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FEBRUARY 21, 2017

ATTENDANCE

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

»ADMINISTRATORS/CENTRAL OFFICE PERSONNEL: JOHN CAPASSO, PAULA CRANE, AND PAM WEEKS

»PCEA REPRESENTATIVES/EMPLOYEES: JOANNE COSTA

»PRESS: KENT CASSON (*THE BLADE*)

»GUESTS: TED BACHTOLD, JOSEPH COSTA

GENERAL ACTION

»APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 19, 2017 REGULAR MEETING; AND THE JANUARY 24, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING.

»APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH INCLUDED AN ACTIVITY FUND REPORT, BILLS (CURRENT/INTERIM), A CAFETERIA REPORT, FINANCIAL REPORTS, AN INVESTMENT SCHEDULE, A SALES TAX (CSFT) REPORT, AND A TREASURER'S REPORT.

COMMENTS (PUBLIC)

NONE

COMMENTS (ARRANGED IN ADVANCE)

JOANNE COSTA, BUSINESS TEACHER, THANKED THE BOARD FOR SUPPORTING COMPUTER PROGRAMMING INSTRUCTION AND ASKED THAT IT BE CONTINUED. MS. COSTA ANNOUNCED HER RETIREMENT AT THE END OF THE CURRENT TERM.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

»ISBE/LEGISLATIVE/LEGAL.

CATEGORICALS. WITH 59% OF THE FISCAL YEAR ELAPSED (JANUARY 31), PRAIRIE CENTRAL HAD RECEIVED 41% OF ITS EXPECTED STATE/FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT, 95% OF WHICH WAS GENERAL STATE AID. THE DISTRICT HAS RECEIVED NONE OF ITS CALCULATED \$1,683,249 IN SPECIAL EDUCATION AND TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT.

ALLIANCE LEGISLATIVE REPORT. EVIDENCE-BASED FUNDING, PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION, WAIVER-OF-MANDATES, AND PENSION REFORM REMAIN PART OF THE LARGER BUDGET DISCUSSION IN LEGISLATIVE CAUCUSES.

U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION. ELIZABETH DEVOS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED AS SECRETARY OF EDUCATION IN THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION. SOME HAVE CAST CONSIDERABLE DOUBT ON HER CREDENTIALS AND ABILITIES.

»MAINTENANCE. PRINCIPALS ARE BEING SURVEYED FOR SUMMER PROJECTS.

»REORGANIZATION/CENTERS. THE THIRD AND FINAL SALE OF EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE, AND SUPPLIES AT MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY WILL BE MAY 6, 9 AM – 1 PM, AS PART OF THE FORREST VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE.

»TECHNOLOGY. PRINCIPALS ARE ALSO BEING SURVEYED FOR TECH NEEDS UPON THE NEWS OF AN EXTRA \$59,000 MADE AVAILABLE FOR TITLE I.

»BOARD MEETING CALENDAR. THE BOARD SCHEDULED ITS FORTHCOMING REGULAR MEETINGS THUSLY, DUE TO SEVERAL CONFLICTS (SEE ATTACHED MEETING CALENDAR):

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
MARCH 16	7:30 PM	UNIT OFFICE
APRIL 18	7:00 PM	UNIT OFFICE
MAY 18	7:00 PM	UNIT OFFICE
JUNE 15	7:00 PM	UNIT OFFICE

OLD BUSINESS

»BUS TRADE/LEASE. WITH SUFFICIENT INPUT FROM COORDINATOR WEEKS AND SEVERAL DRIVERS, THE BOARD EARLIER DETERMINED THAT THE NEW PROPANE-POWERED BUSES WERE NOT A "GOOD FIT" FOR PRAIRIE CENTRAL. THE TWO VENDORS

INVOLVED AGREED TO EXCHANGE THE BUSES FOR NEW DIESELS. MIDWEST TRANSIT INCLUDED A PROVISIO IN WHICH THE DISTRICT WOULD ENTER A FOUR (4)-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BUSES (2014 IC, <21,000 MILES) @ \$9,700 PER UNIT, PER YEAR. THE DISTRICT NEEDS THE VEHICLES, BUT SINCE THE BOARD IS CONTEMPLATING THE REPLACEMENT OF ITS PRINCIPAL FLEET THROUGH BOND ISSUANCE IN 2018, IT DIRECTED MS. WEEKS TO NEGOTIATE FOR A SHORTER LEASE TERM, SAY 18 MONTHS-TO-TWO (2) YEARS.

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PC VEHICLE (PROPANE)</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>PROPOSED VEHICLE (DIESEL)</u>	<u>~VALUE</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
CENTRAL STATES	2018 BLUE BIRD 77-PASSENGER	\$90,320	2018 BLUE BIRD 77-PASSENGER	\$82,000	\$(8,320)
MIDWEST TRANSIT	2018 IC CE 77-PASSENGER	\$90,070	2017 IC CE 78-PASSENGER*	\$80,000	\$(10,070)

*CONTINGENT ON LEASE AGREEMENT: 3 2014 IC CE BUSES (<21,000 MILES) @ \$9,700/YEAR

»POLICY. THE BOARD APPROVED ARTICLES 200, 215.02, 246, 280, AND 525, AS AMENDED, FOR INCLUSION IN THE POLICY MANUAL.

»CURRICULUM PROPOSAL. THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE INCLUSION OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRADES IN OVER-ALL GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) AT PRAIRIE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, BEGINNING WITH THE **CLASS OF 2021**. GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) DETERMINES CLASS RANK; AND A GRADUATING CLASS'S TOP TEN SCHOLARS, AND VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN.

NEW BUSINESS

»POLICY. THE BOARD CONDUCTED A FIRST READING OF THE FOLLOWING AMENDED, OR NEWLY-CREATED, ARTICLES FOR THE POLICY MANUAL:

<u>ARTICLE NO.</u>	<u>CHAPTER TITLE</u>	<u>ARTICLE</u>
250	SCHOOL BOARD	BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT RELATIONSHIP
255	SCHOOL BOARD	COMMITTEES
260	SCHOOL BOARD	BOARD ATTORNEY
268	SCHOOL BOARD	TYPES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS
270	SCHOOL BOARD	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING PROCEDURE
437	OPERATIONAL SERVICES	CO-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION AND EFFICIENCY CONSIDERATIONS

»2017-18 OFFICIAL SCHOOL CALENDAR. THE BOARD CONDUCTED A FIRST READING OF THE 2017-18 CALENDAR (SEE ATTACHED).

EXECUTIVE SESSION (FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL AND THE SALE/ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY (105 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1&5))

PERSONNEL ACTION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
»ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATIONS OF			
JENNIFER VAUGHAN	WINTER CHEER SPONSOR	PCHS	END OF TERM
LESA KLINE	INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TEACHER	PCHS, PCUE	END OF TERM
JOANNE COSTA	BUSINESS TEACHER	PCHS	END OF TERM
»APPOINTED			
JASON WHITFILL	TRACK COACH	PCJHS	2016-17 TERM
TRAVIS JOHNSON	TRACK COACH	PCJHS	2016-17 TERM

»GRANTED MEDICAL LEAVE REQUESTS FOR TWO (2) PCHS TEACHERS.

»CONFIRMED THE CREATION OF A FULL-TIME DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM-TECHNOLOGY POSITION FOR 2017-18, TO BE HELD BY TONYA DIEKEN, NOW PRINCIPAL OF PRAIRIE CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL; AND THE NEED TO FILL VACANCIES FOR BUILDING PRINCIPALS AT PRIMARY EAST, PRAIRIE CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND PRAIRIE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. AN ACTIVE SEARCH IS UNDERWAY FOR CANDIDATES, WITH INTERVIEWS LIKELY IN EARLY MARCH.

REAL PROPERTY

»DISCUSSED A REAL ESTATE PROPOSAL MADE BY A PRIVATE CITIZEN TO EXCHANGE A PARCEL NORTH OF PCJHS WITH ONE NEAR PCUE. A COMMITTEE OF JEFF AUSTMAN, TIM MCGREAL, AND MARK SLAGEL WAS ASSIGNED TO MEET WITH THE CITIZEN.

GENERAL ACTION

»ADJOURNED AT 10:29 PM

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Board of Education **Regular Meeting Dates**

(Unless otherwise notified, meetings are held in the Unit Office Conference Room, 605 N. Seventh Street, Fairbury, IL, 61739, at 7 PM)

3rd Thursday of Each Month (Exception*)

July 21, 2016 (Tentative Budget)
August 18, 2016
September 22, 2016* (Budget Hearing)
October 20, 2016
November 15, 2016* (Tentative Levy)
December 15, 2016 (Levy Hearing)
January 19, 2017
February ~~16~~ 21, 2017
March 14 [16], 2017
April 20 [18], 2017 (New Board Seating, Officer Election)
May 18, 2017
June 15, 2017

Administrative Team **Regular Meeting Dates**

(Unless otherwise notified, meetings are held in the Unit Office Conference Room, at 9 AM)

Thursday prior to a regular board meeting (*Exception)

August 1, 2016*	January 12, 2017
September 15, 2016	February 9, 2017
October 13, 2016	March 9, 2017
November 10, 2016	April 13, 2017
December 8, 2016	May 11, 2017
June 8, 2017	

JULY							2017
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Att	
					1		
3	4	5	6	7	8		
	HOL						
10	11	12	13	14	15		
17	18	19	20	21	22		
24	25	26	27	28	29		
31							
					Total		

AUGUST							2017
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Att	
	1	2	3	4	5		
7	8	9	10	11	12		
					0		
14	15	16	17	18	19		
TI	TI	NIA	NIA	NIA		0	
21	22	23	24	25	26		
X	X	X	X	X		5	
28	29	30	31				
X	X	X	X			4	
					Total	9	
					Acc	9	

SEPTEMBER							2017
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Att	
				1	2		
				X		1	
4	5	6	7	8	9		
HOL	X	X	X	X		4	
11	12	13	14	15	16		
X	X	X	X	X		5	
18	19	20	21	22	23		
X	X	X	X	X		5	
25	26	27	28	29	30		
X	X	X	X	X		5	
					Total	20	
					Acc	29	

OCTOBER							2017
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Att	
2	3	4	5	6	7		
X	X	X	X	X		5	
9	10	11	12	13	14		
HOL	X	X	X	X		4	
16	17	18	19	20	21		
X	X	X	X	FPT*		4	
23	24	25	26	27	28		
X	X	X	X	X		5	
30	31						
X	X					2	
					Total	20	
					Acc	49	

NOVEMBER							2017
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Att	
		1	2	3	4		
	X	X	X	X		4	
6	7	8	9	10	11		
X	X	X	X	X		5	
13	14	15	16	17	18		
X	X	X	X	X		5	
20	21	22	23	24	25		
X	X	X	HOL	NIA		3	
27	28	29	30				
X	X	X	X			4	
					Total	21	
					Acc	70	

DECEMBER							2017
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Att	
				1	2		
			X	X		2	
4	5	6	7	8	9		
X	X	X	X	X		5	
11	12	13	14	15	16		
X	X	X	X	X		5	
18	19	20	21	22	23		
X	X	X	NIA	NIA		3	
25	26	27	28	29	31		
NIA	NIA	NIA	NIA	NIA		0	
					Total	15	
					Acc	85	

JANUARY							2018
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Att	
1	2	3	4	5	6		
NIA	NIA	X	X	X		3	
8	9	10	11	12	13		
X	X	X	X	X		5	
15	16	17	18	19	20		
HOL	X	X	X	X		4	
22	23	24	25	26	27		
X	X	X	X	X		5	
29	30	31					
X	X	X				3	
					Total	20	
					Acc	105	

FEBRUARY							2018
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Att	
			1	2	3		
		X	X	X		3	
5	6	7	8	9	10		
X	X	X	X	X		5	
12	13	14	15	16	17		
X	X	X	X	TI		4	
19	20	21	22	23	24		
HOL	X	X	X	X		4	
26	27	28					
X	X	X				3	
					Total	19	
					Acc	124	

MARCH							2018
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Att	
			1	2	3		
			X	X		2	
5	6	7	8	9	10		
XH	X	X	X	X		5	
12	13	14	15	16	17		
X	X	X	X	X		5	
19	20	21	22	23	24		
X	X	X	X	X		5	
26	27	28	29	30	31		
NIA	NIA	NIA	NIA	NIA		0	
					Total	17	
					Acc	141	

APRIL							2018
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Att	
2	3	4	5	6	7		
NIA	X	X	X	X		4	
9	10	11	12	13	14		
X	X	X	X	X		5	
16	17	18	19	20	21		
X	X	X	X	X		5	
23	24	25	26	27	28		
X	X	X	X	X		5	
30							
X						1	
					Total	20	
					Acc	161	

MAY							2018
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Att	
	1	2	3	4	5		
	X	X	X	X		4	
7	8	9	10	11	12		
X	X	X	X	X		5	
14	15	16	17	18	19		
X	X	X	X	XED		4	
21	22	23	24	25	26		
XED	XED	XED	XED	XED		0	
28	29	30	31				
HOL	X	TI				1	
					Total	14	
					Acc	175	

JUNE							2018
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Att	
				1	2		
						0	
4	5	6	7	8	9		
						0	
11	12	13	14	15	16		
						0	
18	19	20	21	22	23		
						0	
25	26	27	28	29	30		
					Total	0	
					Acc	175	

School Begins	14-Aug
School Closes	30-May
Pupil Attendance Days	175
Approved Institute Days	4
Emergency Days Used	0
Approved Emergency Days (Remaining)	6
Approved Parent/Teacher Conferences*	1
TOTAL (≥185 Required)	186

Legal School Holidays		Calendar Legend	
Labor Day	4-Sep Lincoln's Birthday	12-Feb Student Attendance Day	X
Columbus Day	9-Oct Presidents' Day	19-Feb Teachers' Institute	TI
Veterans Day	11-Nov Pulaski Day	5-Mar Not in Attendance	NIA
Thanksgiving Day	23-Nov Easter	1-Apr Holiday	HOL
Christmas Day	25-Dec Memorial Day	28-May Waived Holiday	XH
New Years Day	1-Jan Independence Day	4-Jul Parent-Teacher Conference	FPT
ML King's Birthday	15-Jan	1/2 Day Improvement	XHS
		Emergency Day	XED/ED

*Parent/teacher conferences will be held from 3 to 6:30 PM on 28-Sep & 6-Feb for 7-12; and 17/19-Oct for all K-6. 20-Oct is scheduled as a non-attendance day



Red-Letter Dates:

1-4-Aug	-	Registration for non-internet parents - any building				
		Hours 8/1: 8-3:30 8/2: 8-3:30 8/3: 3-8:00 8/4: By Appt				
4-Aug	-	Prairie Central New Teacher Orientation				
7-11-Aug	-	Schedule change for 7-12 students - PCJHS, PCHS (by appointment)				
14-Aug	-	Meet-the-Teacher Night (5-7:30, grades PK/ECSE - 4)				
	-	Prim-E & W: 5-5:30 PM, AM PK/ECSE; 5:30-6:30 PM, PM PK/ECSE, All K & 1				
	-	PCE: 6:30-7:30, All 2-4				
15-Aug	-	Meet-the-Teacher Night (4-6:00 PM, grades 5-8)				
	-	PCUE, PCJHS: 4-6:00 PM				
14-15-Aug	-	Teacher institutes (full-day)				
** 21-Aug	-	1st day for K-12 classes				
22-Aug	-	1st day for ECSE, PreK classes				
22-Sep	-	Homecoming (two-hour early dismissal)				
28-Sep	-	One-hour early dismissal (7-12 P/T conferences)				
19-Oct	-	End of 1 st quarter	42	days	grades 5-12	
17-Oct	-	One-hour early dismissal (PK-6 P/T conferences)				
19-Oct	-	One-hour early dismissal (PK-6 P/T conferences)				
10-Nov	-	End of 1st tri-mester	58	days	grades K-4	
20-Dec	-	End of 2 nd quarter	43	days	grades 5-12	
6-Feb	-	One-hour early dismissal (7-12 P/T conferences)				
	-	Freshmen orientation (5:00 - 6:30 PM)				
16-Feb	-	Teacher institute (full-day)				
16-Feb	-	End of 2nd tri-mester	59	days	grades K-4	
9-Mar	-	End of 3rd quarter	46	days	grades 5-12	
29-May	-	End of 3rd tri-mester	58	days	grades K-4	
** 29-May	-	End of 4th quarter	44	days	grades 5-12	
30-May	-	Last day (with emergency days)				
		Total Days	175			
** Minimum five (5) clock hours		Total Days	175			

Early Dismissals

		Day(s)			
One (1) Hour	Early Term Heat	21-Aug	-	1-Sep	
	Day Before Holiday/Break	20-Dec		23-Mar	
	First Day of Student Attendance	21-Aug			
	Parent-Teacher Conferences 7-12	28-Sep		6-Feb	
	Parent-Teacher Conferences PK-6	17-Oct		19-Oct	
Two (2) Hour (w/Lunch)	PCHS Homecoming				22-Sep
	Day Before Thanksgiving Break				22-Nov
	Last Day of Student Attendance				29-May
	Grade/Department Meetings (1st Wednesday)	6-Sep	4-Oct	1-Nov	6-Dec
			7-Feb	7-Mar	4-Apr
					2-May

Grading Periods	Progress Reports	Report Cards	9 Wk Days (W/out ED)	Progress Reports	Report Cards	12 Wk Days (W/out ED)
1st Quart 21-Aug - 19-Oct			42			
1st Tri 21-Aug - 10-Nov						58
2nd Quart 23-Oct - 20-Dec			43			
2nd Tri 13-Nov - 16-Feb						59
3rd Quart 3-Jan - 9-Mar			46			
3rd Tri 17-Feb - 29-May						58
4th Quart 12-Mar - 29-May			44			
			Total Days		Total Days	175

Emergency Days Used	Last Day/ Staff	Last Day/ Students	Breaks	Date
None	21-May	18-May	Winter:	21-Dec (last attendance, 20-Dec) - 2-Jan (return 3-Jan)
One	22-May	21-May	Spring:	26-Mar - 2-Apr (return 3-Apr)
Two	23-May	22-May		
Three	24-May	23-May	<u>Recognized Holiday (Scheduled)</u>	
Four	25-May	24-May	Labor Day	4-Sep
Five	29-May	25-May	Columbus Day	9-Oct
Six	30-May	29-May	Thanksgiving	23-24-Nov
			Martin Luther King Day	15-Jan
<u>Special Events</u>			President's Day	19-Feb
PARCC/SAT Testing		TBA	Good Friday	30-Mar
PCHS Baccalaureate		20-May	Easter Monday	2-Apr
PCHS Commencement		25-May	Memorial Day	28-May

Red: Changes Proposed by Calendar Committee, 2/16/17