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#### BUDGET HEARING

TO OPEN HEARING

MOVED BY SLAGEL AND SECONDED BY MCGREAL THAT WE ENTER THE BUDGET HEARING UNDER 105 ILCS 5/17-1 @ 7:15 PM.

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SUPERINTENDENT CAPASSO SUMMARIZED ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BY FUND FOR FY17 AND PROJECTED END-BALANCES OVER THE NEXT THREE (3) YEARS.

TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOVED BY DOTTERER AND SECONDED BY SLAGEL THAT WE RETURN TO OPEN SESSION @ 7:29 PM.

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

#### ANNUAL REPORT/ACTION

TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR PHIL TETLEY DISCUSSED THE STATE OF PRAIRIE CENTRAL TECHNOLOGY. HE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT SUMMER TECH WORK CONSISTED OF THE MOVEMENT OF EQUIPMENT TO ATTENDANCE CENTERS, THE RENEWAL OF SOFTWARE LICENSING, THE REIMAGING OF COMPUTERS, AND THE INSTALLATION OF SMART TECHNOLOGY. HE TOLD THE BOARD THAT THE DISTRICT NOW OPERATES ~1,950 COMPUTERS, IN THE FORM OF DESKTOPS, LAPTOPS, CHROMEBOOKS, IPADS, AND IPAD MINIS, BUT THAT A NUMBER OF UNITS PURCHASED IN THE ARRA PROGRAM ARE SHOWING AGE. HE IS PLANNING TO APPLY ROUGHLY \$190,000 OF FEDERAL ENTITLEMENT MONEY TO THE PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT FOR EACH BUILDING. THE COMING YEARS, HE PREDICTED, WILL PRESENT A GREATER NEED FOR A CHROMEBOOK-TYPE DEVICE (I.E. INTERNET-ONLY) AND INTERACTIVE CLASSROOM DISPLAYS, THE NECESSITY FOR LICENSED BANDWIDTH (DUE TO INTERFERENCE), AN INCREASING LIABILITY FOR SCHOOLS AS "HACKING" BECOMES MORE OF A THREAT, AND A CALL FOR ADA-COMPATIBLE WEBSITES.

TO APPROVE REPORT

MOVED BY STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY DOTTERER THAT WE APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT ON TECHNOLOGY AS PRESENTED BY COORDINATOR PHIL TETLEY.

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#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT CAPASSO REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*PCHS HOMECOMING.* PRINCIPAL BEYERS HAS PLANNED A CAREER FAIR FOR THE MORNING OF HOMECOMING, FOLLOWED BY AN OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY, AND THE PARADE.

#### **FINANCE**

*PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION.* HB 691 AND SB 318, WRITTEN WITH THE INTENT OF FREEZING TAX EXTENSIONS FOR TWO YEARS, ARE STILL IN THE OFFING. SHOULD THE MEASURES BE RECONCILED AND BECOME LAW, THEY WOULD PROHIBIT PC FROM CAPTURING ~\$514,400 IN PROPERTY TAXES.

*HEALTH INSURANCE.* HEALTH ALLIANCE HAS ANNOUNCED AN 18.73% INCREASE IN PREMIUMS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017. IF NOT ADJUSTED, THE DISTRICT'S ADDED COST WILL BE \$129,380 IN THE FINAL SIX MONTHS OF THIS FISCAL YEAR.

*CATEGORICALS.* THE ONLY PAYMENTS RECEIVED-TO-DATE ARE IN GENERAL STATE AID. REIMBURSEMENTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION, GRANTS, AND LUNCH PROGRAMS HAVE YET TO BE CALCULATED OR PAY.

## ENROLLMENT

*SIXTH-DAY ENROLLMENT.* THE DISTRICT'S ENROLLMENT ON THE SIXTH DAY WAS 1,971, DOWN FROM 2,038 AT THE SAME JUNCTURE LAST YEAR. A MITIGATING FACTOR IS THE LIMITING OF PREKINDERGARTEN TO 120 STUDENTS; LAST YEAR, 140 STUDENTS WERE PLACED.

## REORGANIZATION

*MEADOWBROOK EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE.* ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO LOOK THROUGH MEADOWBROOK, NOW A TEMPORARY STAGING AREA FOR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE. ON SEPTEMBER 27, THE BUILDING WILL BE OPEN TO AREA PUBLIC AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS. THE DISTRICT WILL THEN DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT A PUBLIC SALE IS NEEDED.

*BUSING.* AFTER ONE MONTH OF ATTENDANCE CENTERS AND REROUTED BUSES, IT APPEARS SOME YOUNGER STUDENTS STILL HAVE LONG WAITS BETWEEN PICK-UP AND THE START OF SCHOOL, SOME BUSES ARE ARRIVING AFTER THE FIRST BELL, AND NOT ALL STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BREAKFAST PROGRAM. THREE (3) AM ROUTES WILL BE ADDED. AT A LATER TIME, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO ALTERING BUILDING START/END TIMES.

## PROGRAMS

*AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS.* WITH THE ANNOUNCED CLOSURE OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB PROGRAM AT CHATSWORTH PRIOR TO THE START OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR, PRIMARY-EAST WILL CREATE THE "EAST KIDS CLUB", AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR FORREST AND CHATSWORTH STUDENTS, GRADES K-6. THERE HAS BEEN AN IN-HOUSE PROGRAM AT CHENOA (PRIMARY-WEST) SINCE THE B & G CLOSED THERE SEVERAL YEARS AGO. BOTH WILL BE SUPPORTED WITH SOME TITLE I SEED MONIES, PRIVATE DONATIONS, AND VOLUNTEERS.

## DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

IASB REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS LEAHY DISCUSSED THE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH WITH THE BOARD.

## DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

NONE

## ACTION - OLD BUSINESS

TO APPROVE BUDGET

MOVED BY SLAGEL AND SECONDED BY AUSTMAN THAT WE APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET AND FORWARD IT TO THE ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION AS PER 105 ILCS 5/17-1 (SCHOOL CODE), AND TO COUNTY CLERKS UNDER 35 ILCS 200/18-50 (PROPERTY TAX CODE).

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## ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

TO APPROVE ENDORSEMENT APPLICATIONS

WE APPROVE APPLICATIONS FOR CAREN APPEL IN PURSUIT OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATOR ENDORSEMENTS THROUGH THE ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS

WE APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS FOR PRAIRIE CENTRAL PRIMARY-WEST, PRIMARY-EAST, ELEMENTARY, UPPER ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR HIGH, AND HIGH SCHOOL THROUGH THE ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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TO LEASE BUSES

MOVED BY DOTTERER AND SECONDED BY MCGREAL THAT WE LEASE THREE (3) BUSES FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL TERM UNDER THE ATTACHED CONTRACT WITH MIDWEST TRANSIT EQUIPMENT.



TO AUTHORIZE LEAVES

MOVED BY MCGREAL AND SECONDED BY SLAGEL THAT WE AUTHORIZE A MEDICAL LEAVE FOR KATHY ANDERSON, SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER @ PRIMARY-EAST, FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2016 TO JANUARY 2, 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 STEFFEN AND SECONDED BY DOTTERER THAT WE ADJOURN AT 10:39 PM.

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

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

**PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8**  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE SESSION (5 ILCS 120/2)

SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

1. NAME OF UNIT OF GOVERNMENT  
PRAIRIE CENTRAL CUSD #8
  
2. DATE AND TIME OF CLOSED MEETING OR CLOSED PORTION OF MEETING  
9/22/16  
9:38 PM – 10:30 PM
  
3. NAMES OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BODY PRESENT DURING THE CLOSED MEETING OR CLOSED PORTION OF MEETING  
JEFFREY AUSTMAN, JASON DOTTERER, PATRICIA HABERKORN, TIMOTHY MCGREAL, MARK SLAGEL, COREY STEFFEN, AND ANN STEIDINGER
  
4. EACH SPECIFIC EXCEPTION CITED FOR CLOSING THE MEETING (5 ILCS 120/2 ( c )(1))
  - a) APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF PERSONNEL
  
5. FOR EACH OF THE EXCEPTIONS CITED, PROVIDE A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED DURING THE CLOSED MEETING OR PORTION OF A CLOSED MEETING
  - a) APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF PERSONNEL
    - i. DISCUSSION OF RESIGNATIONS
    - ii. DISCUSSION OF APPOINTMENTS
    - iii. DISCUSSION OF LEAVE REQUESTS

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT I UNDERSTAND SECTION II OF THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF NO OTHER TOPIC WAS DISCUSSED DURING THE CLOSED MEETING, OR CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING, IN VIOLATION OF THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY