
PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
OPEN SESSION**

DECEMBER 20, 2018

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 20, 2018 AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MARK SLAGEL AT 7:00 PM IN THE PRAIRIE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim McGreal, Mark Slagel, Corey Steffen, Brian Plenert, Ted Bachtold and John Wilken, Ann Steidinger

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: none

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken, Brad Allen

CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: None

PCEA REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: Nicole Joiner, Normalynne Bashford, Meg Briscoe

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Pam Weeks, Charisse Price, Lisa Bounds, Kyle Miller

STUDENTS PRESENT: Prairie Central FFA National Competition Team Members

GUESTS PRESENT: Dana Kafer, Brad Brown, Suzanne Slagel

PRESS PRESENT: Kent Casson, The Blade

PUBLIC COMMENT NONE

VISITORS ARRANGED IN ADVANCE KEVIN HEID (STIFEL), PC FFA TEAMS

*The Board recognized the National Champion Agricultural Sales team, as well as the 6 other teams that placed in the national FFA competition. Katie Elbert, the individual Agricultural Sales champion, was also recognized.

GENERAL ACTION

TO APPROVE MINUTES

Moved by Plenert and seconded by McGreal that we approve minutes of the November 13, 2018 regular meeting as presented.

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

TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Wilken and seconded by Bachtold that we approve the consent agenda, which includes: Activity fund report, bills (current and interim), café report, County Sales Facility Tax 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

The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

*School Safety: The Crosswalk signs at the UE have been moved, and the Village of Forrest is working on repainting the lines on the road. We are awaiting a quote for a flashing light to be mounted on top of the signs to draw the attention of drivers. *We will be establishing a district-wide school safety committee, which will meet this summer. We hope to include administrators, board members, teachers and members of our emergency responders such as fire, police, and EMT as well as others. *We are still awaiting a plan and quote to re-design the daytime visitor entrance at the high school. *Colin is checking on software to allow teachers and staff to have access to all security cameras in the event of an emergency. Hopefully we will have more information on this at the next meeting.

*FFA Signage: The City of Fairbury has submitted the application for a new sign honoring our National Agricultural Sales Championship team to be posted on Rt 24 on both sides of town.

*SIS: We believe we have narrowed down our search for a new student information system. We will have a recommendation in January.

*Calendar Changes: A new law requires us to have 176 student attendance days, instead of the 175 student attendance days we currently have. We do have an option of creating a "remote learning" day so that the Parent/Teacher Conference day without students (this year it was the day before Thanksgiving) will count as an attendance day. This would meet our contractual obligation of 180 work days for teachers. Although not yet created, next year's calendar will most likely mirror this year.

*We have received NO categorical money from the state for this fiscal year to date. Most importantly, we have received no transportation money. This is a very substantial amount of money for our district.

DISCUSSION (OLD BUSINESS)

*Time was given for questions regarding the levy, which was presented last month

*Recent fuel bids were discussed and reviewed. Two companies bid on 55,000 gallons.

*Kevin Heid answered questions regarding the resolution to issue general obligation school bonds.

*A great deal of discussion was heard regarding a purchase plan for the transportation department. This included hearing a recommendation from our board committee on the recent bus bids, as well as discussion on other vehicles needed throughout the district to replace those that are aged.

DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS)

*A discussion on abating working cash monies to four other accounts took place. The abatement will alleviate of end-of-year deficits in those accounts, and prepare for the receipt of new bond money.

ACTION – OLD BUSINESS

LEVY:

Moved by Steffen and Seconded by McGreal that we hereby certify under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$7,700,000 to be levied as a special tax for educational purposes.

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

Moved by Bachtold and Seconded by Plenert that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$1,200,000 to be levied as a special tax for operations and maintenance purposes.

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

Moved by Wilken and seconded by McGreal that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$600,000 to be levied as a special tax for transportation purposes.

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

Moved by McGreal and seconded by Steffen that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$120,000 to be levied as a special tax for a working cash fund.

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

Moved by McGreal and seconded by Bachtold that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$210,000 to be levied as a special tax for Illinois Municipal Retirement Purposes.

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

Moved by Wilken and seconded by Plenert that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$975,000 to be levied as a special tax for tort immunity purposes.

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

Moved by Steffen and seconded by McGreal that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$120,000 to be levied as a special tax fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security, and specific repair purposes..

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

Moved by Plenert and seconded by Bachtold that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$97,000 to be levied as a special tax for special education purposes.

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

Moved by Steffen and seconded by Plenert that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$400,000 to be levied as a special tax for social security purposes.

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

Moved by Plenert and seconded by Wilken that we hereby certify, under 105 ILCS 5/17-1, that we require the sum of \$120,000 to be levied as a special tax for leasing of educational facilities or computer technology or both, and temporary relocation expense purposes.

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

Fuel Bids:

Moved by Wilken and Seconded by Plenert that we approve the bid from Ken's Oil in Forrest for 55,000 gallons of bio diesel at a price of \$2.2742 for 2% and \$2.2829 for 5%.

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

Bond Resolution:

Moved by McGreal and Seconded by Bachtold that we approve a Resolution providing for the issue of \$4,499,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2019, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Bank of Pontiac.

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

Bus Purchase:

Moved by Steffen and Seconded by Wilken that we approve the purchase of ten (10) 2020 77-passenger International IC buses, five with integrated car seats and five without, at a total cost of \$878,590, and one (1) 2020 International 77-passenger body wheelchair bus holding up to 4 wheelchairs at a cost of \$94,384 from Midwest Transit. Crash mitigation technology will be added at up to \$2,195 per bus.

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

ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

Working Cash Abatement:

Moved by Steffen and seconded by Wilken that we approve a Resolution authorizing the abatement of the working cash fund

To ACCEPT RESIGNATION (WITH INTENT TO RETIRE) FROM:

VOTING

RESULT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/ SITE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>MOTION BY</u>	<u>SECOND BY</u>	<u>BACHTOLD</u>	<u>MCGREAL</u>	<u>PLENERT</u>	<u>SLAGEL</u>	<u>STEFFEN</u>	<u>STEIDINGER</u>	<u>WILKEN</u>	
PAM WEEKS	TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR	END OF 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR	STEFFEN	MCGREAL	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED
JEANETTE ZIMMERMAN	UNIT OFFICE SECRETARY	DECEMBER 20, 2019	BACHTOLD	PLENERT	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	YEA	CARRIED

GENERAL ACTION

TO ADJOURN:

Moved by Steffen and seconded by Plenert that we adjourn at 11:00 PM.

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

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

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EXECUTIVE SESSION (5 ILCS 120/2)

December 20, 2018

1. Name of unit of government

Prairie Central CUSD #8

2. Date and time of closed meeting or closed portion of meeting

12/20/2018

9:02 PM – 10:53 PM

3. Names of all members of the public body present during the closed meeting or closed portion of meeting

Mark Slagel, Tim McGreal, Corey Steffen, Brian Plenert, John Wilken, Ted Bachtold, Ann Steidinger

4. Each specific exception cited for closing the meeting (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1, 10)

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

1. Discussion of appointments

2. Discussion of resignation

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.

President

Secretary