANISH TEACHER @ PRAIRIE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, FROM NOVEMBER 21, 2016 TO FEBRUARY 6, 2017, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.

VOTING: AUSTMAN, YEA; DOTTERER, YEA; HABERKORN, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; AND STEIDINGER, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY STEIDINGER AND SECONDED BY HABERKORN THAT WE AUTHORIZE A MEDICAL LEAVE FOR ERIN McCOMAS, SECOND GRADE TEACHER @ PRAIRIE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FROM NOVEMBER 3, 2016 TO JANUARY 9, 2017, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.

VOTING: AUSTMAN, YEA; DOTTERER, YEA; HABERKORN, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; AND STEIDINGER, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

GENERAL ACTION
TO ADJOURN

MOVED BY DOTTERER AND SECONDED BY STEFFEN THAT WE ADJOURN AT 8:56 PM.

VOTING: AUSTMAN, YEA; DOTTERER, YEA; HABERKORN, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; AND STEIDINGER, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY