

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

DECEMBER 15, 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 DECEMBER 15, 2016 AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT PATRICIA HABERKORN AT 6:30 PM IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER (ADJOURNED TO THE UNIT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM AT 7:00 PM).

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: TIMOTHY MCGREAL

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: DR. JOHN CAPASSO, SUPERINTENDENT; BRAD BEYERS, PCHS PRINCIPAL; TONYA DIEKEN, PCJHS PRINCIPAL

CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES
PRESENT: NONE

EMPLOYEES OR PCEA
REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: NICOLE JOINER, CHRISTINE DECKER (PCEA)
 KYLE MILLER, REBECCA FREED, KOLE STADT (FFA JUDGING TEAM COACHING STAFF)

STUDENTS PRESENT: BRANDON EDELMAN, BRENT EDLEMAN, MEGAN IFFT, LORETTA KNAPP, MITCHELL LANZ, MILAN LEMAN, KYLIE MILLER, LOGAN MILLER, TREVOR PLENERT, MONTE SHAFFER, HARMONY SLAGEL, KARI SLAGEL, MEGAN SLAGEL, TYSON STORK, TAYLOR TULL, CLAY ZIMMERMAN (ALL MEMBERS OF THE FFA JUDGING TEAM)

GUESTS PRESENT: JOHN E. WILKEN

PRESS PRESENT: KENT CASSON, *THE BLADE*

PUBLIC COMMENT
NONE

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE
NONE

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
TO HONOR FFA VICE-PRESIDENT MARK SLAGEL, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, PRESENTED A FRAMED RESOLUTION TO FFA JUDGING TEAM MEMBERS AND COACHES FOR EARNING A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (MILK QUALITY & PRODUCTS), 2ND PLACE (FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT), 3RD PLACE (POULTRY EVALUATION), AND 9TH PLACE (AG TECHNOLOGY & MECHANICAL SYSTEMS) AT THE RECENT NATIONAL CONVENTION IN INDIANAPOLIS, IN.

GENERAL ACTION
TO APPROVE MINUTES MOVED BY SLAGEL AND SECONDED BY DOTTERER THAT WE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 15, 2016 REGULAR MEETING; AND THE NOVEMBER 28, DECEMBER 5, AND DECEMBER 13, 2016 SPECIAL MEETINGS AS AMENDED.
VOTING: AUSTMAN, YEA; DOTTERER, YEA; HABERKORN, YEA; MCGREAL, ABSENT; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; AND STEIDINGER, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT CAPASSO REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

ISBE/LEGISLATIVE/LEGAL.

CATEGORICALS. AS OF NOVEMBER 30, PRAIRIE CENTRAL HAD RECEIVED GENERAL STATE AID AND A FEW NATIONAL LUNCH PROGRAM PAYMENTS; NO SPECIAL EDUCATION OR TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT, OR GRANT MONIES. WITH 42% OF THE YEAR ELAPSED, PC HAD RECEIVED ABOUT ONLY 24% OF ITS STATE/FEDERAL OBLIGATION.

CAPITOL WATCH (IASA REPORT). TOPICS ADDRESSED IN THIS ISSUE WERE THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS (~\$9 BILLION BEHIND IN BILLS), PENSION REFORM (POSSIBLE SHIFT OF COST), THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX FREEZE, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF RAISING THE INCOME TAX RATE.

COURT CASES. SOME RECENT CASES THAT MAY AFFECT BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE: ALLEN VS. CLARK COUNTY BOARD (OPEN MEETINGS ACT), WREN VS. MUNDELEIN DISTRICT 120 (ANN MARIE'S LAW/SUICIDE PREVENTION), AND STEWART VS. OSWEGO (TORT IMMUNITY).

MAINTENANCE. SOME MAINTENANCE ISSUES ON THE HORIZON:

SIGNAGE. SIGNS ARE BEING ORDERED FOR NEW CENTERS, PCUE, AND PCJHS.
PRIMARY EAST HEATING SOLUTION. PHASES 2-3 ARE FORTHCOMING.

PCHS LOCKER ROOM PLUMBING. PHASES 3-4 REMAIN.

DEVELOPMENT OF GENDER-NEUTRAL RESTROOMS AND LOCKER ROOMS. THE SCHOOL ARCHITECT, RANDALL MIDDLETON, WILL CONTEMPLATE OPTIONS ON CREATING GENDER-NEUTRAL BATHROOMING AND SHOWER AREAS.

REORGANIZATION/CENTERS.

SALE OF MEADOWBROOK FURNITURE/EQUIPMENT. IT WAS REPORTED THAT NEARLY \$10,000 HAS BEEN COLLECTED IN TWO SALES AT MEADOWBROOK. THE BOARD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN AN ADDITIONAL SALE IN THE SPRING. THE EFFORTS OF TRISH PAULSON WERE RECOGNIZED.

DISPOSAL OF FACILITY. CITING THE DEMOLITION OF CHENOA GRADE SCHOOL IN 2007 AS A BASIS FOR COMPARISON, SUPERINTENDENT CAPASSO PROJECTED THE COST OF DEMOLISHING (WITH ASBESTOS REMOVAL) MEADOWBROOK AND EXCHANGING THE SITE PROPERTY AS A NET ~\$102,000. THE BOARD SUGGESTED APPROACHING THE DISTRICT'S ARCHITECT RANDALL MIDDLETON FOR FIRMER FIGURES AS IT DELIBERATES OVER THE DISPOSAL OF THE FACILITY.

BOUNDARIES. PRAIRIE CENTRAL HAS BEEN APPROACHED REGARDING A PETITION FOR (1) THE DETACHMENT-ANNEXATION OF 240 ACRES AND A FARMSTEAD (HOME WITH SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN) FROM PC AND INTO A NEIGHBORING DISTRICT, AND (2) THE DETACHMENT-ANNEXATION OF 240 ACRES OF FARM GROUND INTO PRAIRIE CENTRAL. SEVERAL SUCH PETITIONS HAVE BEEN GRANTED SINCE 2004, BOTH INTO AND OUT OF THE DISTRICT.

CURRICULUM. THE CURRICULUM COUNCIL RECOMMENDED THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION MANUAL FOR THE COMING YEAR, WITH THE PURPOSE OF MORE EFFECTIVELY MEETING STUDENTS' NEEDS: AP STATISTICS & CALCULUS (AS OPPOSED TO DUAL CREDIT), ENGLISH IV SENIOR READING & COMP, INFORMAL GEOMETRY, DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY, ILLINOIS HISTORY, AND WORLD CULTURES.

TRANSPORTATION. THE NEW PROPANE-POWERED BUSES HAVE PRESENTED A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS SINCE DELIVERY IN LATE OCTOBER/EARLY NOVEMBER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FUEL CONSUMPTION/MILEAGE, LEAKS/SEALS, AND DASH FUNCTION. EFFICIENCY IS RANGING FROM 2.5 TO 3.5 MILES PER GALLON/LP. BOTH VEHICLES HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THE RESPECTIVE VENDORS FOR REPAIR.

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

NONE

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

AMENDMENTS TO POLICY ARTICLES 729, STUDENTS/"SUICIDE AND DEPRESSION AWARENESS AND PREVENTION"; AND 729-AP, STUDENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE/"RESOURCE GUIDE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SUICIDE AND DEPRESSION AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM"

ACTION - OLD BUSINESS

TO APPROVE LEVY BY FUND

MOVED BY AUSTMAN AND SECONDED BY DOTTERER THAT WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE REQUIRE \$7,305,409 TO BE LEVIED AS A SPECIAL TAX FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

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

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY DOTTERER THAT WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE REQUIRE \$1,106,880 TO BE LEVIED AS A SPECIAL TAX FOR OPERATIONS, BUILDING & MAINTENANCE PURPOSES.

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

MOVED BY SLAGEL AND SECONDED BY DOTTERER THAT WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE REQUIRE \$442,752 TO BE LEVIED AS A SPECIAL TAX FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES.

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

MOVED BY AUSTMAN AND SECONDED BY DOTTERER THAT WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE REQUIRE \$110,688 TO BE LEVIED AS A SPECIAL TAX FOR WORKING CASH FUND PURPOSES.

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

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY DOTTERER THAT WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE REQUIRE \$412,933 TO BE LEVIED AS A SPECIAL TAX FOR MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT PURPOSES.

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

MOVED BY SLAGEL AND SECONDED BY DOTTERER THAT WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE REQUIRE \$412,933 TO BE LEVIED AS A SPECIAL TAX FOR SOCIAL SECURITY PURPOSES.

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

MOVED BY AUSTMAN AND SECONDED BY DOTTERER THAT WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE REQUIRE \$110,688 TO BE LEVIED AS A SPECIAL TAX FOR FIRE PREVENTION & LIFE-SAFETY PURPOSES.

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

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY DOTTERER THAT WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE REQUIRE \$777,273 TO BE LEVIED AS A SPECIAL TAX FOR TORT IMMUNITY PURPOSES.

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

MOVED BY SLAGEL AND SECONDED BY DOTTERER THAT WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE REQUIRE \$88,550 TO BE LEVIED AS A SPECIAL TAX FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PURPOSES.

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

MOVED BY AUSTMAN AND SECONDED BY DOTTERER THAT WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE REQUIRE \$110,688 TO BE LEVIED AS A SPECIAL TAX FOR LEASING PURPOSES.

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

ACTION – NEW BUSINESS

TO APPROVE PCHS COURSES

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY DOTTERER THAT WE APPROVAL THE CREATION OF, OR A CHANGE IN STATUS FOR, THE FOLLOWING COURSES AT PRAIRIE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL TERM: CALCULUS, STATISTICS, DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY, ENGLISH IV SENIOR READING & COMPOSITION, INFORMAL GEOMETRY, ILLINOIS HISTORY, WORLD CULTURES.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED BY DOTTERER AND SECONDED BY AUSTMAN THAT WE ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:13 PM FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF PERSONNEL UNDER THE AUSPICES OF 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1).

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

TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOVED BY DOTTERER AND SECONDED BY SLAGEL THAT WE RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 9:35 PM.

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

ACTION ON PERSONNEL

TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS FROM:

NAME	POSITION/ SITE	EFFECTIVE	MOTION BY	SECOND BY	VOTING							RESULT
					AUSTMAN	DOTTERER	HABERKORN	MCGREAL	SLAGEL	STEFFEN	STEIDINGER	
SARAH WEEKS	CAFÉ WORKER/ PCJHS	IMMEDIATELY	SLAGEL	DOTTERER	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

TO APPOINT:

NAME	POSITION/ SITE	EFFECTIVE	MOTION BY	SECOND BY	VOTING							RESULT
					AUSTMAN	DOTTERER	HABERKORN	MCGREAL	SLAGEL	STEFFEN	STEIDINGER	
CHARLES "CHICK" HARRELL	CUSTODIAN (1/2 TIME)/ PCUE	2016-17 TERM	STEFFEN	HABERKORN	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
NICOLE FLOYD	CAFÉ WORKER (3 3/4 HRS/DAY)/ PCJHS	2016-17 TERM	STEIDINGER	SLAGEL	YEA	YEA	YEA	ABSENT	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

GENERAL ACTION
TO ADJOURN

MOVED BY DOTTERER AND SECONDED BY STEFFEN THAT WE ADJOURN AT 9:37
PM.
VOTING: AUSTMAN, YEA; DOTTERER, YEA; HABERKORN, YEA; MCGREAL, ABSENT;
SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; AND STEIDINGER, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY