

EASTLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #308

Board of Education Meeting

October 16, 2019

6:31 p.m.

Steven Snider, Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diann Cassens, Brian Heldt, Karl Henze, Anthony Preston, Steven Snider, Jennifer Sturtevant, and Chad Waller

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Alex Kashner, Monica Burkholder, Angela Mahoney

OTHERS PRESENT: Michele Hartman, Bonnie Freidag, Scott Hartman, Anne Pilgrim, Jane Schoeny, Tyler Zumdahl

ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Sturtevant** to amend the agenda, moving Old Business item 7 to the end, as the presenter for that item was not yet in attendance.

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, Sturtevant, and Waller, voting aye.

Motion carried.

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the consensus items as presented:

- Minutes of the September 19, 2019 Regular Board of Education meeting, and destruction of the audiotape minutes of the June 21, 2017 Executive session, per statute;
- Payment of Accounts Payable for the month of October, 2019 in the amount of \$218,425.86;
- School Treasurer's Report for the month of September, 2019;

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, Sturtevant, and Waller voting aye.

Motion carried.

BOARD INPUT:

The following items were discussed:

- Committee Meeting Dates - recently held and upcoming
- Board Convention Plans
- IASB NW Division Dinner
- Principal Appreciation Month

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Visitors were welcomed and thanked for attending. No public comments made.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Principal Mahoney recognized Ms. Bonnie Freidag and Mrs. Jane Schoeny for their recent recognition by the State of Illinois in the “Those Who Excel” program. Both Eastland representatives were nominated by staff at the Elementary School and will be recognized at an awards program in Bloomington, IL on Saturday, October 19, 2019. Ms. Friedag was awarded the level of “recognition” for all of her work she does for the students. Mrs. Schoeny was awarded the level of “excellence” for coordinating an after-school mentoring program. The board thanked them both for all of their hard work and congratulated them on the awards.

Superintendent Kashner congratulated Mr. Dertz and Mrs. Henze on their hard work for the FHN Miles and Minutes program. Eastland was fortunate enough to have won top honors in both categories this year. The money donated by FHN for these honors will be used to improve the weight room.

OLD BUSINESS:

> BOARD POLICY 2:230 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Cassens** to approve the Board Policy 2:230, as presented.

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, Sturtevant, and Waller voting aye.
Motion carried.

> ATM UPDATE

Superintendent Kashner shared that the Finance Committee recommendation was not to pursue adding any ATMs at this time. No additional comments were made.

> DATA ANALYSIS PROGRAM: FORECAST5

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the purchase a 3-year contract with Forecast5 Data Analysis Program at a cost of \$12,635 per year, as presented.

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, Sturtevant, and Waller voting aye.
Motion carried.

> COLLEGE NOW

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Sturtevant** to approve the contract with CollegeNow through Highland Community College, as presented.

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, Sturtevant, and Waller voting aye.
Motion carried.

> FY 2019 AUDIT AND ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Kashner informed the Board that the FY 2019 Audit was complete. He shared that the audit was clean and that we kept the same audit rating. He then thanked staff for their detailed work in making the audit successful.

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Cassnes** to approve the FY 2019 Audit and AFR as presented.

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, Sturtevant, and Waller voting aye.

Motion carried.

➤ **1st QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Kashner shared the FY20 1st quarter financial report with a comparison of costs between FY20 and FY19.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **APPROVAL OF THE SNOW REMOVAL BID FOR 2019-20**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the snow removal bid from Kaus Seed at a rate of \$125/hour, as presented.

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, Sturtevant, and Waller voting aye.

Motion carried.

➤ **APPROVE PURCHASE OF FENCING AND GATES FOR EES PLAYGROUND**

The Safety team recommended filling in some gaps at the playground with additional fencing or gates for security purposes. The Finance Committee agreed with the recommendation.

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Heldt** to approve the purchase of additional fencing and gates for the Elementary school playground, as presented.

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, Sturtevant, and Waller voting aye.

Motion carried.

➤ **APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A UTILITY TRAILER**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Heldt** to approve the purchase of a utility trailer at the cost of \$3,309, as presented.

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, Sturtevant, and Waller voting aye.

Motion carried.

➤ **BOARD POLICY 7:20 - STUDENTS: HARASSMENT OF STUDENTS PROHIBITED**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Cassens** to approve the update of Board Policy 7:20, as presented.

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, Sturtevant, and Waller voting aye.

Motion carried.

➤ **APPROVAL OF BOOSTER CLUB REQUEST**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Heldt** to approve the Booster Club sponsorship, allowing grades 1-4 basketball camp to utilize Eastland's facilities, as presented.

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, Sturtevant, and Waller voting aye.
Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Kashner provided updates on the upcoming tax levy. He will be meeting with the Finance Committee to make a 2nd reading and recommendation at the November Board meeting. Kashner also shared that the ISBE School Designation ratings will soon be publicized. He expects the Eastland rating to remain the same as last year. Lastly, he mentioned the new Accounting and Payroll software was starting to be used. With this transition, some financial reports may not be available as normal over the next month or two.

➤ APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL:

A motion was made by **Preston** and seconded by **Heldt** to approve the following personnel actions:

- Approved the hire **Ann Knutti** as substitute kitchen and clerical aid at EES for the 2019-20 school year.

Roll call vote showed Cassens, Heldt, Henze, Preston, Snider, Sturtevant, and Waller voting aye.
Motion carried.

Jared McNutt entered the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS ITEM 7

➤ JUNIOR HIGH TACKLE FOOTBALL

High School Varsity Football coach Jared McNutt presented a proposal of bringing back tackle football at the 7th and 8th grade level. He shared his current concerns and his plan for a safe program. Athletic Director Hartman and Coach McNutt shared a preliminary report on the approximate cost of equipment. Superintendent Kashner asked them to provide the Board with a budget proposal for review at the November Board meeting. Approval of the program is slated for the November meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Preston** to adjourn at 7:39 p.m.
Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

These minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Education.

Steven Snider, President

Diann Cassens, Secretary