

June 20, 2019 Board Meeting

In Attendance

Board members: **Ted Bachtold, Tim McGreal, Brian Plenert, Lori Schahrer, Mark Slagel, and John Wilken**; administrators: **Paula Crane, Tonya Dieken**; Prairie Central employees: **Charisse Price**; press **Kent Casson** (The Blade).

Guests: **None**

Comments (Public) **None**

Comments (Visitors Arranged in Advance) **Chandler Ifft, Mark Ifft**

Minutes

The Board approved minutes of the May 16, 2019 regular meeting.

Recognition The Board recognized CHANDLAR IFFT for his accomplishments as IHSA Class 2A State Pole Vaulting Champion.

Consent

The Board approved the consent agenda, which included an activity fund report, bills (current/interim), a cafeteria report, financial reports, County Sales Facility Tax Report, investment schedule, and treasurer's report.

Superintendent's Report

The Board heard from Superintendent Crane on the following topics:

*Legislative Update: There is good news in that both houses have passed a bill which contains an increase of at least \$375 million for education. Also of interest are the continued efforts to combat the teacher shortage through changes in licensure requirements, and the possibility of funding for a capital project (intercom system) in the district.

*The end-of-year institute was held June 4th, and included professional development offered to certified and non-certified staff. The poverty training was well received, and there have been requests to repeat the training this coming school year. Throughout the year, Prairie Central (thanks to Director of C & I Tonya Dieken), has offered over 150 CPDU's (continuing professional development units) for staff. This is more than the Regional Office of Education offered! Nearly all offerings were free to staff, and all were offered within the district.

*The HS office project is underway, with asbestos removal completed and Vissering beginning with a full crew on Friday. Other current maintenance projects include additional electrical and plumbing work on a new special education room at the High School, the completion of two classrooms prepared for the teacher who was displaced due to the new High School office plan (which required additional electrical wiring, new flooring, some construction work, and painting), concrete work at PCE entrance, landscape clean up throughout the district, and carpet installation at PCUE, PCE, and tile at PCJH beginning July 8th.

*Bus disposal for those buses included in the EPA grant is ongoing. Eight out of 10 buses have been disposed of at this time. At the completion of this process, documentation will be sent to the EPA for reimbursement.

*Infinite Campus (new student information software) training has been going very well, with several groups trained at this time. The program looks promising and much more efficient and effective than our past program. A great deal of work has been put into cleaning and entering data to get the program ready for operation. Online registration will possibly not begin until August 1st.

*Our mascot, Huey, may be in need of a bit of updating. The board supported the idea of forming a committee to explore such an update, which does NOT include changing the mascot, simply updating him.

*The Board was walked through the district's 5Essentials survey results in detail. The survey is taken by students (grades 4-12), teachers, and parents. It gives the district information about school climate in the opinion of these groups. Results were very positive for the district.

*The Board was presented with a budget review for FY19, which ends June 30.

*A discussion was held about the possibility of contracting with a company or individual to manage our fleet of buses and vehicles. This person would be in charge of all aspects of assigning maintenance, repair, and inspections for all vehicles, as well as assisting in creating and maintaining a short and long-term plan for the fleet. Additional discussion is needed.

Old Business

- The board reviewed its FY19 goals, with the intention of updating them at the July regular meeting.

New Business

- The board discussed committee work implementation and viewed a draft schedule of meetings for the various committees.
- The board authorized Superintendent Crane to prepare a FY20 budget for review at its July 19, 2019 regular meeting.
- The board authorized the transfer of \$7,448.50 from bonds and interest to working cash.
- The board approved a new STEAM elective at PCJH for the 2019-20 school year.
- The board renewed its membership to the Illinois Association of School Boards.
- The board adopted a resolution to include compensation directed into a retirement health savings plan as IMRF earnings. This is currently in practice in the district.
- The board approved the purchase of a 2012 71-passenger IC/CE bus from Midwest Transit to replace a spare bus which was recently put out of its misery.

Personnel

Following executive session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1,), the Board

- Accepted the resignation of Austin Donoho, JV Baseball coach, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Chris Harper, PCHS sophomore football coach, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Taylor Lind, PCHS fall and winter cheer coach, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year .
- Accepted the resignation of Rhonda Lamberth, bus monitor, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Heather King, school social worker, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Oktawia Brozda, recently hired high school science teacher, effective immediately.
- Accepted the resignation of Scott McGuire, 5th grade teacher and high school cross country coach, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Daun Grief, art teacher, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Appointed Amy Lewallen JH scheduler, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Allyn Krenz varsity volleyball coach, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Brittany Hari high school auxiliary volleyball coach, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Alan Dunahee CTE teacher leader, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Kaitlyn Battista high school math teacher, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Scott Ziller high school physical education teacher and assistant sophomore football coach, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Joseph Walters high school special education teacher and assistant varsity football coach, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Renae Waldbeser PCHS paraprofessional, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Scott Peterson high school cross country coach, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Hillary Blackwell fall cheer coach, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Rhonda Lamberth custodian I, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Morgan Schur PCP East and West pre-Kindergarten teacher, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Patricia Martinez PCP East Kindergarten teacher, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Tammy Pollard 5th grade teacher, beginning the 2019-20 school year.

- Appointed Emery Wenger PCUE paraprofessional, beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Appointed Charisse Price Transportation Director beginning July 1, 2019.
- Granted a leave of absence for a Prairie Central employee.

Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 12:25 am June 21, 2019.