

EASTLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #308
Board of Education Meeting
November 13, 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: Morgan Johnson, Rachel Nielsen, Amy Poffenberger, John Prowant

ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Cassens** to adjusting the agenda, adding New Business item 13.

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 October 16, 2019 Public Waiver Hearing and the Regular Board of Education meeting, and destruction of the audiotape minutes of the July 19, 2017 Executive session, per statute;
- Payment of Accounts Payable for the month of November, 2019 in the amount of \$1,233,169.75

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

BOARD INPUT:

The following items were discussed:

- Board Convention Plans
- IASB NW Division Dinner follow up

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent Kashner thanked Board member Jennifer Sturtevant for her dedicated service. She recently achieved the status of “Master Board Member” through IASB. IASB recognizes Sturtevant for her time and effort devoted to leadership activities and service to the public education. This is awarded to Board members based on years of service as well as dedication to attending other division meeting and annual joint conferences.

OLD BUSINESS:

> JUNIOR HIGH TACKLE FOOTBALL

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the reinstatement of the Junior High Tackle Football Program, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

> REPORT ON HEALTH/LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS

John Prowant, Director of Maintenance and Transportation shared the annual health/life safety inspection report. The report was standard, all items have been addressed, and the inspector commented that “we are in really good shape.” Principal Mahoney shared a discussion between her and the inspector on doors being locked and what is the best method to ensure those are locked as efficiently as possible. Both Mr. Prowant and Mr. Kashner thanked the administration, teachers, and staff for their detailed work to make this another successful inspection.

> APPROVAL TO RENEW WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE

A motion was made by **Cassens** and seconded by **Sturtevant** to approve the renewal of Workers Compensation Insurance, effective December 15, 2019, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

> APPROVE MOVING FORWARD WITH REVISED PROPOSAL FOR HVAC ROOFTOP UNIT REPLACEMENT WORK

Superintendent Kashner shared an update on the HVAC rooftop units at both school buildings. Replacing the rooftop units was approved last year as part of the three year facility plan with work scheduled to be completed during the summer of 2020. He and Mr. Prowant received an updated estimate prior to going out for bid and the estimated cost is now significantly higher. Kasher shared correspondence between him and the architect, which expressed disappointment

in the large discrepancy and budgetary concerns for the district. Kashner shared two timeline options to move forward to complete the work and plans on how to pay for the project.

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Henze** to approve option 1 with replacing rooftop units at EJSHS in the summer of 2020, then at EES in the summer of 2021, as presented.

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

➤ **IASB RESOLUTIONS**

President Snider discussed the most recent IASB resolutions to be voted on at the upcoming annual joint conference/Board convention. He shared that the right to arm teachers is gaining traction. He voiced his concerns and asked for Board input, they agreed with his voting plan. Snider also shared there is talk of Federal funding to employ school resource officers and hopes that discussion continues to gain steam and come to fruition.

➤ **1st READING OF PROPOSED LEVY**

Mr. Kashner shared the 1st draft of the 2019 Tax Levy. He commented that the Carroll County Assessor estimates an EAV increase that will allow the district to obtain additional funds, while lowering the school tax rate.

➤ **TYLER TECH - TYLER DRIVING CAPABILITIES**

John Prowant presented on “Tyler Drive”, a school bus software system that the district is exploring. Tyler Drive is an all inclusive system that assists in planning routes, managing each stop and students individually, track service logs, and includes a parent app that will alert when the bus is close. Kashner shared that with our geographic location, having this parent communication feature would be beneficial.

➤ **AERO KEYLESS ENTRY SYSTEM**

A keyless entry system was presented by Superintendent Kashner. He shared that while we did not receive a grant to purchase this system, he feels it is a necessary safety upgrade to consider. He plans to explore avenues to purchase the system and present these options at the December board meeting.

➤ **1st READING OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS**

EES and EJSHS school improvement plans were shared with the board for a 1st reading. Principal Mahoney and Principal Burkholder will be formally presenting the plans at the December board meeting.

➤ **1st READING OF BLUEPOINT AND THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAM**

Blue point alarm system protocols and threat assessment team documents were provided for review to Board members. Superintendent Kashner shared that it is now a requirement to have a

“Threat Assessment Team” and the process has been good for the district. School Resource Officers were thanked for taking the lead on these projects. Kashner commented that he feels the team is doing a good job and it will be useful for the district moving forward. A timeline of implementation was also shared.

➤ **APPROVAL OF STUDENT APPLICATION FOR “INDEPENDENT PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES”**

A motion was made by **Cassens** and seconded by **Preston** to approve the **Erin Henze** to Independently Participate in Interscholastic Activity of **Journalism**, as presented.

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

➤ **APPROVAL OF NEW SMALL BUS LEASE**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the request to lease a new small bus, as presented.

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Superintendent Kashner shared that the summative ratings from the state remained the same as the preliminary report. A comparison of 36 area schools showed Eastland cumulative scores to be third on the list of Illinois Assessment and Readiness and SAT. Kashner thanked Mr. Haan for the report and added that these scores and achievements should be celebrated. Board Member Waller thanked the teachers in attendance for their work.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by **Waller** and seconded by **Heldt** to enter into closed session at 8:07 p.m. to consider information regarding:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

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

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Sturtevant** to exit closed session at 8:36 p.m. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Henze** to approve closed session minutes. Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to adjourn at 8:37 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