

EASTLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #308

Board of Education Meeting

March 17, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Steven Snider, Presiding

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Alex Kashner, Angela Mahoney

OTHERS PRESENT: Michele Hartman, Heather Blackmore

ADOPTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Cassens** to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Motion carried.

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

A brief discussion was held regarding the snow removal bill for the football field. Vice President Sturtevant expressed concerns over the expense. She requested that in the future we look at allowing volunteers to help clear the field, as had been done previously. President Snider agreed.

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the consensus items as adjusted, correcting the Accounts Payable amount:

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 17, 2021, and destruction of the audiotape minutes of the July 17, 2019 Executive sessions, per statute;
- Payment of Accounts Payable for the month of March, 2021 in the amount of \$501,175.01 - \$2,000.00 for correction of invoice amount due to a scholarship being applied for C.Feltmeyer to attend a course this summer.
- Treasurer's Report.

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

Motion carried.

BOARD INPUT:

Superintendent Kashner shared a summary of the recent Northwest Division Virtual meeting. He commented that the financial presentation was really well done and he recommends that it be presented annually to the Board. Member Waller shared that the information was presented in a way that was easy to understand and very helpful, especially to him as a newer Board member. Member Heldt and President Snider also agreed on the quality of the presentation and were pleased it was offered.

The Board of Education authorized sending out the Superintendent Evaluation.

A discussion was held regarding the next steps for an anticipated Board vacancy. With three seats open, only 2 candidates running in the election, and the write-in date for candidates passed, the District will have one open seat. The District will post the anticipated opening in early April, with the next steps decided at the next Regular Board meeting on April 21st.

A special meeting for April 28th was held for Board election results and Reorganization.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Visiting teacher, Heather Blackmore, was welcomed. No public comments were made.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent Kashner shared thank you's that were received from the Shannon Food Pantry and Head Girls' Basketball Coach Brinker. He also shared the PreK Board report. Principal Burkholder highlighted upcoming end of year activities at EJSHS.

OLD BUSINESS:

> APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

A motion was made by **Cassens** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the 2022-23 School Calendar, as presented.

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

> APPROVAL OF UPDATED BOARD POLICIES

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Heldt** to approve the updated Board Policies recommended by PRESS: 2:20, 3:40, 4:10, 4:55, 4:80, 4:90, 4:120, 4:150, 4:175, 5:30, 5:185, 5:190, 5:270, 6:15, 6:20, 6:40, 6:235, 6:280, 6:300, 6:310, 6:315, 6:320, 6:340, 7:100, 7:140, 7:300, 7:325, and 7:340, as presented.

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

> APPROVAL TO RENEW THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH CHADWICK-MILLEDGEVILLE FOR SHARED TRANSPORTATION IN 2021-22

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Sturtevant** to approve the renewal of the intergovernmental agreement with Chadwick-Milledgeville for shared transportation in 2021-22, as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE EJSHS BUS LANE/PARKING LOT BID**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Waller** to approve the Jr/Sr High School bus lane and new parking lot bid, which includes alternate bid 1 for a retaining wall, from Herbig Blacktop Construction for \$419,960.00, as presented.

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

➤ **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF BOOSTER CLUB REQUEST**

A motion was made by **Waller** and seconded by **Heldt** to approve a booster club request for the use of the baseball and softball diamonds for Eastland Youth Summer Ball, 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 district had two students in quarantine this past week, which was the lowest number of the year. He also provided the updated guidance from the IDPH that removed abdominal pain, congestion, and runny nose from symptoms of COVID-19. Superintendent Kashner shared that he was pleased with the improved restrictions and feels we are continuing to trend in the right direction. Lastly, Superintendent Kashner shared that the State is still requiring standardized testing, but districts can choose either Spring or Fall 2021. Eastland will be taking it this Spring.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Waller** to enter into closed session at 7:13 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 **Preston** to exit closed session at 7:26 p.m.
Voice vote showed all ayes. **Motion carried.**

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

➤ **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL:**

A motion was made by **Henze** and seconded by **Preston** to approve the following personnel, as presented:

- The hire of **Zachary Hook** as full-time EJSHS Physical Education Teacher for the 2021-22 school year.
- The hire of **Dillion Eich** as full-time EES Physical Education Teacher for the 2021-22 school year.
- The hire of **Tyler Oakley** as Assistant Football Coach.
- The reassignment of **Tyler Zumdahl** as full-time EES Physical Education Teacher to ½ time EES PE and ½ time EJSHS PE Teacher.
- The reassignment of **Kimberly Blair** as full-time 2nd Grade Teacher to full-time 4th Grade Teacher.
- The reassignment of **Kari Scobee** as full-time, EJSHS Special Education Teacher to ⅔ EJSHS Special Education Teacher and ⅓ Special Education Coordinator.
- The resignation of **Sara Swart** as Assistant Musical Director, effective immediately.
- The intent to retire from **Amy Jones** at the conclusion of the 2023-24 school year.
- To post the following vacancies:
 - One (1) High Social Studies Teacher for 2021-22 at EJSHS
 - One (1) 2nd Grade Teacher for 2021-22 at EES
 - One (1) K-8 Music Teacher for 2021-22
 - EES Secretary/Clerical Aide
 - Lego Robotics Sponsor
 - Assistant Musical Director
 - Play Director
 - Substitute Bus Drivers
 - Substitute Kitchen Aides

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by **Heldt** and seconded by **Snider** to adjourn at 7:27 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