

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

MAY 18, 2017

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 MAY 18, 2017 AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT PROTEM MARK SLAGEL AT 7:00 PM IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL UNIT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: TED BACHTOLD, TIMOTHY MCGREAL, BRIAN PLENERT, MARK SLAGEL, COREY STEFFEN, ANN STEIDINGER, AND JOHN WILKEN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: DR. JOHN CAPASSO, PAULA CRANE, BRAD BEYERS, AND CHRIS HARPER

CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES PRESENT: CHERYL HOFFMAN

PCEA REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: ANGIE KRATOCHVIL AND BARB TAYLOR

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: NORMALYNNE BASHFORD, PHYLLIS BELLOT, MARK DAVIS, BRETT JOHNSON, GWEN KNAPP, AND JONNITA VOGEL

STUDENTS PRESENT: TAYLOR BEAL, ELLY HABERKORN, JANESSA KNAPP, KARI SLAGEL, CASSIE SMITH, AND DANIELLE VOGEL

GUESTS PRESENT: DARIN BAZZELL, DENISE BEAL, KEITH BEAL, JANET BROWN, MAGGIE DAVIS, CRAIG DAVIS, MARK HAAB, AMY HABERKORN, LOREN HABERKORN, SARA JOHNSON, JANICE MEISS, BRENDA MUELLER, CHUCK MUELLER, DAN SLAGEL, JOEL SMITH, JULIE SMITH, DIANE TRAVIS, ROBERT TRAVIS, AND MARK WILSON

PRESS PRESENT: KENT CASSON, *THE BLADE*

PUBLIC COMMENT

ASHLEY HAMMACK EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT HER SON, A STUDENT WITH DISABILITIES, IS THE FREQUENT VICTIM OF BULLYING BY OTHER STUDENTS; AND THAT THE STAFF IS NOT ADDRESSING HIS EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL NEEDS EITHER OUT OF DISREGARD OR A LACK OF COMMUNICATION.

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE

NONE

GENERAL ACTION

TO APPROVE MINUTES

MOVED BY MCGREAL AND SECONDED BY STEFFEN THAT WE APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2017 REGULAR MEETING #1 AS PRESENTED.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY WILKEN AND SECONDED BY STEFFEN THAT WE APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2017 REGULAR MEETING #2 AS PRESENTED.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY BACHTOLD THAT WE APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 17, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING AS PRESENTED.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED BY MCGREAL AND SECONDED BY STEFFEN THAT WE ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:28 PM FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF PERSONNEL AS PER 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1).

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOVED BY BACHTOLD AND SECONDED BY WILKEN THAT WE RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 10:33 PM.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

TO ANNOUNCE, FOLLOWING

FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER 5 ILCS 120/2 (1), THE BOARD ANNOUNCED THAT, DUE TO THE LENGTH OF TESTIMONY IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND WITH AN ENTIRE REGULAR MEETING'S AGENDA REMAINING, IT WOULD NOT DECIDE ON THE DISPOSITION OF THE GIRLS' COACH FOR THE COMING YEAR; BUT INSTEAD, SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO DELIBERATE FURTHER.

GENERAL ACTION

TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY MCGREAL AND SECONDED BY STEFFEN THAT WE APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH INCLUDES: ACTIVITY FUND REPORT, BILLS (CURRENT AND INTERIM), BOOSTER PROPOSALS (INCLUDING A NEW WRESTLING MAP FOR PCHS @ A COST OF \$9,839, WITH THE BOOSTERS CONTRIBUTING \$3,000 AND THE WRESTLING AGENCY FUND PROVIDING THE BALANCE), CAFÉ REPORT, FINANCIAL REPORT/SUMMARY, INVESTMENT SCHEDULE, AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT CAPASSO REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

ISBE/STATE OF ILLINOIS/LEGAL.

CATEGORICALS. CATEGORICAL REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS FROM THE STATE ARE ARRIVING 6-7 MONTHS AFTER DISBURSEMENT.

FUNDING REFORM. THE STATE LEGISLATURE CONTINUES TO CONSIDER SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM, WITH A PROPERTY TAX FREEZE, AN INCOME TAX INCREASE, MANDATE WAIVERS, PENSION REFORM, AND WORKERS' COMP REFORM INTEGRAL TO THE ON-GOING DEBATE.

MAINTENANCE. THE BOARD TOURED FACILITIES AND GROUNDS ON MAY 17, WHILE EYEING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS FOR THE SUMMER. IT DID NOT HAVE TIME TO FOLLOW-UP AT THE REGULAR MEETING ON ITS OBSERVATIONS. AS PER MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY DEMOLITION, THE BOARD WILL ENTERTAIN AN ATTORNEY AT ITS NEXT MEETING WHO SPECIALIZES IN DEMOLITION-FOR-PROPERTY CONTRACTS. THE ESTIMATE FOR DEMOLISHING THE BUILDING OUTRIGHT IS \$203,900.

BUDGET PROJECTION, LEVY & EXTENSION. PROJECTIONS OF JUNE 30 END BALANCES INDICATE THE NEED FOR \$1,200,000 FROM WORKING CASH TO RESTORE THE FUND TO POSITIVE; AND \$600,000 TO RESTORE TRANSPORTATION. THE SUPERINTENDENT ALSO REVIEWED THE OPERATING EXTENSION FOR THE COMING YEAR, OBSERVING THAT THE DISTRICT CAN EXPECT A 3.28% INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES IN THE COMING YEAR, OR A TOTAL OF ~\$340,000. HE ALSO EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER A SERIES OF CRITICAL ERRORS IN THE MCLEAN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE REGARDING BOND COLLECTIONS IN THE CHENOA

AREA. CHENOANS, ESSENTIALLY, HAVE BEEN GROSSLY UNDER-TAXED, AND, SINCE ALL COLLECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETE BY THE TIME THE BONDS ARE RETIRED, THEY WILL FACE A CONSIDERABLE LEAP - WELL IN EXCESS OF \$1.00 - IN THEIR BOND RATE NEXT YEAR TO ADJUST FOR THE GLITCHES. THERE WILL LIKELY BE POLITICAL FALL-OUT.

TECHNOLOGY. TECH COORDINATOR TETLEY AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM ARE DECIDING HOW BEST TO DISBURSE SUPPLEMENTAL TITLE MONIES FOR ADDITIONAL STUDENT COMPUTERS.

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

NONE

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

NONE

ACTION - OLD BUSINESS

TO AMEND POLICY ARTICLES

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY BACHTOLD THAT WE APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES 110 (DISTRICT ORGANIZATION, OPERATIONS & COOPERATIVES) AND 112 (ORGANIZATIONAL CHART) OF THE BOARD POLICY MANUAL AS PRESENTED (ATTACHED).

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

TO APPROVE FEES, STIPENDS

MOVED BY PLENERT AND SECONDED BY WILKEN THAT WE APPROVE *REGISTRATION FEES & MISCELLANEOUS STIPENDS* FOR 2017-18.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION – NEW BUSINESS

TO AMEND FLEX PLAN

MOVED BY MCGREAL AND SECONDED BY STEFFEN THAT WE APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FLEXIBLE BENEFIT PLAN AS PRESENTED (ATTACHED).

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

TO AMEND STUDENT HANDBOOKS

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY BACHTOLD THAT WE APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ADDITION TO ALL STUDENT HANDBOOKS, AS REQUIRED BY THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: "NO STUDENT SHALL BE DENIED A REIMBURSABLE MEAL. HOWEVER, A STUDENT WITH A NEGATIVE LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCE MAY NOT PURCHASE ITEMS FROM ALA CARTE."

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

TO LEASE BUSES

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY MCGREAL THAT WE AUTHORIZE THE LEASE OF THREE (3) 2013 77-PASSENGER INTERNATIONAL BUSES FROM MIDWEST TRANSIT, BEGINNING WITH THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR AT A COST OF \$8,400 PER VEHICLE, PER YEAR, IN TRADE FOR BUSES 8, 11, AND 17.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

TO LET BIDS

MOVED BY BACHTOLD AND SECONDED BY PLENERT THAT WE LET BIDS FOR A NEW, OR USED, 77-PASSENGER WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE BUS, WITH FORWARD LIFT AND FOUR (4) WHEELCHAIR POSITIONS; AND WITH INTENT TO TRADE BUS 16.

VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY BACHTOLD THAT WE ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:00 AM FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING THE

ITTER, JODEE	KINDER TEACHER/ PRIM-E	2017-18	BACHTOLD	STEFFEN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
WEBER, GINA	4 TH GR TEACHER/ PCE	2017-18	WILKEN	PLENERT	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
SHUMAKER, SHELBI	SPEECH/ PCJHS & PCUE	2017-18	PLENERT	WILKEN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
ROTHERT, TANYA	SP ED SELF-CONT TEACHER/ PCUE	2017-18	STEFFEN	BACHTOLD	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

TO GRANT LEAVES:											VOTING	RESULT
<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATES</u>	<u>MOTION BY</u>	<u>SECONDED BY</u>	<u>BACHTOLD</u>	<u>MCGREAL</u>	<u>PLENERT</u>	<u>SLAGEL</u>	<u>STEFFEN</u>	<u>STEIDINGER</u>	<u>WILKEN</u>	
RUNYON, TERESA	EDUCATIONAL	8/22 – 12/20/17	STEIDINGER	MCGREAL	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
TRAVIS, KATIE	MEDICAL	8/14 – 9/6/17	PLENERT	WILKEN	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

TO APPROVE
EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY BACHTOLD THAT WE APPROVE AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR **CODI CONWAY** AS PRINCIPAL OF PRAIRIE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL TERM (ATTACHED).
VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY STEIDINGER AND SECONDED BY WILKEN THAT WE APPROVE AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR **KERI JANCEK** AS PRINCIPAL OF PRAIRIE CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL TERM (ATTACHED).
VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY MCGREAL AND SECONDED BY PLENERT THAT WE APPROVE AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR **SHANNON MCGUCKIN** AS PRINCIPAL OF PRAIRIE CENTRAL PRIMARY-EAST FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL TERM (ATTACHED).
VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY SLAGEL AND SECONDED BY MCGREAL THAT WE APPROVE AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR PAULA CRANE AS SUPERINTENDENT OF PRAIRIE CENTRAL CUSD #8 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 (ATTACHED).
VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

GENERAL ACTION
TO ADJOURN

MOVED BY MCGREAL AND SECONDED BY BACHTOLD THAT WE ADJOURN AT 12:30 AM.
VOTING: BACHTOLD, YEA; MCGREAL, YEA; PLENERT, YEA; SLAGEL, YEA; STEFFEN, YEA; STEIDINGER, YEA; AND WILKEN, YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY